



Major Groups Women/Summary Report

Summary Report Meeting 5-6 January 2009, Istanbul

Venue: WWF5 Secretariat, Istanbul

Participants meeting: see separate attachment

Purpose of the meeting

1. Clarify WWF5, opportunities for participation
2. Briefing of activities of WfWP and Women's and Gender Coalition for the Forum so far
3. Drafting goals and programme for Women's Preparatory Conference 14-15 March 2009
4. Identify who is going to do what in the coming few months/ weeks

1. Clarify WWF5, opportunities for participation

This was explained by Janine Tabasaran, Ozlem Aslan, Idil Yilmaz and Burcu Dagukurden Servantie. See also the information which was distributed in the folder and which is available on the website www.worldwaterforum5.org

2. Briefing of activities of WfWP and Women's and Gender Coalition for the Forum so far

Women's and Gender Coalition came into being for the preparation of WWF4 in Mexico. Aim to coordinate efforts of the Major Group Women and to increase visibility of the women's organisations during WWF5.

For WWF5 the coalition is continued, including some new "members"; Women for Water Partnership takes the formal lead in organising the Women's & Gender Coalition for World Water Forum 5.

The following joint activities were identified:

- a. Women's & Gender Coalition booth/meeting point – (in NGO village)
- b. Organising the Women's Caucus during the Forum – (major groups dedicated meeting rooms in Feshane); proposed time for the women's meeting 8.00 every day during WWF5
- c. Organise inputs in the political processes;
- d. (Co)-Organise the Preparatory Conference for the Major Group Women (14-15 March 2009)
- e. Make sure equity mainstreaming is included in the Regional Processes (among others training of WWF5 secretariat staff 7 January 2009 and presentation during regional meeting Baltic 8/9 January in Copenhagen)

3. Drafting goals and programme for Women's Preparatory Conference 14-15 March 2009

Goals of the preparatory conference:

- a. enhance participation and visibility of female community leaders, experts and policy makers at all levels in the World Water Forum 5
- b. open up the debate on the influence of cultural differences including equity and gender aspects on sustainable development and especially water management in the broadest sense

- c. capture the interest and involvement of women especially also from in/ around Turkey and the MENA/ Arab countries
- d. Prepare Major Group Women and specifically with women and women's organisations from the region for WWF5

Proposed dates: **14-15 March 2009**

Proposed venue: Istanbul Technical University

Convenors of the preparatory conference:

* Turkish Women's Water Alliance (formed for the Forum and including participants of the meeting 5/6 January; it is proposed that the group in turn is a member of the Women's and Gender Coalition)

* Women for Water Partnership

Estimated number of participants: 70-80 participants, at least half from outside Istanbul (being other parts of Turkey, countries in the region and from around the globe)

In interactive (group) discussion the following theme and topics for the Prep Conference were decided:

Theme

Overall – Water issues from, by and for women

Capacity development, education and information exchange on sanitation, water use & water management

Topics/ questions to be addressed during the topic working sessions

1. Gender mainstreaming & water (why important and how to do it)
2. Land rights and safe tenure – right to water & sanitation
3. How does access to water and sanitation contribute to poverty alleviation (socio-economic impact of access to water and sanitation)
4. Capacity development for and by women in agricultural practices and agricultural water uses
5. Sustainable water use and management in (sub) urban areas (consumer patterns, multiple uses, water recycling and water saving)

The importance of the use of gender disaggregated data will be dealt with / mainstreamed in the relevant topic working sessions and will not be a separate topic during the prep conference (it will be a separate topic during a high-level side event during the Forum however).

Participants from the different countries in the region will be asked to bring a short situation analysis on the water situation in their own countries (and specific attention paid to role of women as water users, managers, decision makers). A slightly more elaborated situation analysis paper from Turkey; this paper will be prepared by Mrs. Sahnaz Tigrek, Mrs. S.Yurdagul Kumcu and Mrs. Reside Adal Dundar.

During the topic working sessions the topic will be addressed from three angles/ perspectives:

- a. Research/ academic
- b. Practical on the ground info (community/ grassroots' "workers"/ CBO's/ women's organisations)
- c. Political/ policy angle

The topic session will offer the opportunity to have an interactive exchange between these three angles. Not only one-way presentations but give participants the opportunity to

exchange knowledge and experiences. Good practices and also bad ones will be used to illustrate the more theoretical information.

Possible speakers/ contributors to the topic

Prof Fatmagul Berktaý

Prof Filiz Beugu Dilek / rural water usage

Dr. Cecilia Totujada / general gender and water

Dr. Anna Spiteri / general gender and water

Prof Dr Nilgun Harmancioglu

Prof.Dr.Bihrať Onoz & Prof.Dr.Beyhan Yegen - Sustainable water use

Draft programme attached in Annex 2.

Actions for immediate follow-up

1. Turkish Coordination Committee consisting of:

Mrs. Emine Erdem

Mrs. H. Gonca Coskun

Mrs. Arzu Ozyol

Mrs. Sahnaz Tigrek

Mrs. Altan Kar (media & PR)

Mrs. S.Yurdagul Kumcu

Mrs. Reside Adal Dundar

Mrs. Rina Altaras (gender mainstreaming topic)

The Committee will meet and communicate regularly also with the other alliance members and the Secretariat(s) and will divide responsibilities/ tasks/ topics among themselves; they will also identify 2 contact persons for coordination and communication with Women for Water Partnership Secretariat.

Within WfWP Kusum Athukorala and Margaretha Bakker will be the persons to be contacted in relation with the Prep Conference.

2. Make clear which organisations are part of the Turkish Women's Water Alliance
3. Professor Gonca Coskun offered to look into the possibilities of Istanbul Technical University to host the Prep conference and also to offer accommodation for the participants coming outside of Istanbul. Further she would look into the possibility of Istanbul University also offering meals for the participants
4. Possible keynote speakers and moderators have to be identified and invited a.s.a.p. An additional letter co-signed by WWF5 Secretariat might be necessary for visa purposes and to provide earlier entry in Istanbul.
5. WfWP will take action to invite key note speaker with international reputation in the water and gender world.
6. Paper about the water & sanitation situation and role of women in Turkey will be prepared by Mrs. Sahnaz Tigrek, Mrs. S.Yurdagul Kumcu and Mrs. Reside Adal Dundar
7. NetWwater (Sri Lanka) will provide a fixed format for the situation analysis fact sheet for the other countries (participants from the other countries should bring this, approximately one A4).
8. Turkish Women's Water Alliance and WfWP will search for facilitators and rapporteurs of the different working sessions. Kusum Athukorala will ask SaciWaters to provide a few experienced rapporteurs at no extra costs.
9. WfWP has limited budget available and the Turkish Coordination Committee is stimulated to look for co-funding opportunities (also in-kind contributions are welcome for instance by offering accommodation / hosting participants, venue etc).

Annex 1

List of participants 5-6 January 2009

Meeting Women's Prep Conference WWF5

Name of participant	Organisation
Sahnaz Tigrek	METU - Civil Engineering Department
S. Yurdagul Kumcu	DSI-TAKK, Hydraulic Lab./ Civil Engineer
Reside Adal Dundar	METU
Emine Erdem	Turkey Soroptimist Kulupleri Federation
Melek Berkem	Turkey Soroptimist Kulupleri Federation
Yasemin Ozes	Turkey Soroptimist Kulupleri Federation
Canan Doner	CHP. Ist. Il Kadin Kolu Sekreteri/ Egitim Sorumde su
Umit Gulguiz Ceylan	Basin Danismani
Asli Suma Donertas	Researcher/ Urban Planner
Vildan Tufergi	Arastirmai
Arzu Ozyol	President BPW
H. Gonca Coskun	Istanbul Technical University Professor
Sahin Metin	Bozbakanlik KSGM
Rina Altaras	Kagider
Bikrat Onoz	ITU Prof
Beyhan Yegen	ITU Prof
Esra Disperati	Turkey Soroptimist Kulupleri Federation
Altan Kar	Yeditepe University (Dr.)
Zeynep Okten	Yeditepe University (Dr.)
Tulay Yazar Ozturk	Yeditepe University (Dr.)
Fururan Tas	Demokrat Party
Gulsah Basbug	Demokrat Party
Janine Tabasaran	WWF5 Secretariat
Ozlem Aslan	WWF5 Secretariat
Kusum Athukorala	WfWP SC
Lesha Witmer	WfWP SC
Margaretha Bakker	WfWP secretariat

Annex 2

Draft Programme

Saturday 14 March

8.30 Registration

9.30 Opening

Welcome Speech from the Turkish Minister on Family and Gender Affairs (only female minister in Turkey)

Welcome Address by Secretary General WWF5 Prof. Oktay Tabasaran

Welcome Address Turkish Women's Water Alliance

Welcome Address WfWP President - Alice Bouman-Dentener

Traditional Turkish Water Songs / Children's Water Music

10.30 Key Note Address (by speaker from the international arena)
Gender/ Women and water subject

11.00 Coffee/ Tea Break (20 min)

11.20 Situation analysis paper Turkey

Brief papers on the situation of the countries in the region by the different women

13.00 Lunch (1 hour)

14.00 Topic working session round 1
2 or 3 topics parallel session

16.00 Break

16.30 Topic working session round 2
2 or 3 topics parallel session

18.30 Cocktails at Istanbul Technical University

15 March

9.00 Five brief reports on the topic working sessions of yesterday – questions and discussions

10.15 Video Women & Water in the Mediterranean Region (video from METU Ankara)

10.45 Tea/ coffee break

11.05 Discussion on Recommendations and actions (to be allocated) for the Forum in buzz groups and plenary (output recommendations for WWF5)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Demonstration of different field situations in Turkey and from the Region (also videos, experience of technologies etc) (if possible/feasible site visits).