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UN-HABITAT EVENTS AT THE 2011
WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM

**Responding to Global Changes
– Water in an Urbanising World**

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Message from the Executive Director

In our urbanizing world, cities have become the focal points for investment, communication, commerce, production and consumption. Currently, they account for more than 70 percent of the global GDP. The urbanization debate must, therefore, shift from containing urbanization and its associated ills such as social exclusion, congestion, pollution, crime, informality, and slums to harnessing the gains from urban transformation in order to build productive, healthy and liveable cities which are centres of innovation, entrepreneurship and culture.

As engines for economic growth and wellbeing, cities are dependent on water to support industrial and service sectors, to sustain the health of their residents, and to improve and protect the natural environment. However, the supply of this important resource has not kept pace with the high demand created by increased economic activity and rapid urban population growth, especially in the less developed regions of Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Outdated infrastructure caused by low investments, poor planning, weak and unenforced legislation and poor governance are some of the major challenges confronting those charged with the responsibility of providing water in our cities. Climate change, including disruptive events such as flooding and droughts, also calls for urgent water-related mitigation and adaptation measures.

With large sections of the urban population living in informal settlements where water and basic sanitation are severely deficient, the challenge is how to expand and upgrade these services to keep pace with urban growth, while ensuring access to an adequate level of services for the poor.

The 21st session of the annual World Water Week in Stockholm under the

theme “*Responding to Global Changes: Water in an Urbanizing World*” provides a good opportunity to build on the outcome of this year’s World Water Day celebrations coordinated by UN-HABITAT in Cape Town, South Africa. Drawing on the theme “Water and Urbanization”, the Cape Town event featured 25 technical sessions, interactive interviews and panel debates on the challenges and successes in delivering safe drinking water and basic sanitation in cities.

I am pleased to present, here in Stockholm, a summary report of the World Water Day celebrations and encourage you to draw from the rich debate and recommendations made in Cape Town in your sessions.

During the course of World Water Week, UN-HABITAT and its partners are convening a number of seminars to discuss important issues such as building water related resilience in urban areas, benchmarking governance and partnerships of water operators, the human-rights based approach and community involvement in public water supply, getting the “Five Year Drive for Sanitation” on track, and addressing the challenges of monitoring drinking water and sanitation progress in urban settings, among others. I take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the events highlighted in this brochure.

I also look forward to sharing with you UN-HABITAT’s thinking on the strategic value of water in improving the capacity of cities to create wealth during my keynote address at the opening session.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Clos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Joan Clos
Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

UN-HABITAT Events

SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST 2011		
TIME	EVENT	CONVENORS
09:00 - 12:30	Benchmarking Governance of Private and Public Utilities in Urban Settings with a Corruption Angle Venue: K11	Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA), International Water Association (IWA), Water Integrity Network (WIN), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT), UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI (WGF) and Transparency International (TI)
09:00 - 12:30	Integrated Management of Urban Water Buffering: From Research to Implementation Venue: K21	Acacia Water (Acacia), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Rainwater Harvesting Implementation Network (RAIN), Aqua for All, Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Germany (BGR) and Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ)
14:00 - 17:30	Water and Climate in Focus: Building Water Related Resilience in Urban Areas in Low and Middle Income Countries Venue: K11	Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), International Water Association (IWA) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
MONDAY, 22 AUGUST 2011		
10:55-11:10	Keynote address by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT at the Opening Plenary Venue: Victoria Hall	Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
15:30 -17:30	Remarks by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT at the Mayors' Panel Venue: Victoria Hall	Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
14:00 - 17:30	Pro-Poor Urban Water and Sanitation Provision: how can it be supported by participation, benchmarking and WOPs Venue: K21	Arabic Countries Water Utilities Association (ACWUA), Asociación Estatal de Operadores Públicos de Agua y Saneamiento (AEOPAS), Center for Environmental Planning and Technology University, India (CEPT), Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA), Ingeniería Sin Fronteras, Catalunya, Institut International de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement (ONEP Maroc), International Water Association (IWA), Public Services International (PSI), Reclaiming Public Water Network Transnational Institute (TNI) and UNESCO - Institute for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE)
TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2011		
Full day seminar	Focus: Eye on Asia Venue: T4	Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Water Association (IWA), National Water and Sanitation Association of the Philippines (NAWASA), Network for Asian River Basin Organisations (NARBO), Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and Global Water Partnership (GWP)
09:00 - 17:30	Focus: Africa Venue: K2	African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP), Water and Sanitation Program (WSP), UN-HABITAT, UK Department for International Development (DFID), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Bank, Department of Water Affairs Republic of South Africa (DWA) and EUWI-Africa Working Group (EUWI-AWG)
17:45 - 18:45	Human-right based approach and community involvement in public water supply in Tanzania Venue: K24	Associazione di Cooperazione Rurale in Africa e America Latina (ACRA), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT), Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA), Association of NGOs in Zanzibar (ANGOZA), UNESCO Etexa and Health Alliance International

WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2011		
TIME	EVENT	CONVENORS
09:00 - 17:30	Workshop 7: Urban Inequities: Service Delivery and Social Development Venue: K22	UN-HABITAT and Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP)
09:00 - 18:45	Focus: Latin America Venue: T3	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), National Water Commission (Conagua), FEMSA Foundation, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Water Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAALCA) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
09:00 - 12:30	Getting the Five Year Drive on Track in urban Settlements – From Intention to Implementation Venue: K23	United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), International Water Association (IWA) and Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science (EAWAG)
14:00 - 17:30	Challenges of monitoring drinking water and sanitation progress in urban settings Venue: T5	WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (BMZ), Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France (MAEE), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) and Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)
THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2011		
17:45 - 18:45	Can urban sanitation be sustainable? Sustainable Sanitation Alliance Learnings Venue: K22	Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science (EAWAG), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), seecon, International Water Association (IWA), World Toilet Organization (WTO), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Women of Europe for a Common Future (WECF) and Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human (PHLUSH)

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