



UN-World Water Day 2010 Event

Programme (tentative)



SATURDAY 20 MARCH UN HEADQUARTERS/GIGIRI, NAIROBI, KENYA

09.00 – 18.00

Orientation workshop for local and international journalists on water quality

(facilitated by UNEP and UNW-DPAC)
Conference room 3

13.00 – 16.40

Informal consultation on a water quality network

with interested UN-Water members, IWA, GWSP/ESSP, RSC, SIWI, WBCSD, WOP, WWC (facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP)

Conference room 7

17.30 – 18.00

Launch of publications (facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP)

Media room

Africa's Water Quality: A Chemical Perspective

(Pan Africa Chemistry Network)

Steve Ntifo, Pan Africa Chemistry Network

Information kit on water quality and health (WHO)

Jennifer Mercer, WHO

CBD Publications:

Drinking Water, Biodiversity and

Development: A Good Practice Guide

Water, Wetlands and Forests. A Review of Ecological, Economic and Policy Linkages

SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2010: SITE VISITS

1. Nairobi River and Kibera

UN-Habitat and UNEP/GPA accompanied by John Okungu, Water Resources Specialist to take Care of Lake Victoria Water Quality

2. Lake Victoria

UNEP DHI-Centre accompanied by Kellen Mwangi, Principal Chemist, Ministry of Water and Irrigation

3. Kenyan Coast

Government of Kenya & UNEP Nairobi Convention accompanied by John Rao Nyaoro, Director of Water Resources and Andy Tola, Chief Executive Officer Coast Water Services Board to Kenya Coast

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MORNING

Scientific and outreach segment

(facilitated by Bert Diphooorn, Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat)

Conference Room 1

08:30

Announcement of the start of the event

08.45 – 08.50

Welcoming song on water

(International School of Kenya Chorus)

08.50 – 08.55

Children statement

(Trevor Gitonga)

08.55 – 09.05

Opening remarks

(Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)

09.05 – 09.10

Message of UN Habitat

(Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-Habitat, by video)

09.10 – 09.20

Welcoming remarks

(H.E. Charity Ngilu, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya)

09.20 – 09.45

Background on World Water Day, launch of UN-Water statement

(Zafar Adeel, Chair, UN-Water)

09.45 – 10.10

Feedback session on site visits

(summaries/videos)

10.10 – 10.25

Coffee break

10.25 – 10.55

Launch of World Water Monitoring 2010 feedback on monitoring by school children, and presentation of 2009 results

(IWA/GEMS Water)

in fountain area

10.55 – 12.15

Scientific panel 'Water quality challenges and responses'

(facilitated by Joseph Alcamo, Chief Scientist, UNEP)

12.15 – 12.25

Announcement of upcoming Water Events

6th World Water Forum

(Ms. Elisabeth Barbier, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to UNEP)

World Water Week

(Anders Berntell, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI))

12.25 – 12.45

Launch of publications

(facilitated by Ibrahim Thiaw, Division Director, UNEP)

Rapid assessment of waste water management

(UNEP/UN-Habitat)

Dr. Christian Nellemann, UNEP GRID-Arendal

Solid waste management publication

(UN-Habitat)

Bert Diphooorn, Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat

– Lunch break* –

AFTERNOON

Policy dialogue segment

(facilitated by Ibrahim Thiaw, Division Director, UNEP)

Conference Room 1

14.00 – 14.05

Short Introductory Spot on water quality

(UNEP and UNW-DPAC/DPI)

14.05 – 14.15

Message from UN SG on World Water Day 2010

(Bert Diphooorn, Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat)

14.15 – 14.15

Introduction of the Prime Minister of Government of Kenya (H.E. Charity Ngilu, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya)

14.15 – 14.25

Address by Right Hon. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister of Government of Kenya

14.25 – 14.40

Keynote speech (His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange, Chair, UNSGAB)

14.40 – 16.00

High-Level Panel's response to the UN-Water statement and commitment to action/s

(facilitated by Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)

16.00 – 16.10

Summary of High-Level Panel session

(Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP)

16.10 – 16.40

Launch of publications/advocacy material

(facilitated by Tim Kasten, Deputy Division Director, UNEP)

Clearing the waters: A focus on water quality solutions (UNEP)

Peter Gleick, Pacific Institute President
H.E. Margita Fuchsova, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Kenya

'Saving Lives With Safe Water: Household water treatment and safe storage', Advocacy film (UNICEF)

Elhadj As Sy, UNICEF Regional Director Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO)

16.40

Closing remarks (Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP; Bert Diphooorn, Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat)

17.00 - 19.00

Reception

in fountain area

WHOLE DAY

Exhibition

* Lunch Live interview: How to improve communication on water quality (for journalists and experts)