

UN WATER

UN-Water, an inter-agency mechanism formally established in 2003 by the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes, has evolved out of a history of close collaboration among UN agencies. It was created to add value to UN initiatives by fostering greater co-operation and information-sharing among existing UN agencies and outside partners.

UN-Water strengthens coordination and coherence among UN entities dealing with issues related to all aspects of freshwater and sanitation. This includes surface and groundwater resources, the interface between freshwater and seawater and water-related disasters.

A coherent, coordinated approach is clearly required as these issues represent some of the most urgent development challenges of our time. We must manage freshwater sustainably so that everyone has enough water to drink and stay clean and healthy; food producers have enough water to satisfy the demands of growing populations; industries have enough water to meet their needs; and countries have opportunities to secure a reliable supply of energy.

In addition, as our world changes, we need to adapt to changes in the availability of freshwater and prepare ourselves for changes in weather patterns and an increase in both the number and severity of water-related disasters.

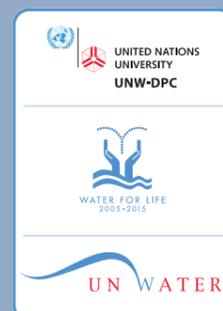
All of these issues must be addressed in ways that safeguard the health of our environment and protect ecosystems. These issues are interconnected. The United Nations recognizes that it needs to mobilize its resources in an efficient and integrated manner to tackle global water challenges and meet the ambitious development and environment targets set by the international community. UN-Water was established in response to this need.

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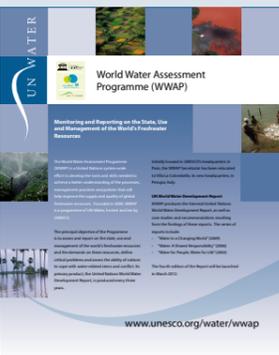
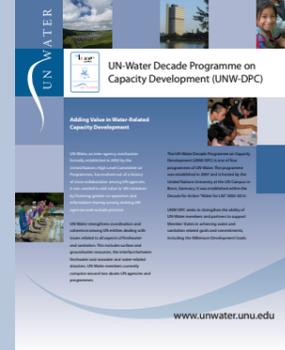
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UN-Water Special: UN-Water Seminar on Institutional Capacity Development on Water Management, Water Supply and Sanitation

10:00-12:00
Forum Hall A4

Thursday, 16 September 2010

10:00 Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Reza Ardakanian, Director of UNW-DPC

Dr. Zafar Adeel, Chair of UN-Water

10:20 “Examples of institutional capacity development for water management:

Lessons Learned”

Chairman: Dr. Zafar Adeel, Chair of UN-Water

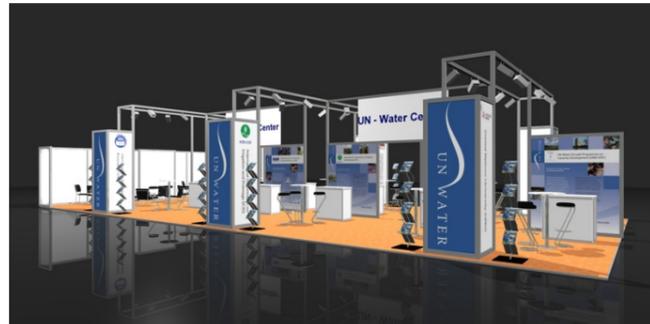
- **UNCCD:** D.L.D.D. Links with Water Policies on Capacity Development
Mr. Sergio Zelaya-Bonilla, Coordinator Policy and Advocacy on Global Issues and Platforms
- **UN-HABITAT:** “Building Capacities for Up-Scaling Sanitation Solutions – An Indian Perspective”
Mr. Pedro KRAEMER, Regional Director of South Asia, Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA).
- **IAH/BGR:** “The African Groundwater Network (AGW-net) – An African initiative in institutional capacity development”
Dr. Richard OWEN, AGW-net Manager.
- **UNECE:** “The Protocol on Water and Health”
Ms. Bettina RICKERT, German Federal Environment Agency (UBA).
- **WWAP:** “Water management and Institutional Development - Messages for stakeholders”
Dr. Michela Miletto, Deputy Coordinator, World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP).
- **UNW-DPC:** UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development: Achievements, Contributions and Perspectives.
Dr. Hani Sewilam, Programme Officer, UNW-DPC.

11:20 Panel Discussion with the audience on “How to improve effectiveness of institutional capacity development on water”

11:50 Wrap-up and Conclusions

IFAT has the largest number of visitors (120,000 visitors from 170 countries in 2008) and the biggest exhibition area (195,000 m²) of all environmental fairs as well as a very high level of international participation including visitors from developing countries. UNW-DPC was successful in bringing 12 UN Water members and partners together to participate in IFAT for the first time and present their activities on water and capacity development in a coordinated manner to high level decision-makers and water managers from developing and developed countries.

The following organizations will be represented at the UN-Water stand



UN-Water Members:

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
- United Nations University (UNU)
- World Health Organisation (WHO)

UN-Water Partners:

- International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)/Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)
- International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)
- International Hydropower Association (IHA)

UN-Water Programmes:

- United Nations Centre World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
- UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC)

