

5th World Water Forum Side Events Programme *

Monday, 16 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Launching of IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level	UNESCO	Special Ceremony	12:00-13:30	THEMATIC BLOCK / AYVANSARAY
<p><i>This publication focuses on the decision-makers and practitioners as its main users, aiming at continuous contribution to facilitate vertical and horizontal coordination in a basin unit by highlighting extracted key lessons to navigate their practical actions for making IWRM step forward. This event will be facilitated by Mr. András Szöllösi-Nagy, UNESCO Deputy Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences. Mr. Koïchiro Matsuura, UNESCO Director-General, and other high level representatives will give speeches. Then, Mr. Eugene Z. Stakhiv from ICIWaRM and Mr. Shinsuke Ohta from JWA will introduce the "IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level".</i></p>				
CEO Water Mandate Transparency Framework Seminar	Pacific Institute; UN Global Compact; WWF-Turkey	Seminar	18:00-20:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>The UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate - a voluntary initiative to improve corporate water stewardship—is hosting an event that will reflect on the current state of corporate water disclosure based on findings from the initiative's recent Transparency Framework Phase II analysis. The seminar aims to garner feedback regarding the degree to which corporate water reporting meets stakeholder needs and interests and to elicit suggestions for (and hopefully reach consensus on) next steps for the Mandate's work on corporate water transparency.</i></p>				

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The Role of Women in Irrigated Agriculture: Experiences from Turkey and Sri Lanka	Soroptimist International of Turkey; NetWwater	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Implementing the Right to Water: Democratisation and Public-Public Partnerships	Transnational Institute	Seminar	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>The seminar focuses on the enormous potential of public-public partnerships (PUPs) between water operators as a tool for improving access to water and sanitation for the poorest. PUPs are very different from the public-private partnerships (PPPs) that have failed in so many cities around the world: PUPs are cost-effective, low-risk, geared towards lasting capacity-building, based on local control, and enable transparency, accountability and involvement of workers and civil society. For these reasons, PUPs are a fast-growing trend and there are now more countries have hosted PUPs than host PPPs in water.</i></p>				
Cooperation on Environment Protection for Sustainable Development in the Black Sea and Caspian	Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises	International Conference	09:30-12:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>International environment conference, with a view of defining the main environmental challenges in the Black Sea and Caspian Region and stressing the need to engage efforts towards a "green business".</i></p>				
Integrated Water Resource Management Under Climate Change: The Needed Capacity Building in the Mediterranean Region	CIHEAM-IAMB / Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>Currently, water scarcity is an increasing worldwide phenomenon and the water change next to climate change is of reciprocal and mutual influence. The integrated water resources management (IWRM) taking into account the climatic change is therefore, one of the major issues to be deal with, especially in the Mediterranean Region, because of its strategic location.</i></p>				
New Design Criteria for Extreme Events	Dura Vermeer Business Development BV	Discussion	11:00-13:00	IGDAS BUILDING
<p><i>Traditional frequency based flood control design becomes problematic because of the inherent uncertainty resulting from climate change. Especially the increasing threat of extreme flood events is a major concern in safeguarding our cities in East and West. The main focus of this side-event is on the integration of urban flood management policies and urban redevelopment through structural and non-structural measures to increase flood resiliency. Best practices will be discussed in which the strengths of West (controlling nature) are combined those from the East (living with nature).</i></p>				
WWAP Case Studies: "Facing the Challenges"	UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	Presentation	11:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>One of the key objectives of the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) is to help countries improve their self-assessment capability by building on existing strengths and experiences. WWAP fulfils this mission by assisting countries in preparation of case studies around the world. During this side event, the WWAP Secretariat will present the Case Study Volume, "Facing the Challenges" which accompanies the 3rd edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR-3) and highlight the findings of a wide selection of case studies together with country partners.</i></p>				

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Supporting African Efforts Towards an African Water Observation System: The TIGER Initiative 2nd Phase	European Space Agency	Presentation and debate	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>Recognizing the utility of satellite data for water resource management elsewhere and the urgent need for action in Africa expressed at the WSSD, the European Space Agency (ESA) in the context of the Committee of Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), launched in 2002 the TIGER initiative aimed at: assisting African countries to overcome problems faced in the collection, analysis and dissemination of water related geo-information by exploiting the advantages of Earth Observation (EO) technology.</i></p> <p><i>Since 2005, under the guidance of the African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW), with contributions from CEOS (e.g., ESA, CSA), UNESCO and the African Water facility of the African Development Bank and in collaboration with the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA) and several other African and international organizations (e.g. CRTS, CSIR, Ramsar-Africa, South African Department of Water Affairs) TIGER has supported African partners with access to space-borne data and products, by offering specific training on EO applications for water management, by funding North-South collaborative projects aimed at developing tailored EO-based water information systems, and by favouring take-off, operationalisation and technology transfer of those demonstrated systems to African water authorities.</i></p> <p><i>This event will represent the official launch of the second implementation period of the TIGER initiative. The event will include presentation showing the results of the previous phase as well as an overview of the activities and opportunities planned for the coming years.</i></p>				
Women and Water	Soroptimist International of Turkey	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE
<p><i>Soroptimist International of Turkey aims to be a voice for women in Turkey, in order to work to promote the status of women and to improve their life standards, and makes efforts for equality, development, and peace by creating public opinion for human rights and solving women's problems. In addition to these Soroptimist International of Turkey focuses to achieve clean water and sanitation at satisfactory level and works on water related projects and tries to flourish awareness facilities by applying educational programs for women and children in line with the UN Millennium Development Goal to halve the number of people living without clean drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015. SI/E has chosen water as a theme for 2007 - 2011. According our catch phrase, 'Soroptimists Go For Water', we would try to alter to the awareness of Women on Water with this side event.</i></p>				
Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation: Projects and Initiatives within the Fields of Integrated and Sustainable Water Resource Management	The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
<p><i>Action undertaken by the Foundation within the field of access to water and the fight against desertification aims at: encouraging innovation in the development of clean technology concerning water, developing facilities for the local populations including the sustainable management of water resources, supporting research program, knowledge management and communication.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding the exchange of good practice among the Mediterranean cities, The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and its partners (UNITAR, Blue Plan, and Véolia Environment) has wished to set up a new initiative through the creation of an innovative multi-player partnership dedicated to implementing research/action for the benefit of local and regional authorities in the countries of the Mediterranean region: The Water Think Tank.</i></p>				
Business Case for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Groundwater Management Institute	Southern African Development Community	Presentation	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>"This presentation outlines the Business Case for the Southern African Development Community's (SADC) Groundwater Management Institute (GMI), scheduled to be established by the end of 2009. The establishment of the Institute is a response to the issues and challenges facing groundwater and its management in SADC. The Institution will work to raise the understanding of groundwater management through action-oriented research, knowledge management, awareness raising, coordination and capacity building."</i></p>				
EU Funded Capacity Building and Integrated River Basin Management	EU Twinning Project "Capacity Building Support to the Water Sector in Turkey" (DSI)	Presentation and debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>The EU funds capacity building support projects in Turkey, Croatia, Bulgaria and China, and Büyük Menderes Basin Environmental Protection Union (Büyük Menderes Havzası Çevre Koruma Birliği). The aim of the side event is to facilitate information exchange between participants and stakeholders.</i></p> <p><i>The projects will be presented and presentations about integrated river basin management will be made. Büyük Menderes Basin Environmental Protection Union will also have a speech.</i></p>				
Ensuring Water For All	Ecumenical Water Network	Presentation	14:30-15:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Presentation of the Book "Water Culture" Towards an Efficient Use of the Water Resources in the State of Mexico	National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS)	Presentation	14:30-15:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
<p><i>In this side event will be presented this important book by the Governor of the State of Mexico, the highest authority of the State. The book aims to consolidate a homogeneous water culture concept through the participation of experts in order to create awareness between the users of the water services.</i></p>				

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Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water	Water Embassy	Workshop	14:30-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The aim of this project is to launch an educational action in the Mediterranean region, of which the first gathering will take place in Istanbul during the Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul. From then, the gatherings shall take place in one or another country around the Mediterranean region. This educational action (creation of water classes in Mediterranean countries) will help raise the youths' awareness in the field of water. The aim is to form the Young Water Ambassadors of the Mediterranean world, whose first act will be to formalize in Istanbul a Common Declaration.</i></p>				
Water Commons: Global Experiences in Progressive Water Management	Our Water Commons	Presentation	16:30-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>The water commons is possibly the most critical concept guiding us to effectively deal with the global water crisis. Join this session to hear experiences from India to New Mexico relate the importance of community-control of water systems, democratic-participation and effective management to ensure sustainability and water justice. Join this provocative and illuminating session, featuring Maude Barlow, Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the General Assembly and Chair of the Council of Canadians/Blue Planet Project, Rajendra Singh, the Rain Man of India and Paula Garcia, Executive Director of the New Mexico Acequia Association.</i></p>				
Adaptive Community Water Governance: Experiences from UNDP and GEF	UNDP; GEF	Workshop	17:00-19:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Programme (SGP) supports community-based actions to address international waters issues. SGP supported more than 500 projects in all major international water bodies, and has gained considerable experiences through adaptive, innovative, and pro-poor approaches to international waters governance. SGP international waters portfolios support and complement GEF's large international waters projects by supporting the implementation of regionally agreed action programmes or agreements, and providing direct local experiences to regional water governance.</i></p> <p><i>In response to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the Community Water Initiative (CWI) was launched by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2003 in six countries (Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Mauritania, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Uganda), and was recently expanded to three new countries (Mali, Niger and Senegal). CWI has more than 100 projects benefiting directly at least 300,000 people. It has gained considerable experiences in: community-based solutions to water supply and sanitation; adapting to Climate Change in community water governance; involvement of poor and marginalized population, particularly women and children.</i></p> <p><i>GEF Small Grants Programme (a proven efficient mechanism of delivery to local communities) supports decentralized, demand-driven, innovative, low-cost, and community-based water resource management and water supply and sanitation projects in rural areas. It is rooted in the strong belief that local management and community initiatives play a key role in ensuring and sustaining the success of enhancing water supply and sanitation services to poor communities.</i></p> <p><i>SGP seeks global, national and local partners to join the global efforts to tackle water challenges and build local capacities to address the needs and adapt to changing climate conditions.</i></p>				
Novel Approaches from European Water Research on Water Supply and Sanitation	RWTH Aachen University	Workshop and presentation	19:00-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>Worldwide the water sector is facing pressing challenges imposed by climate change, growing population and urbanisation, deteriorating resources, ageing infrastructure and new regulatory frameworks (e.g. Water Safety Plans). Recent EU funded research has generated advances in concepts, technologies and operational practices to assist utilities in addressing these challenges and also to contribute to achieving the millennium development goals. The session will present highlights from three major European projects named TECHNEAU, SWITCH and RECLAIM WATER including the benefits obtained in real life demonstration case studies in Europe and abroad.</i></p>				
Responding to Climate Variability and Climate Change: Recent Experiences in Water Reform from Australia and the OECD	Australian Government Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Series of presentations	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>Experts from Australia and the OECD will come together in this session to share their collective recent experience and policy leadership in water reform. Institutional arrangements, the central role of market mechanisms, water planning, and the application of cutting-edge scientific information to improve sustainable water management will be explored. Participants will discuss strategies to address the combined challenges of over-allocation of water resources, extreme climate variability and climate change.</i></p>				
Go with the Flow: IWRM Works	Global Water Partnership	Book Launch in the presence of HRH The Prince of Orange Willem-Alexander	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE
<p><i>IWRM in Practice: Better Water Management for Development is a timely publication for those concerned with the management of water resources for sustainable development and the reduction of poverty. It emphasizes that pragmatic, incremental approaches, which take into account contextual realities, have the greatest chance of working in practice. This book tells the stories of people and institutions around the world who have found ways to improve water management in a variety of settings. Welcome to Thematic Block/Kagithane Amphitheatre on March 17 at 19.30. Refreshments served.</i></p>				

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Join in Building the Alliance for Water Stewardship	Alliance for Water Stewardship	Reception with short presentation	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) has been formed to provide a global platform for the development of standards for water stewardship that will enable fair and sustainable management of freshwater resources. By recognizing through certification those water users and managers who are taking major steps to minimize their water use and impacts, we will provide powerful incentives to improve the way water is managed around the world. We invite you to learn about AWS and join us in our effort to change how the world views and uses our precious freshwater resources.</i></p>				

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Third Working Conference of the CEO Water Mandate: Engaging in Public Policy to Advance Sustainable Water Management by Business	Pacific Institute; UN Global Compact; WWF-Turkey	Workshop	08:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>The UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate - a voluntary initiative to improve corporate water stewardship - is hosting an event to disseminate information to the public on the initiative's key characteristics, objectives, activities, and accomplishments and give attendees an opportunity to provide input into the Mandate's future direction. The event will include a panel featuring stakeholder and endorser perspectives on the initiative, a summary of an independent assessment of the Mandate's 2008 activities by Arthur D. Little Ltd., and a facilitated discussion for all attendees.</i></p>				
Climate Change, Water Resources Management, Governance and Capacity Building Issues in Central Asia and Caucasus	GWP CACENA / Interstate Commission on Water Coordination	Discussion panel	09:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>The Side Event will be organized within framework of sub-regional activity – Turkey and Surroundings - in the form of the panel discussions on four topics.</i></p> <p><i>Co-organizers: GWP CACENA with support from MFA Finland; Executive Committee of the International Fund for the Aral Sea Saving (EC IFAS) and Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (ICWC) with support from Government of Turkey.</i></p> <p><i>The main side event output will be: Sub-Regional Position Paper "Climate change, water resources management, governance and capacity building issues in Central Asia and Southern Caucasus".</i></p>				
Water Footprint and Virtual Water Trade: Do These Concepts Promote Sustainable Use of Water Globally?	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Debate	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>This side-event will look critically at the most recent developments of water footprint and virtual water trade. The debate is focused on water globalisation and the implications of external/internal water footprints, water scarcity, and goods' trade. There will be a roundtable, with four to five 10-minute presentations, followed by an open discussion.</i></p>				
Climate Migrants in Bangladesh: Estimates and Solutions	Local Environment Development and Agricultural Research Society (LEDARS)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>Climate change is the biggest environmental threat faced by South Asia and may well generate extraordinary social and economic problems in the future. If global temperatures rise by about 4-5°C in the course of the century, as they are projected to under business-as-usual growth in greenhouse gas emissions, the region could face a wave of migrants displaced by the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and drought associated with shrinking water supplies and monsoon variability. Sea level rise will especially constitute one of the most significant impacts in terms of its effects on human displacement and suffering. By the end of the century, about 75 million migrants from densely populated coastal zone in Bangladesh resulting in severe tensions and instability in a context of already dwindling urban resources. Additional damage worth trillions of dollars could be expected for coastal cities as their physical and social capital is lost to rising seas. Much of the damage will likely have the additional burden of surprise because of abrupt changes associated with the non-linear characteristics of storm surges, flooding, coastal erosion and ecosystem change, resulting in waves of human migration. As a least develop country Bangladesh should raise its voices to the global community. Regarding this LEDARS is creating a campaign on Climate Migrants in Bangladesh which addressing the problems of sea level rise and other water related disaster in the coastal areas.</i></p>				
Integrated Participatory Approach in Water Basin Rehabilitation: Turkey as a Case Study	The Afforestation and Erosion Control General Directorate of the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry; World Bank Ankara Office	Presentation and debate	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP HALL

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<p>Advancing Human Development and the MDGs in Africa</p> <p><i>This side event which is organized by the African CSO Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW) will focus on the role of CSOs in advancing Human development and MDGs in Africa. In particular, the session will discuss the principles of people's participation in influencing, promoting and monitoring access to water and sanitation in Africa.</i></p>	<p>ANEW</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>13:15-14:15</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p>Great Man Made River Project</p> <p><i>This event will present the achievements of the Great Man-Made River project. Libya consists mostly of desert terrain. The Libyan Sahara desert is one of the last real wildernesses on the planet earth. Only the narrow coastal strip receives sufficient rainfall to make it suitable for agriculture and it is where 90 % of the population resides and where the capital, Tripoli, is situated. Rapid development of coastal areas and increased population has placed a severe strain on the coastal water supply. The existence of vast fossil aquifers in the south and south-east areas of the country has prompted the building of a huge pipeline to convey water to the coastal areas. Started in 1980 the Great Man-Made River project is the largest engineering scheme currently being carried out in the world.</i></p> <p><i>The Great Man-Made River Authority (GMRA) was invested with the responsibility of extracting water from the aquifers in the South and conveying it for use in the Libyan coastal belt. The 4-meter diameter conduit is about 1.600 km long. This huge pipeline supplies water to the cities of Tripoli, Benghazi, Sirt and other settlements. The amount of water transferred daily is 6.5 million m³.</i></p> <p><i>Since 1990, UNESCO has been contributing to the training of engineers and technicians, the setting up of a training centre and the establishment of a technical documentation centre.</i></p>	<p>UNESCO IHP; Great Man-made River Project Authority, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>13:15-14:15</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 4</p>
<p>Women for Water Works</p> <p><i>Workshop on the importance of women in water is highlighted by leading professionals, graduate, college and high school students from the U.S.A.</i></p>	<p>University of Pennsylvania, Department of Earth and Environmental Science</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>14:30-16:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p>Regional Experiences in Water Management and Sanitation Towards the Targets of the Millennium</p> <p><i>The regional governments are in a lot of countries the competent in water subject. They have responsibilities for supply and sanitation. Taking into account that water and the access to drinkable water is a Human Right, and the water is closely connected with the Targets of the Millennium, the Regional governments play an important role.</i></p>	<p>Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)</p>	<p>Workshop and debate</p>	<p>14:30-16:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1</p>
<p>Africa's Experiences in Regional Cooperation from the North Western Sahara and Iullemeden Aquifer Systems</p> <p><i>Two issues related to transboundary groundwater resources will be presented for further discussion. The first issue is about how Algeria, Libya, and Tunisia have established the first African transboundary cooperation framework for joint management of the North Western Sahara Aquifer System (NWSAS). The second issue is the presentation of lessons learned from the implementation of the TDA/SAP approach from the GEF International Waters to the Iullemeden Aquifer System (IAS) shared by Mali, Niger, and Nigeria.</i></p>	<p>Observatory of Sahara and Sahel (OSS)</p>	<p>Presentation and debate</p>	<p>14:30-16:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2</p>
<p>WWDR-3: Findings and Key Messages</p> <p><i>The official launching session of the 3rd edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR-3), "Water in a Changing World", will take place on March 16, at 17:00-19:00. During this consecutive side event, WWAP gives the opportunity to the Forum's participants to discuss the contents of the 3rd UN world water development Report with the production team and ask questions about the key messages. This will also be the opportunity to propose subject matter for the next edition of the Report.</i></p>	<p>UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>15:00-16:30</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>

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<p>Villes et multipartenariats dans le montage de projets d'eau et d'assainissement</p>	<p>Association Internationale des Maires Francophones / Syndicat des Eaux d'Ile de France</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>15:00-16:00</p>	<p>IGDAS BUILDING</p>
<p><i>Dans le cadre des processus de décentralisation, les collectivités locales des pays en développement ont un rôle déterminant à jouer pour permettre l'accès à l'eau et l'assainissement des territoires urbains. Au plus près des attentes des populations, les maires doivent être en mesure d'identifier et de prioriser les besoins, de coordonner les interventions des différents partenaires, mais également d'assurer, sur le long terme, le suivi des projets.</i></p> <p><i>Disposant de peu de ressources financières, les collectivités territoriales doivent par ailleurs être à même de mobiliser des financements provenant de divers partenaires au développement.</i></p> <p><i>Cette session vise à faire valoir la place centrale du maire dans la mise en œuvre des projets d'eau et d'assainissement. Elle vise également à faire connaître et à valoriser les partenariats multiacteurs (villes / associations de villes / agences de l'eau / syndicats de gestion...), qui permettent à la fois de monter des projets de plus grande envergure et de couvrir l'ensemble des problématiques liées à la mise en place de projets d'eau (renforcement des capacités et de la gouvernance / mise en place de structures de gestion / projets concrets).</i></p> <p><i>Elle rassemblera les Maires de villes francophones et les représentants de leurs partenaires dans les projets d'eau et d'assainissement (Association Internationale des Maires Francophones, Syndicat des Eaux d'Ile de France, Agences françaises de l'eau, etc.)</i></p>				
<p>WWDR-3 Side Publications Series</p>	<p>UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>16:30-18:00</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p><i>The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) has published a number of Side Publications in parallel to the 3rd edition of the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR-3). These original contributions provide more focused, in-depth information, scientific background knowledge, policy guidelines and interface with other, less conventional water sectors. Selected Side Publications will be presented during this side event, together with partner organisations.</i></p>				
<p>Addressing Water Scarcity in Rural and Marginal Areas of Arab Countries: Innovative Solutions</p>	<p>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>	<p>Seminar/Debate</p>	<p>17:00-18:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p><i>With 5% of the world population and only 1% of global water resources, Arab countries face a complex challenge under global warming conditions. The survival of the region's new generations now depends on their ability to build on the acquired skills of their ancestors, by innovating and refining their survival tactics and strategies. Working and replicable solutions developed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and its partners in the Arab region will be examined by water experts, senior government officials and development practitioners in side event entitled "Addressing Water Scarcity in Rural and Marginal Areas of Arab Countries: Innovative solutions".</i></p>				
<p>Water Resource Management and Water Use Efficiency Across Europe</p>	<p>European Environment Agency (EEA)</p>	<p>Presentation with workshop and debate</p>	<p>17:00-18:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1</p>
<p><i>The European Environment Agency (EEA) will host a side event to further examine the key issues arising from its report 'Water resources across Europe – confronting water scarcity and drought' to be launched at the 5th WWF. Together with several stakeholders, the EEA will explore how demand management measures can be promoted and a greater implementation of water efficient practices realised, as part of a wider goal of sustainable consumption and production. In addition, the discussions will identify which, and to what extent, new technologies have a role to play. Speakers will be drawn from a range of stakeholder organisations including the IWA, Suez Environment and the Water Footprint network.</i></p>				
<p>Water and Energy in Agriculture</p>	<p>DG for Water (Spanish Ministry of Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs)</p>	<p>Debate</p>	<p>17:00-18:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2</p>
<p><i>Water and efficient energy technologies are essential for a sustainable agriculture. In turn, agriculture feeds an increasing population, already facing energy problems. A debate can provide a chance to present the advances in water technologies in Spain and other countries with relevant agriculture production.</i></p>				
<p>Transfer of Water in the Most Economical Way</p>	<p>Grundfos</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>19:00-20:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p><i>The need for long distance water transport to cities and towns/villages and increasing energy prices in last 10 years, increased the water transfer costs rapidly. There are ways to reduce energy costs in pumping systems up to 35%. Join to this session if you would like to hear more about how to transfer water in the most economical way and to evaluate pump station tenders which costs you less in midterm.</i></p>				

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A Conversation With Grantees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Presentation	19:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>This session will present the learning to date of several grantees funded by the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Grantees will discuss their approaches, challenges and outcomes. Foundation staff will provide an overview of the WS&H initiative. Since launching the initiative in 2005, the foundation has supported a range of interventions from research to service delivery, all with the goal of demonstrating clear impact on the health, economic and social well-being of the poor; long-term sustainability, in terms of operations and financing; and the ability to reach very large scale.</i>				
General Assembly Meeting of Gender and Water Alliance	Gender and Water Alliance	Closed-door meeting	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<i>General Assembly Meeting for Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) members and invited guests only, where the GWA Annual Plan 2009 and other strategic subjects will be discussed.</i>				
Managing and Protecting Water Resources: The Po River Basin Encounters and Compares with other Important River Basins	Po River Authorities (Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs)	Special event/Workshop	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE
<i>The event aims to create the occasion to compare some big worldwide basins with the biggest Italian one: the Po basin. All basins will present their management experiences in the context of water resources and surrounding territory, underling criticality and potentiality. In particular, this event would like to stress as a correct local policy of water management and the public involvement could be an excellent tool to seek a solution to global problems. The role of public authorities and the public participation are, therefore, fundamental to give a solution to common problems of basins.</i>				
Blue Gold: World Water Wars	Food & Water Watch	Documentary screening	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
<i>In every corner of the globe, we are polluting, diverting, pumping, and wasting our limited supply of fresh water at an expedient level as population and technology grow. The rampant overdevelopment of agriculture, housing and industry increase the demands for fresh water well beyond the finite supply, resulting in the desertification of the earth. Blue Gold: World Water Wars will be followed by a 30 minute panel discussion with the producer of the film and key cast members.</i>				
Ensuring Access to Water Through Community-Led Initiatives Utilizing Payment for Ecosystem Services	EcoLogic Development Fund	Panel discussion followed by social hour	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
<i>The side event will feature speakers from EcoLogic as well as from other Latin American organizations for a discussion of how payment for ecosystem services can be utilized to ensure access to clean water for poor rural communities, conserve biodiversity, and connect communities with the public and private sectors.</i>				

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Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Hydro Basin, Case for Systemic and Participative Management	Itaipu Binational	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<i>CAB - ITAIPIU, (Cultivating Good Water Program in the Paraná Basin - Brazil) is a program concerning water quantity and quality and involves a complex process of natural resources restoration, conservation and preservation, being developed in the Parana Hydro Basin – Brazil/Paraguay, with more than 8.000 km². All the actions are planned and developed for each specific micro basin, through a participative process, including all the social actors. The Program uses innovative methodologies for management, learning and environmental actions and is achieving significant results, such as more than 100 Water Pacts, 10.000 environmental educators and 2.600 partners fomenting new ways of Being, Living, Producing and Consuming of the communities.</i>				
Water Research Funding in 7th Framework Programme and EUREKA	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)	Brokerage event - presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<i>Presentations focusing on FP7 Environment Thematic Area and European Water Supply and Sanitation Technology Platform. Introductory Information regarding EUREKA R&D opportunities and EuroEnviron Umbrella.</i>				
Special Capacity Building Opportunities for Women in the Water Sector	Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)	Panel discussion	08:30-10:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>The side event will focus on the main theme of "special capacity building opportunities for women in the water sector". Mode of the side event will be like a roundtable discussion interactive with the audience. A talk show facilitator will assist the two hour event. Expressive back drop with a talk show interactive with the audience and own students who come along to WWF5 as main discussants and critiques on behalf of next generations.</i>				

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Endless Dilemma: Matching Food Security and Access to Water and Sanitation	(re)sources, Think Tank	Conference - debate	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>In a global context of urban and demographic growth, food needs will unavoidably increase. Water uses are then a key issue: agriculture, industrial, domestic uses...Looking at things from different perspectives, debating and sharing experiences will enable us to come up to better use, more efficient consumption.</i></p>				
Water Bridging Civilizations of Four Millennia in Turkey	State Hydraulic Works (DSI); Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI); TURKKAD; Gazi University	Presentation and debate	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>Remains of hydraulic works in Turkey exist from the II.Millennium BC, the Hittite period in Central Anatolia; from the first half of the I.Millennium BC, the Urartu period in Eastern Anatolia; from the second half of the I.Millennium BC and the I.Millennium AD, the Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine periods in Western and Southern Anatolia; from 11.th to 14.centuries, the Seljukide period in Central and Eastern Anatolia; from 14.th to early 20.centuries, the Ottoman period in Turkey. Thus, Turkey can be considered as one of the principal historical scenes of the alliance of civilizations. Ancient water works from these four-millenia-long periods, some of them are, with very few repair or modification, being still in operation after several centuries or even several millenia, make Turkey one of the foremost open-air museums of the world in this respect.</i></p> <p><i>The expression or rather the category of "diverse water culture" as distinct from that of "cultural diversity (in water)" suggests that it is not the apriorily presumed diversity in cultures (or, cultural diversity which enacts / activates / leads to particular forms of water use, but rather the actual life styles and living conditions [upon which certain or a spectrum of cultures emerge or are created] from out of which certain modes of water uses(s) derive. Needless to add, the hence developed or driven water-use mode(s) and/or techniques in turn do have an effect upon the living conditions of the people concerned as well.</i></p>				
Innovation and Technology of Water and Cities: World City Water Forum 2009	World City Water Forum	Panel discussion	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The World City Forum will be taking place from August 18-21 in Incheon, Korea during "Environmental Week" of the Global Fair & Festival. The forum will provide a platform to discuss various forms of innovation and technology that is being used to advance and improve sustainable development in an environmentally friendly way.</i></p>				
Afghanistan: Water, Human Development and Communities Participation	Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA), Center for Policy and Human Development (CPHD)	Presentation	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
<p><i>The side event will discuss the following issues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Challenges and opportunities in the relationship between water management, social organization and economic development in Afghanistan;</i> - <i>A review of operational challenges related to water infrastructure development projects in the post-war context of Afghanistan;</i> - <i>Specific issue of integrity monitoring of such projects, based on field experience in Afghanistan, and their applicability to other post-conflict environments.</i> 				
Regional Solution to National Challenges: REC Experience at CEE Region and Turkey	Regional Environmental Centre (REC)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<p><i>CEE Region Countries and Turkey are having their own problems with regard to water management such as floods, pollution, scarcity etc. The REC provides regional solutions and cooperation opportunities for all countries at the region with a view towards sustainable development. The 20 years experience, activities and achievements will be presented in the side event by REC experts and cooperative organisation.</i></p>				
Dialogue on Climate Change Adaptation for Land and Water Management	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark	Presentation	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The overall goal of the Dialogue Process is increasing resilience to climate change in developing countries through adaptation. The Dialogue Process is responding to the need for more information about adaptation, called for by the Bali Action Plan and Nairobi Work Programme. It aims to identify guiding principles, which can promote sustainable development while responding to the impacts of climate change. The guiding principles should serve two specific objectives: to provide input to negotiations leading up to COP15 and to provide guidance to stakeholders involved in developing strategies for adaptation in land and water resources management beyond COP15.</i></p>				
Bridging the Gap: Emergency Water and Sanitation Interventions in Azad and Jammu Kasmir (AJK) of Support to Life	Hayata Destek / Support to Life (STL)	Presentation, video show and discussion	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
<p><i>Presentations on Sustainability, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Impact of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion Program and Interpretation on Lessons Learn.</i></p>				

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Various Presentations on Climate Models and Natural Hazards	Turkish State Meteorological Service	Presentation	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<i>The proposed side event will be conducted in a panel format. The side event will be organized within framework of sub-regional activity - Turkey and surroundings - in the form of the panel discussions. Academicians and high-level government officials will be invited to contribute to the panel discussions. The panellists will highlight future climate projections based on the model simulations and occurrence of water-related natural hazards, such as floods and droughts, A concept will be developed with respect to water resources management.</i>				
Strengthening the Scientific Network on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Partners for Water	Dutch Partners for Water	Presentations and debate	14:30-16:15	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<i>In a consecutive side event, a consortium of Dutch Water Partners will host presentations and discussions on how to solve problems with climate adaptation, bridging divides between international partners. Focus of the first part of the side event will be on the role of scientific research and practical experience from the Netherlands and their international partners, on developing knowledge on water, strengthening resilience, spatial planning and climate. Networking and international cooperation are essential aspects to achieve this.</i>				
Bridging Divides Between North and South Through Partnership and Knowledge Sharing	Northern Water Network (NoWNET)	Seminar	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>This side event aims to address water issues by providing information on proven and cutting-edge technologies, services and best practices and discussing how to bridge divides between North and South through partnership and knowledge sharing.</i>				
Strengthening Governance on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Partners for Water	Dutch Partners for Water	Presentations and debate	16:45-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<i>In a consecutive side event, a consortium of Dutch Water Partners will host presentations and discussions on how to solve problems with climate adaptation, bridging divides between international partners. Focus of the second part of the side event will be on the role of governance in climate change adaptation. One important aspect is how to employ governance for implementation of measures and innovations that are a result from scientific development.</i>				
Natural Disaster Risk Management Program: Vulnerability Reduction through Community Management and Control of Water in the Drought-prone Areas of the Marwar Region	Italian Development Cooperation - UTL New Delhi	Special event - workshop	17:00-19:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<i>Joint presentation of the project: Italian Cooperation (DGCS, Ministry of foreign Affairs), Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (India) and UNDP. The program aims mainly to prevent natural disasters, struggle the drought, making progress in the capacity building and technical education of the local population, involving all the levels of territorial management, from the Government to local communities.</i>				
Power of Spirit: Sustaining Watersheds through Music, Art and Stories	Water to Drink	Workshop	17:00-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>Join us in this inter-active connection to our source. Share your own musical instruments, local stories and regional art and participate in unifying our common voices for water. www.WatertoDrink.Org, www.ANaturalResource.com to learn more.</i>				
Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum Consultation Session	Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum	Consultation session	19:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>The Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum is a two-year cross-sectoral collaboration developing a tool to assess and guide the sustainability of hydropower developments and operations. This effort builds on and incorporates many other approaches to address hydropower sustainability in the development of a practical assessment tool with a multitude of potential users and uses. Come hear about and have your input into the Forum process, the structure and content of the assessment tool, and the ideas for how to maximise its value and impact.</i>				
Share - Managing Water Across Boundaries	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Book launch and debate	19:30-20:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<i>Transboundary rivers are increasingly being drawn upon to meet competing demands. "SHARE" provides an overview of the worlds' shared water resources and guidance on managing these resources cooperatively. The report presents both challenges and real world solutions for constructing the legal frameworks, institutions, management processes and financing needed to govern transboundary waters more equitably and sustainably.</i>				
Sustainable Functioning of International Institutions Managing International Water Bodies	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Presentation and debate	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
<i>This side event offers opportunity to conduct an open debate, provoked by brief keynote presentations, highlighting overall political and legal frameworks and practical management experiences of successful regional institutional organisations entrusted to manage transboundary water bodies.</i>				

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Campaigning Together to End Water Poverty	End Water Poverty	Presentation, discussion and networking	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
<p><i>This session is for any civil society organisation interested in influencing the international agenda, through campaigning and lobbying, to tackle the sanitation and water crisis. Join others from civil society across the world to network, learn and discuss ways we can work together in 2009 and beyond as part of a global movement for change. End Water Poverty is an international coalition of over 140 civil society organisations campaigning for sanitation and water for all.</i></p>				
The Effects of Agricultural Contaminations on Water Resources and Solution Policy from the Institutions to Farmers	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Turkey, General Directorate of Agricultural Research (TAGEM)/Central Soil, Fertilizer and Water Resources Research Institute	Debate	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE
<p><i>This will be an open debate-panel event. The Convenor will explain the topic by a tree of problems and objects. The word will be revolved to the Chairman After this brief explanation. The main aim is to discuss on the faulty common belief of the farmers, "the more input the more crop yield" and to point out the damages of unnecessary over use or incorrect use of fertilizer, water to the water resources. We are, as Soil Fertilizer and Water Resources Central Research Institute, working with a farmer in Cukurova and applying site specific management. The farmer saves his 60% of fertilizer consumption for the first year. The study is still going on. As a farmer he is against this common farmer belief, "the more input is the more crop yield". He will explain his changed belief. The experts explain their point of view briefly and suggest to the farmers the right uses of agricultural input which are at the same time environmentally friendly applications, to save water, fertilizer, environment and at the end the money. The subject of experts must be around the topic, not very long, explained simply and shortly. There can be farmers and it is important that the farmers understand what is explaining. Some agricultural magazines are invited to this event to share the concept with the other farmers and producers. Every expert has 10 minutes to talk and the event will continue with questions and answers. And especially in semi-arid, arid conditions the farmers need suggestions from the experts or institutions about how they would irrigate.</i></p>				
Czech Water Roof from the Past to the Future	Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic	Presentation and debate	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
<p><i>The Czech Republic is a small country in the heart of the Europe. In 2004 it became a new EU Member state and this year has the great opportunity to hold its presidency. The Czech Republic has a long "water management" tradition on the national and international level During the side event the experience of the Czech Republic in water management and development cooperation will be presented(Water Information Systems in the CR, Integrated Water Management Planning in the CR, Improvement of Water Resources Quality in the CR. The discussion on the role of the small countries in the Global prospect should be raised.</i></p>				
Where next for Water and Climate Change?: Exploring Global Multi-stakeholder Initiatives on Water and Climate	Stockholm International Water Institute - Global Public Policy Network on Water Management	Presentation and discussion	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
<p><i>The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management (GPPN), a joint initiative of SIWI and Stakeholder Forum, invites all interested parties to explore options for generating co-ordinated multi-stakeholder efforts in the area of water and climate on a global policy level. With the first preparatory meetings for COP-15 in Copenhagen at the end of March, this is a timely opportunity to share ideas on how to build momentum among stakeholders on the issue of water and climate for better outcomes and commitments. The GPPN will share with those present its initiatives in this area, and looks forward to discussing how to go forward.</i></p>				

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<p>Towards Sustainable Water Tariffs in Latin America</p>	<p>The Nature Conservancy in collaboration with the Association of Water and Sanitation Regulatory Entities of the Americas (ADERASA)</p>	<p>Reception with short presentation</p>	<p>20:00-21:00</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 4</p>
<p><i>Ecosystems and water resource management have moved to the forefront of such critical issues as sustainable development, security, water scarcity, climate change and the global energy crisis. The value of ecosystem goods and services should reflect their scarcity and opportunity cost; however, up until now these goods and services have been considered infinite and free, which has led to their being assigned very low market values and, ultimately, to nature subsidizing their production and supply. There is a growing need for the value of ecosystem goods and services to be internalized in the economic system, to ensure conservation and sustainable financing of water supply ecosystems, especially those found in natural protected areas in the region. To date, protected areas are critically underfunded and therefore the availability of water from ecosystems in protected areas is critically endangered.</i></p> <p><i>An effective mechanism to diversify and increase funding for ecosystems of natural areas is to internalize the cost of watershed conservation in the market value of this ecosystem service. This diversification can be achieved by improving water rates design and collection in different sectors such as domestic consumption, agriculture, energy, and industry. To this end, the water regulating authorities in Latin America play an instrumental role since they have the mandate to regulate, change, and improve the way water rates are designed, applied and collected.</i></p> <p><i>Lead by the National Superintendence of Sanitation Services (SUNASS) and the Ministry of Environment of Peru and with support from the nature Conservancy, water authorities from Peru, Colombia, Chile, and Brazil met in Lima, Peru in June 2008 to start the dialogue on Sustainable Water Tariffs and a potential regional collaboration to initiate a process to assess opportunities to establish SWT in the Latin American Region. The initial achievements of the SWT initiative were showcased at the Water Economics and Finance Week at the Expo-Zaragoza, in Spain in August 2008, and SWT has now been endorsed by the Association of Water and Sanitation Regulatory Entities of the Americas (ADERASA). It is expected that with additional support from multilateral and bilateral agencies and the private sector, will pave the way to integrate ecosystem conservation into the water supply infrastructure and management.</i></p> <p><i>Join ADERASA and TNC to learn more about this initiative, the recent developments, the next steps and opportunities to collaborate and support SWT in Latin America.</i></p>				

Friday, 20 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
<p>Global Water Crisis, Food and Agriculture in an Era of Climate Change</p>	<p>Institute For Agriculture and Trade Policy</p>	<p>Panel discussion, report launch</p>	<p>08:30-10:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p><i>This side event is aimed at addressing the question, 'what policies and practices are needed to ensure food security for all, to help individuals realize their 'right to food' (UN General Comment 12) and 'right to water' (UN General Comment 15), in a climate challenged world.' It will do so by exploring the dynamic interrelationship of three contemporary crises with each other: the climate crisis, the food crisis and the global water crisis itself, and its implications for future agricultural practices. To explore appropriate policy options for food production in relation to its impact for water security, food security and climate, it will reflect on the findings of intergovernmental initiatives such as the IAASTD, 2008, and other recent studies from intergovernmental organizations.</i></p>				
<p>Climate Change and Water Management (Water Can Change the World)</p>	<p>Ulusal Sanayici ve İşadamları Derneği (USİAD)</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>08:30-10:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1</p>
<p><i>During the presentation, Climate Change will be analysed scientifically and increased Water Management Problems will be evaluated considering causes and consequences.</i></p>				
<p>GEF EO Consultation For the Fourth Overall Performance Study (OPS4)</p>	<p>GEF Evaluation Office</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>08:30-10:30</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2</p>
<p><i>The side-event aims at getting feedback on GEF IW operations for the Fourth Overall Performance Study (OPS4). OPS4 is being carried out by the GEF Evaluation Office to assess the role, achievements, relevance and performance of the GEF. The findings, conclusions, and recommendations will be incorporated into the discussions and negotiations of the fifth replenishment of the GEF.</i></p>				
<p>From the Ground Up: How Water and Sanitation Programs Are Improving Children's Health</p>	<p>PATH</p>	<p>Panel discussion</p>	<p>08:30-10:00</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p><i>Today water and sanitation programs around the world are providing millions of families and communities with new prospects for improved health. Join us to hear more about how organizations around the world are utilizing water and sanitation strategies to save children's lives and ensure healthier futures. Find out why donors believe that contributing to water and sanitation programs is a smart health investment, and how measuring health impacts can, and should, be a critical element of water and sanitation programming. This session is organized by PATH, Water Advocates, and the US Coalition for Child Survival.</i></p>				

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<p>Safe Water for Family Welfare in Uvira City</p> <p><i>Water is very important to the life. We can't live without it.</i></p> <p><i>In semi urban area in East of DRC in Kasenga, in Uvira City, people are crossing very bad social and economic conditions. Point out because that with the conflict armies the safe water installation were damaged by rebels while people left their houses in the village to avoid war and concentrated in Uvira. Those people can't access to the safe water cause of insufficient tapes. Only rich men can access to safe water. But very poor people who represent about 98% of inhabitants are victims of diseases and death cause of lack of water.</i></p> <p><i>At this, many women must make long distance on foot to look for the water of river where they wash clothes and throw waste. Women and children are victims of rape, snake murdering, and fall down and hurt when they are going to fetch water. Also, cause of lack good toilets, people is obliged to make toilet in the bush and river.</i></p> <p><i>People are spending much money to treat cholera, typhoid, worms and diarrhoea resulted from dirty water consumed. Girls have difficult to finish schools with success because every day before going to school they must fetch water at long distance. High rate of mortality is reported in Uvira and especially to nursing women and children.</i></p> <p><i>We would like to appeal to International organizations working on Water and Sanitation to help our community to implement tapes of safe water in order to help very poor people suffering, and to government and community to advocate on safe water.</i></p>	<p>APAA CONGO</p>	<p>Debate (Closed-door meeting)</p>	<p>08:30-10:30</p>	<p>FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1</p>
<p>Desalination</p> <p><i>To increase water availability, jointly with IWRM and planning practices, Spain has developed innovative technology, related to Desalination practices. Spanish companies are implementing these technologies, transferring projects to other regions, and developing energy efficient desalination plants with decreasing energy consumption. Desalination can be a key option in the Mediterranean region and other areas of the globe facing water scarcity.</i></p>	<p>Subdirectorato General for Planning and Sustainable Use of Water of Spain</p>	<p>Debate</p>	<p>10:30-12:30</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p>Prize Ceremony of the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2009</p> <p><i>The International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management was launched by Swiss Re in 2002. It expresses the company's commitment to planning, evaluating and realisation of water-related projects and aims to promote awareness and the efficient use of this precious resource. The ReSource Award is an internationally recognised prize for leadership in implementing the principles of sustainability in watershed management. Its aim is to raise awareness of the ecological, social and economic significance for water sources and watersheds in developing and emerging countries.</i></p>	<p>Swiss Reinsurance Company</p>	<p>Debate in combination with a ceremony</p>	<p>11:00-13:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p>Presentation of the book on "Water and Ethics" (Fundacion FMB Botin Workshop June 2007; Pub Taylor and Francis, London)</p>	<p>Botin Foundation Water Management Observatory and the Collaboration of UNESCO-IAH</p>	<p>Presentation and open discussion</p>	<p>11:00-13:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1</p>
<p>Water Center for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p><i>In the event will be presented the Water Center for Latin America and the Caribbean as a platform that contribute to the sustainable management in the region by means of improving its administration and use, as well as by reducing the environmental impact of regional ecosystems through research projects, technological development, consulting services, and curricular and continuous education programs.</i></p>	<p>FEMSA Foundation, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Inter-American Development Bank</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>11:00-13:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2</p>
<p>Progress of the Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)</p> <p><i>This side event summarizes the progress of the first phase of the WEPA (Japanese FY 2004-2008). WEPA, in cooperation with 11 countries in East Asia, aims to promote good governance in water environment management by providing necessary, relevant information and knowledge, through a series of databases. It further aims to develop the capacity of relevant stakeholders by working together on the construction of the databases.</i></p>	<p>Institute for Global Environmental Strategies</p>	<p>Debate (Closed-door Meeting)</p>	<p>11:00-13:00</p>	<p>IGDAS BUILDING</p>
<p>At the Water's Edge</p> <p><i>WWF launched 'At the Water's Edge', a major new presentation on the global water crisis, during World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden last August 2008. The presentation tells the story of water in a compelling way, setting out how central it is to all our lives and our cultures. The presentation explores how management of water will be central to many of the key challenges that we have in the 21st century, both for people and nature.</i></p> <p><i>'At the Water's Edge' is not aimed primarily at water professionals. Instead, it is aimed at professionals and senior decision-makers in business and public sectors who may not yet be engaged with the importance of the global water debate. The presentation is designed to respond to the perception that while there is a general sense that water is a problem globally, there is much less sense of what that problem is. In particular, most people associate the global water crisis with issues around public water supply and sanitation, rather than the global water resources issues and the associated social, economic and environmental impacts.</i></p>	<p>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - UK</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>13:15-14:15</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>

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Water Supply Project from Turkey to Northern Cyprus by Suspended Pipeline in the Mediterranean Sea	Department of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, State Hydraulic Works (DSI)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Tripartite Meeting	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan	Dialogue (Closed -door Meeting)	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>Japan, China and Korea held the Ministerial Tripartite Meeting at the 4th World Water Forum. This meeting is to monitor the cooperative activities among three countries after the meeting in Mexico and to discuss about future activities including the MoU on joint research "Integrated River Management adapting Climate Change."</i>				
On the Brink: Lessons Learned from the Ilisu Hydropower Project	Ilisu Campaign	Workshop	13:30-14:30	IGDAS BUILDING
<i>The Ilisu Hydropower Project on the Tigris is one of the most controversial dam projects worldwide. In December 2008, Germany, Austria and Switzerland ordered a halt to the 2 billion US Dollar Ilisu dam project in South East Turkey, suspending export risk guarantees. The governmental export risk insurers concluded that the dam failed to meet the 150 conditions of the Terms of Reference concerning the protection of unique environment, heritage sites, neighbouring states and the human relocation of 65,000 people. They have given the Turkish Government 180 days to meet the standards. The five-year development process of the Ilisu dam project was highly nerve-racking for all stakeholders. This workshop will draw lessons learned from the highly inefficient, time consuming and expensive planning process of the Ilisu dam project. We will also outline how important it is that sponsors, financiers, decision makers and builders of large dam projects take the implementation of international standards much more seriously.</i>				
Drought Assessment Based on the Future Climate Projections and Making Drought Management Plans as Part of Integrated Water Resources Management	Turkish State Meteorological Service	Debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
<i>The side event will be conducted in a panel format. The side event will be organized within framework of sub-regional activity - Turkey and surroundings - in the form of the panel discussions. Academicians and high-level government officials will be invited to contribute to the panel discussions. The main focus of the discussions will be on future drought trends based on the climate model projections and future water management plans to reflect such trends. The panellist will present various discussions on drought identification and prediction and how to integrate them into water resources management plans in light of changing climate conditions.</i>				
Water Treatment and Reuse in Spain	CODIA (Iberoamerican Conference of Water Directors)	Debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<i>Water reuse is an important additional resource (e.g. Spain reuses approximately 370 hm³ per year) to take into account in hydrological planning, especially in areas facing water scarcity. In some regions, this amount can represent a key strategic resource, especially for environmental purposes. Conventional and non-conventional systems and technologies of wastewater treatment are key to ensure the quality of the resource. The Iberoamerican Conference of Water Directors (CODIA, in its Spanish acronym), has developed a Water Programme which includes the establishment of a Research, Testing and Training Centre for non-conventional water treatment technologies, adapted to the needs and realities of small rural and peri-urban communities in Latin-America.</i>				
Ibero-American Institutes Network of Engineering and Hydraulic Investigation	Mexican Institute of Water Technology	Meeting	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<i>The meeting will enrich the agenda of Ibero-American Cooperation in Science and Technology in the water sector through an analysis of needs and the enhancement and improvement of knowledge and skills of the most important Ibero-American institutes dedicated to scientific and technological knowledge production on water resources issues.</i>				
UNESCO HELP in Action: Delivering Water Solutions to the Needs Society	UNESCO	Workshop	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
<i>UNESCO's Hydrology for Environment, Life and Policy (HELP) Network is implementing integrated water resources management through a global network of catchments to improve the links between hydrology and the needs of society. This workshop will showcase examples of good solutions-oriented science from HELP basins which can deliver real outcomes and impacts to real people in real catchments to address real problems, locally as well as globally.</i>				
Strengthening Capacity of Local Authorities to Better Develop and Manage Water Resources and Services	World Water Council (WWC), Institut de la Gestion Déléguée (IGD)	Presentation	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / CITIZENS' HOUSE FOR WATER
<i>The decentralisation processes have led to deep changes regarding the sharing of roles, responsibilities and resources between national governments, local authorities and other stakeholders. This has an impact on the management of water resources and water services. There is today a crucial need to strengthen the capacity of local authorities, both in the rural and urban areas, to better develop, govern and manage water resources and services.</i>				

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<p>Mountains of the World: Water Towers for the 21st Century?</p>	<p>Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations (FAO)</p>	<p>Presentation and debate</p>	<p>17:00-19:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p><i>Mountains account for 20-50% of the total discharge in humid areas, while in semi-arid and arid areas, the highland contribution to the total discharge reaches 50-90% with extremes of over 95% (e.g. Nile, Colorado, Orange, Amu Darya, Rio Negro, etc.). Moreover, a mountain system like the Hindu Kush-Himalaya hosts the source of about ten important rivers on which around one quarter of the global population depend (especially in China and India). Mountain water resources are getting under increasing pressure through population growth, rapidly rising food and energy production, expected consequences of climate change and extreme events. In order to face the future challenges, intact mountain ecosystems, innovative management approaches and forward-looking political decisions are required.</i></p>				
<p>Exploring "Key for Success" of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) at River Basin Level</p>	<p>Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan</p>	<p>Presentation and workshop with dialogue</p>	<p>17:00-19:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2</p>
<p><i>"IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level" will be launched on the opening day of the 5th World Water Forum. The event on the 20th will be held for open discussion on "How to use and improve the Guidelines". The discussion outcomes will be reflected into the implementation plan of the Guidelines. The Guidelines will be kept evolving as a living document utilizing users' comments and suggestions.</i></p>				
<p>The Role of the Groundwater Silent Revolution for Achieving the Motto "More Cash and Nature per Drop": Re-thinking Global Water Scarcity and Security</p>	<p>LSE Grantham Research Institute (LSE) and Marcelino Botin Foundation (UCM)</p>	<p>Workshop</p>	<p>17:00-19:00</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p><i>A comparative workshop on the silent revolution of groundwater looking at key issues in groundwater management and key case studies (including BRIC countries).</i></p>				
<p>A GWP/INBO Handbook for Integrated Water Resources Management at the Basin Level</p>	<p>International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)</p>	<p>Book launch followed by a cocktail</p>	<p>19:00-21:00</p>	<p>THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE</p>
<p><i>The handbook for IWRM at the basin level has been jointly developed by the Global Water Partnership and the International Network of Basin Organizations. It provides guidance for improving the governance of freshwater resources, in particular through effective implementation of the IWRM approach in lake, river and aquifer basins. It articulates the links between challenges and IWRM responses; suggests ways of setting up or modernizing basin organizations to facilitate the adoption of the IWRM approach; and is a practical and user-friendly guide with many examples of experiences in river, lake and aquifer management.</i></p>				
<p>Asia's Next Challenge: Advancing Security through Water Cooperation</p>	<p>Asia Society</p>	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>19:30-21:00</p>	<p>VIP BLOCK / HASKOY</p>
<p><i>The Asia Society - working in partnership with the Earth Institute's Water Center, the Asia-Pacific Water Forum and the Japan Water Forum—has formed a Leadership Group on Water Security to examine decreased access to a safe, stable supply of water as a driver of political and socioeconomic instability in Asia. The Leadership Group is set to release a report on 17 April 2009 that explores cooperative approaches to prevent, manage and respond to water stress and its impact on security in the region. At this event, the Leadership Group's main findings and recommendations will be presented for discussion and feedback in advance of the report's publication.</i></p>				
<p>Re-Strengthening Agricultural Water Management in Africa</p>	<p>Wageningen University and Research Center</p>	<p>Presentation, workshop, debate</p>	<p>19:30-21:00</p>	<p>FESHANE BLOCK / FESHANE 5</p>
<p><i>The Comprehensive Assessment on Water Management in Agriculture calls for a new approach on dealing with water respecting ecosystems while securing production functions for social-economic development. There is wide scope for improved and innovative approaches both for rainfed as well as irrigated agriculture to secure ecosystems integrity.</i></p> <p><i>To implement these requests in Sub-Sahara Africa is especially under the scarcity of resources an increasing challenge. The reflection of Africa's situation may act as a critical benchmark to check the applicability of new concepts. The side event will be used to highlight specific needs and ways ahead to improve Africa's future land and water management</i></p>				
<p>Transboundary Cooperation on the Jordan River Basin: A Regional 'Positive-Sum Outcome'</p>	<p>Palestinian Water Authority (PWA)</p>	<p>Presentation and debate</p>	<p>19:30-21:00</p>	<p>THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP</p>
<p><i>One of the most common and challenging elements of negotiations on trans-boundary waters involves the so-called 'Zero-Sum Dilemma'. The only way to negotiate out of this situation and to generate something approaching an equitable and reasonable solution is to 'enlarge the pie'. This is the premise of the Positive-Sum Outcome and the genesis behind the Palestinian proposal which holds the potential for a 'Win-Win Solution' for all of the riparians of the Jordan River Basin.</i></p>				

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Saturday, 21 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources in Turkey and Water Quality Management in Turkey: Responsibilities and Works of Directorate	Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry, General Directorate of Environmental Management	Workshop, presentation and debate	08:30-13:00 14:30-19:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Virtual Constellation for Water	Group on Earth Observations	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
<p><i>One of the top priorities of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) is to help with coordination of water cycle observations and monitoring globally, relying as much as possible on remote sensing to counter the limitations of in-situ observing capabilities, and leading more easily to operational systems. This GEO side-event will center on the topic of integrated water cycle observations based on monitoring from space: a "virtual constellation" providing global, comprehensive water cycle measurements. Presentations will target various aspects of the water virtual constellation, such as gaps in current monitoring, lake and river level estimates from satellite altimetry, drought monitoring, and regional capacity building efforts. Coffee and cookies served. For more information about GEO, please visit our website: earthobservations.org. This side-event is co-sponsored by the European Space Agency.</i></p>				
Experience of Managing Water Rarity in a Dry Country: Omani Experience	Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources of the Sultanate of Oman	Seminar	08:30-10:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>Water scarcity may be the most underestimated resource issue facing the world today. As world water demand has more than tripled over the last half-century, signs of water scarcity have become commonplace. Some of the more widespread indicators are rivers running dry, water levels declining, and lakes disappearing. Water shortages now plague almost every country in the world especially in North Africa and the Middle East. As a result of population expansion, water shortage problems in water-short nations going to expand as well. Wise Use is required.</i></p> <p><i>Water scarcity, whether due to physical, social, or infrastructure reasons, poses significant challenges especially in Arid Region. This means that they will not have sufficient water resources to maintain their current level of per capita food production from irrigated agriculture-even at high levels of irrigation efficiency- and also to meet reasonable water needs for domestic, industrial, and environmental purposes. The rapid development taking place in most countries together with the growing population and the rising of living standard have led to a remarkable increase in the demand for water and water resources are becoming scarce in many countries.</i></p> <p><i>Oman is an arid country with limited rainfall averaging of 100mm per year. Although with that limited amount, Oman started and important step in managing its water resources regardless of the quantity of available water. It continues the work to achieve of sustainable development goals.</i></p> <p><i>Oman experience in water management in an arid region will be displayed in the side event of the 5th WWF. We hope that the event direct attention towards the adoption of the principles of integrated water resources management through the following aspects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water Assessment in Oman including water resources, exploration, and monitoring.</i> • <i>Water resources management and development in Oman including legislation and laws and Integrated water management programs and hydraulic structures</i> • <i>Use of non-conventional water resources (Water desalination, wastewater treatment).</i> • <i>Contribution of traditional knowledge towards mitigation of stress on water resources. As represented in Aflaj System in Oman.</i> • <i>Exchange of expertise in modern techniques for comprehensive policies and strategies of Integrated Water Resources Management (represented by an international organization).</i> 				
Corruption and Water Related Disasters in Sri Lanka	NetWwater with Women for Water Partnership	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
<p><i>The current global food crisis brings to focus the critical role played by women in ensuring food security through their contribution to agriculture .This joint presentation brings in experiences from Turkey and Sri Lanka in the role and the contribution of women in irrigated agriculture. The speakers from both countries will raise current issues, constraints and challenges in a solution based framework.</i></p>				
Impacts of Climate Change on Water Related Disasters in South Asia and Finding Solutions	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services and Bangladesh Water Partnership	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
<p><i>Bangladesh is a disaster prone country and very vulnerable to climate change. Recently it was hit by two unusual floods and cyclone Sidr in 2007 which indicates the impacts on water induced disasters from climate change. The melting of Himalayan Glaciers is putting further threats to water induced disasters in Bangladesh. This side event jointly organised by Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) and Centre for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) will be discussing the impacts on water related disasters in Bangladesh and other South Asian countries and have a panel discussion among water experts to find short and long term adaptive and mitigation measures to solve the problems. The side event will be held from 11-12 hrs at Sutluce/Kasimpasa 2 Hall on 21st March, 2009.</i></p>				

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Up-Scaling IWRM Education in South Asia: Which Boundaries to Cross?	SaciWATERS	Presentation	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The session seeks to evaluate the current status of water resources education, assess the demand for interdisciplinary water professionals and identify challenges, opportunities and new initiatives in the realm of higher education for water resources in the region. The session is based on SaciWATERS initiative on regional capacity building on IWRM and Gender and Water in South Asia, called The Crossing Boundaries Project (www.saciwaters.org/cbhome). The project works in four south Asian countries – India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka – to establish and strengthen Masters level education programmes for IWRM water professionals together with regional partner institutes.</i></p>				
Promoting Local Actions Through Multilevel Water Partnerships	Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP)	Workshop	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
<p><i>“Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP) has planned to hold a side event titled “Promoting Local Actions through multilevel water partnerships” at the 5th World Water Forum on 21 March 2009; showcasing its model area/urban water partnerships, highlighting the process that has catalyzed change, sharing the achievements and difficulties and discussing their potential for replication. It will include presentations of experiences of different stakeholders/partners in these partnerships, audio visuals and interactive sessions. It would also provide a chance to many such water partnerships belonging to South Asia Region to present local actions implemented by them at grassroots level to obtain water and food security, eradicating poverty and hunger, improving the role of women in all water sector activities in the regional countries.”</i></p>				
Joint Side Event by ETIC and MELIA	ETIC; MELIA	Workshop	14:30-19:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
<p><i>ETIC is a Track 2, academic initiative founded in 2005 by scholars from Iraq, Syria, Turkey and the USA. Its principal aim is to provide opportunities to enhance the dialogue and mutual understanding among the riparians of the Euphrates-Tigris System. ETIC is dedicated to the improvement of the living conditions of the people in rural and urban areas in the Euphrates Tigris region, strengthening cooperation and sustainable development in harmony with nature using scientific means, advocacy, research and education.</i></p> <p><i>MELIA is a Coordinated Action (CA) (financed by the European Union FP6, Contract INCO-CT-2006-517612) aimed at establishing a strategic dialogue with other running or past research projects dealing with the integrated water research management between research centers, governments, regulators, users and providers. The MELIA Consortium is composed of 45 partners from 16 European Union and Mediterranean countries.</i></p> <p><i>The ETIC-MELIA joint side-event will present keynotes and panel discussions on the objectives and activities of the two institutions. There will be open discussions with the participants to the event, for their questions and informal interventions.</i></p>				
Aral and Caspian Seas	Laboratory of Brackish Water Hydrobiology, Zoological Institute of RAS	Presentation	14:30-17:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / EYUP
Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water: Projects for a Mediterranean Cooperation	Water Embassy	Presentation and debate	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
<p><i>The aim of this project is to launch an educational action in the Mediterranean region, of which the first gathering will take place in Istanbul during the Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul. From then, the gatherings shall take place in one or another country around the Mediterranean region. This educational action (creation of water classes in Mediterranean countries) will help raise the youths' awareness in the field of water. The aim is to form the Young Water Ambassadors of the Mediterranean world, whose first act will be to formalize in Istanbul a Common Declaration.</i></p>				
Groundwater Resources in a Climate-Changing World	AWRA, Oregon State University, BGR, UNESCO-IHP, UPTW, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP Project 523 GROWNET, IUCN, NGWA, DSI	Presentation	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
<p><i>Long-term changing climate conditions have an impact on groundwater resources and their replenishment. How will these climate changes affect recharge rates to transboundary aquifers? Will reduced streamflow force nations to exploit water resources, leading to conflict?</i></p> <p><i>This session, using a panel format with audience participation, will explore the potential for increased conflict and water resource depletion and degradation in transboundary groundwater reservoirs.</i></p>				
Charting a Global Agenda for Meeting Today's Flood Management	UNESCO, WMO, ISDR, UNU and IFI Secretariat at ICHARM	Workshop	17:00-19:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
<p><i>In response to increasing worldwide flood disasters and related damages, this event is organized by the International Flood Initiative (IFI) to catalyze a global agenda toward Integrated Flood Management. IFI partners will report on their activities to improve today's flood management, too. The main conveners of the event are UNESCO, WMO, UNU, UN/ISDR and ICHARM as the IFI Secretariat. Other IFI partners such as IAHS, IAHR and ICLR will also take part in the event.</i></p>				
Challenges and Opportunities of the New Brazilian Regulatory Framework for Water and Sanitation	Sao Paulo Water & Sanitation Company (SABESP)	Presentation and debate	17:30-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5

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<p>Sign up: Sharing Water for People and the Planet</p>	<p>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)</p>	<p>Formal reception/award ceremony</p>	<p>19:00-21:00</p>	<p>FESHANE / FESHANE 5</p>
<p><i>At the 5th World Water Forum (Istanbul, March 2009), WWF will convene an event to herald the global call to bring the 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention) into force.</i></p> <p><i>The side event will be part of celebrations leading up to the 2009 World Water Day, which will focus on transboundary waters. The event will celebrate with the many stakeholders that have contributed to the UN Watercourses Convention Global Initiative. WWF launched this initiative in March 2006 with a view to informing and accelerating the process for entry into force of the UN Watercourses Convention. In this context, we hope that the side event will inspire countries, organizations, and individuals to join our efforts, and that it will lead to new partnerships and political commitments capable of triggering further action and leadership to bring the convention into force by 2011.</i></p> <p><i>The event will include a formal ceremony to grant a “Leaders for a Living Planet” Award to the current contracting states for their leadership and commitment to cooperative management of shared water resources.</i></p> <p><i>We will also invite officials from non-parties to sign a postcard symbolizing a political commitment to bring the convention into force. The focus will be on Member States of the European Union (EU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)—both regions where the initiative has achieved good progress.</i></p> <p><i>Representatives from international organizations attending the Forum will also have the opportunity to sign a postcard to pledge their support for the UN Watercourses Convention Global Initiative.</i></p>				