



## Speakers



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## SICK WATER IS THREATENING THE MDGS: A STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE TO ADDRESS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATION NEEDS

**Event type:** Dialogue Session

**Date:** September 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Time:** 09:00 - 12:30

**Convenor:** UN-Water

**Venue:** Room K21

### EVENT DESCRIPTION

The world is facing a global water quality crisis. Continuing population growth and urbanisation, rapid industrialisation, and expanding and intensifying food production are all putting pressure on water resources and increasing the unregulated or illegal discharge of contaminated water within and beyond national borders. This presents a global threat to human health and wellbeing, with both immediate and long term consequences for efforts to reduce poverty whilst sustaining the integrity of some of our most productive ecosystems. There are many causes driving this crisis, but it is clear that freshwater and coastal ecosystems across the globe, upon which humanity has depended for millennia, are increasingly threatened. It is equally clear that future demands for water cannot be met unless wastewater management is revolutionized.

On the occasion of the recent release of a rapid response report by UN-HABITAT and UNEP, called "Sick Water? The Central Role of Wastewater Management in Sustainable Development," UN-Water is organizing this dialogue session, led by the UN-Water Programmes UNW-DPAC, UNW-DPC and WWAP, as well as UN-HABITAT and UNEP, on behalf of all of UN-Water.

The session will bring together experts and stakeholders to discuss the current situation and challenges related to wastewater production and management. Specifically, it looks at the ways different agents can provide solutions and response options to improve water quality and ensure sustainable development.

### PROGRAMME (REVERSE SIDE)

## Stakeholders



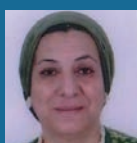
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Chief Executive Officer International Institute for Water and Sanitation (IEA/ONEP)



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**Ms. Samia El-Guindy**  
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## Facilitators



**Mr. David Osborn**  
Coordinator UNEP/GPA



**Ms. Josefina Maestu**  
Coordinator UNW-DPAC

## Wrap-up



**Mr. Olcay Unver**  
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**Mr. Reza Ardakanian**  
Coordinator UNW-DPC

## PROGRAMME

- 09.00 Welcome and introduction. *Mr. Zafar Adeel*, Chair, UN-Water.
- 09.10 Presentation of the UNEP/UN-Habitat Sick Water Report – What are the concerns? *Mr. David Osborn*, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and *Mr. Graham Alabaster*, UN-Habitat.
- 09.30 Experts' views on key topics of the Sick Water Report.
- Facilitates *Mr. David Osborn*, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and *Ms. Josefina Maestu*, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC).
- *Mr. James Winpenny*, Wychwood Economic Consulting Ltd. United Kingdom.
  - *Mr. Gerard Payen*, United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB).
  - *Ms. Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu*, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Nigeria.
  - *Mr. Karl-Ulrich Rudolph*, Institute of Environmental Engineering and Management (IEEM), University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany. Head of the UNW-DPC group on water efficiency.
- 10.10 Women, Water operators, Consumers, Agriculture views on solutions/measures to improve water quality, capacity and communication.
- Facilitates *Mr. David Osborn*, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and *Ms. Josefina Maestu*, UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC).
- *Ms. Siegmien Staphorst*, National Women's Organisation of Suriname (NVB), Suriname.
  - *Mr. Samir Bensaid*, International Institute for Water and Sanitation IEA (ONEP), Morocco.
  - *Mr. Robin Simpson*, Consumers International.
  - *Ms. Samia El-Guindy*, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).
- 10.50 Coffee Break
- 11.10 Interactive discussion. Do the stakeholders and the experts agree on the problems and on what needs to be done?
- 11.40 Questions and Answers
- 12.10 Wrap-Up and Summary of Main Issues
- *Mr. Olcay Unver*, UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP).
  - *Mr. Reza Ardakanian*, UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC).
- 12.30 Closing