



Information Note on the Speakers' Corner

Rationale

The Speakers' Corner is an open means of participation in the 5th World Water Forum for those who, for whatever reason, have not yet found an appropriate avenue of expression. The Forum Secretariat provides a space in the Forum venue in which presenters are free to speak their mind, in English or Turkish, on any water-related issue. Speakers may either make a formal PowerPoint presentation (projection facilities will be provided) or more spontaneously without visual support. Half of the space will be booked in advance, and participants can sign up for the remainder onsite.

Location and logistics

The Speakers' Corner will be in two venues:

- The Mahmut II hall in Feshane from 9.30 to 13.00 and 14.30 to 18.30, from March 17th to 21st, and
- The Sutluce/Ayvansaray room from 13.00 to 14.30 between March 17th and 21st.

One stage with a microphone, screen and projector, and around 40-50 seats will be provided. Four Masters of Ceremonies (MCs) facilitate the flow of the programme (two each in Feshane and Sutluce).

Time duration will be limited to 30 minutes per event, and one event per person during the week. This gives a maximum of 80 speaking slots. Approximately 20 minutes will be allowed for presentations, 10 minutes for questions and answers.

Applications and selection

Applications can be made from the [Virtual Meeting Space](#) (VMS) and the [Forum website](#), up to March 2nd, 2009. Background information on the subject will be requested in the application. A schedule for the pre-reserved events will be prepared and announced on the Forum website and VMS.

Efforts will be made to accommodate as many speakers as possible. A selection will take place, with priority given to countries, sectors and organizations that are under-represented in the other components of the Forum. However, the Forum Secretariat reserves the right to veto any speakers who propose or discuss sexist, racist or indecent subject matter.

A maximum of 50% of available space would be reserved in advance, from applications received up to March 2nd, 2009. The remaining time slots will be kept aside for onsite requests.

Speakers should be registered Forum participants and would not receive any financial support from the organizers.

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