

World Water Day 2010 Event

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UN-Habitat, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) and the Government of Kenya will jointly host on behalf of UN-Water the World Water Day 2010 event on 22 March 2010 at the UNEP/UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The event aims at raising awareness on water quality worldwide and to prompt actions for improvement.



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2010

Clean Water for a Healthy World

OBJECTIVES

- (i) Provide a platform to discuss policy options and initiate actions to improve water quality around the world.
- (ii) Provide a forum to discuss the science related to water quality.
- (iii) Raise public awareness on water quality issues worldwide through the media and by engaging leaders of society.

THE UN WATER STATEMENT

The UN-Water statement on water quality will provide a basis for discussing measures to improve water quality. The Statement will be a document drafted collaboratively by UN-Water members, partners, scientists and practitioners. It will outline the background, nature and scope of challenges and propose policy options and actions for improving water quality globally.

The Statement will feed into key global political processes and meetings such as the UN General Assembly event on the World Water Day 2010 in New York (22 March 2010); the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) session (May 2010); the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of Parties 10 (October 2010), and the Stockholm World Water Week (September 2010).

CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

UNEP, UN-Habitat, UNSGAB and the Government of Kenya will jointly organize the World Water Day in 2010 on behalf of UN-Water and in collaboration with other UN agencies, partner organizations, non-governmental organizations, governments, the private sector, and research institutions. The World Water Day 2010 event is funded by the organizing UN agencies and the Government of France, while discussions are ongoing on possible co-funding by other partners.

AUDIENCE

Government representatives, Local government representatives, UN agencies, Civil society/Non-governmental organizations, Private sector, Scientists, Local and international media, General Public including school children and youth.

LINKAGES TO OTHER WWD2010 EVENTS

UN General Assembly event on World Water Day 2010 in New York on 22 March 2010: Presentation of a summary of the World Water Day 2010 in Nairobi; Launch of the UN-Water statement on water quality. Video-linkage.

Programme

Saturday 20 March: UNEP/UN-Habitat headquarters/Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya

- 09.00 – 16.30 **Orientation workshop for local and international journalists** on water quality, for 35-40 journalists, supported by scientists and facilitated by UNEP/ UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)
- 13.00 – 16.30 **Informal consultation on a global water quality network** with interested UN-Water members, International Water Association (IWA), Global Water System Project (GWSP)/Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP), Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), Water Operators Partnership (WOP), World Water Council (WWC), facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP
- 17.00 – 17.45 **Launch of publications** (facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP, supported by UNEP/UN-Habitat media)
- *Africa's Water Quality: A Chemical Perspective* (Pan Africa Chemistry Network)
 - Information kit on water quality and health (WHO)

Sunday 21 March: site visits

1. Nairobi River and Kibera (UN-Habitat and UNEP/GPA)

Focus on water quality in an urban and peri-urban setting, showing ongoing efforts to rehabilitate the river and to provide sanitation and clean water

2. Lake Victoria (UNEP DHI-Centre)

Focus on water quality in the context of transboundary waters, showing efforts carried out to control the water hyacinth, problems of sewage disposal, water quality, and monitoring status and challenges

3. Kenyan Coast (Government of Kenya & UNEP Nairobi Convention)

Focus on rural water supply, freshwater-coastal linkages, and wastewater treatment using constructed wetlands

Monday 22 March: UNEP/UN-Habitat headquarters/Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya

Morning	Scientific and outreach segment (facilitated by Bert Diphorn, Division Director, UN-Habitat)
08:30	Announcement of the start of the event
08.45 – 08.50	Welcoming song on water (International School of Kenya Chorus)
08.50 – 08.55	Children statement (Trevor Gitonga)
08.55 – 09.05	Opening remarks (Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)
09.05 – 09.10	Message of UN-Habitat (Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-Habitat, by video)
09.10 – 09.20	Welcoming remarks (Right Hon. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister of Government of Kenya (tbc))
09.20 – 09.45	Background on World Water Day, launch of UN-Water statement (Zafar Adeel, Chair, UN-Water)
09.45 – 10.10	Feedback session on site visits (summaries/videos)
10.10 – 10.25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.25 – 10.55	Launch of World Water Monitoring 2010, feedback on monitoring by school children, and presentation of 2009 results (IWA/GEMS Water)
10.55 – 12.15	Scientific panel ‘Water quality challenges and responses’ (facilitated by Joseph Alcamo, Chief Scientist, UNEP), short presentation by each scientist followed by Questions & Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Jan Leentvaar, UNW-DPC (Seconded by the Government of Netherlands), Netherlands• Prof. Shifeng Zhang, Institute of Geographical Science and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China• Prof. Ashim Das Gupta, Water Engineering and Management School of Civil Engineering Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand• Prof. Blanca Jimenez, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico• Dr. Mike Bushell, Principal Scientific Adviser, Syngenta Global R&D, UK• Dr. Carlo Tucci, Brazil
12.15 – 12.25	Announcement of World Water Week (Anders Berntell, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI))
12.25 – 12.45	Launch of publications (facilitated by T. Kasten (UNEP) supported by UNEP/UN-Habitat media) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid assessment of waste water management (UNEP/UN-Habitat) Bert Diphorn, Division Director, UN-Habitat Dr. Christian Nellemann, UNEP GRID-Arendal (tbc)• Solid waste management publication (UN-Habitat)
12.45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>

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Afternoon	Policy dialogue segment (facilitated by Ibrahim Thiaw, Division Director, UNEP)
14.00 – 14.10	Film on water quality launching WWD2010 (UNEP and UNW-DPAC)
14.10 – 14.20	Message from the United Nations Secretary-General (UN DESA)
14.20 – 14.35	Keynote speech (Prince of Orange, Chair, UNSGAB)
14.35 – 15.50	High-Level Panel's response to the UN-Water statement and commitment to action/s (facilitated by Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP) <i>(including 15-minute coffee break)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Joaquim Chissano, Former President of Mozambique (tbc)• Hon. Charity Ngilu, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya• H.E. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Water Resources, India (tbc)• Mr. Poul Nielson, UNSGAB member and Former EU Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid and Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark• Mr. Eng. Maurice Bernard, Head of Water and Sanitation Department, Agence Française de Développement/French Development Agency (AFD)• Mr. Mamadou DIA, Chief Executive Officer of Sénégalaise des Eaux and President of the African Water Association
15.50 – 16.10	Questions & Answers session (panelists and participants) (facilitated by Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)
16.10 – 16.20	Summary of High-Level Panel session (Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)
16.20 – 16.50	Launch of publications/advocacy material (facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP, supported by UNEP/UN-Habitat media) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Clearing the waters: A focus on water quality solutions</i> (UNEP) Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute President• <i>'Saving Lives With Safe Water: Household water treatment and safe storage'</i> Advocacy film (UNICEF)
16.50	Closing remarks (Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP; Bert Diphorn, Division Director, UN-Habitat)
17.00 - 19.00	Reception
Parallel/evening events	
16.30 – 16.45	Communicating outcomes of the UN-Water WWD2010 event in Nairobi to the UN General Assembly WWD event in New York (Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP; Bert Diphorn, Division Director, UN-Habitat; Zafar Adeel, Chair, UN-Water; Prince of Orange, Chair, UNSGAB) <i>(video-link)</i>
17.00 – 17.20	Concluding press conference on Nairobi event (A. Steiner, UNEP; B. Diphorn, UN-Habitat; Z. Adeel, UN-Water; Prince of Orange, UNSGAB)
Whole day	Exhibition