

ABOUT UN-WATER

UN-Water was established in 2003 by the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes to promote coherence and coordination in UN System initiatives that are related to UN-Water's scope of work and contribute to the implementation of the agenda defined by the 2000 Millennium Declaration and the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. UN-Water strengthens coordination and coherence among UN entities dealing with issues related to all aspects of freshwater and sanitation. This includes surface and groundwater resources, the interface between freshwater and seawater and water-related disasters.



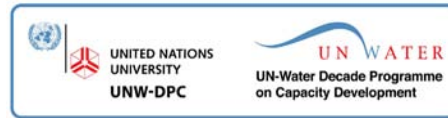
Much of UN-Water activities are carried out through time-bound task forces established to focus on specific areas of interest or emerging issues. UN-Water also has four specific programmes, each with its own work plan, budget and an executing agency coordinating the implementation. UN-Water task forces are dealing with: indicators, monitoring and reporting; gender and water; sanitation; transboundary waters; climate change and water; and country-level coordination. The four programmes supporting the UN-Water are:

- The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
- UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) (coordinator of the Seminar)
- The UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)
- The WHO / UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP)

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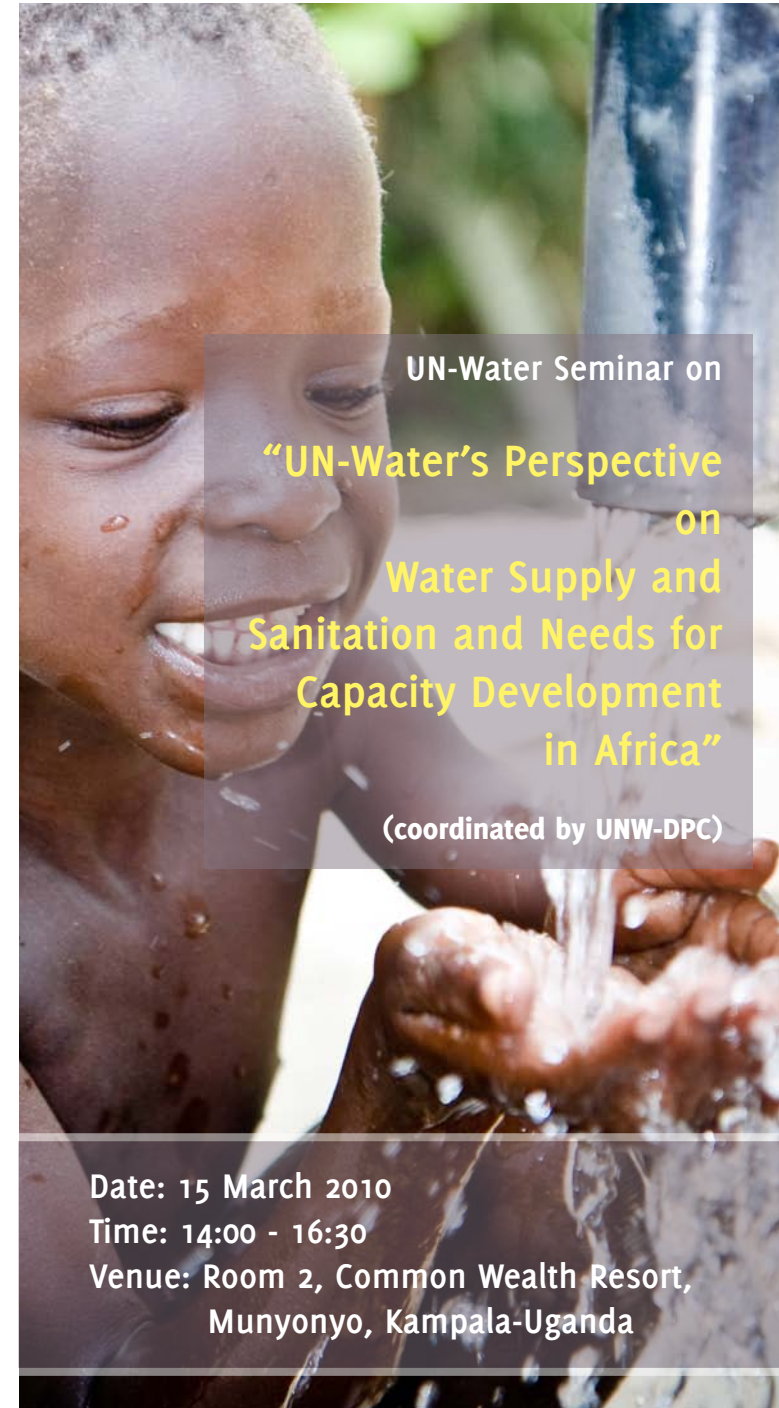
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UN-Water Seminar on
"UN-Water's Perspective
on
Water Supply and
Sanitation and Needs for
Capacity Development
in Africa"

(coordinated by UNW-DPC)

Date: 15 March 2010

Time: 14:00 - 16:30

Venue: Room 2, Common Wealth Resort,
Munyonyo, Kampala-Uganda

BACKGROUND

The UN-Water Seminar on “UN-Water’s Perspective on Water Supply and Sanitation and needs for Capacity Development in Africa” will focus on the current programmes and initiatives that UN-Water Members and Partners are currently implementing in Africa in the area of water supply and sanitation. The session will explore the different approaches and perspectives in search of synergies, needs and gaps in capacity development.

The outcomes of the seminar will be disseminated and presented in different international for a such as the 5th World Urban Forum on 22-26 March 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, starting the week after the African International Water Congress.

The suggestions and recommendations made during this seminar will be evaluated by UNW-DPC in collaboration with UN-Water members and partners in order to guide future UN-Water capacity development activities.



SEMINAR PROGRAMME

- 14:00-14:10** Welcoming addresses and introduction to the seminar
- 14:10-14:30** Overview of UN-Water Members & Partners initiatives on Capacity Development for Water Supply and Sanitation in Africa
- 14:30-15:30** **First Panel** discussion with UN-Water, African organizations and audience (*State of the Art of Capacity Development*)
- 15:30-16:20** **Second Panel** discussion with UN-Water, African organizations and audience (*Way Forward for Capacity Development Activities*)
- 16:20-16:30** Wrap-up and conclusions

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The **panel discussions** in the seminar will concentrate on the most promising approaches implemented by UN-Water Members and Partners and African organizations, highlighting especially the need for institutional capacity development and the establishment of cooperation in order to apply the best available technical, managerial and governance solutions. The following key questions will be addressed by the members of the panels and discussed with the participants in the audience:

- How can the UN-Water support the development of the **countries potential** in the **problem definition** and their direct involvement in the search of applicable solutions?
- How can UN-Water encourage the **exchange of experiences and information** on successful examples within different national/local programmes in improving the water and sanitation sector in Africa?
- What kind of **feedback from African countries** do the UN-Water Members and Partners need to direct their efforts to further develop initiatives and programmes, strengthening their mandates and workplans in the area of water and sanitation?

UN-WATER PARTICIPATING MEMBERS & PARTNERS

- **UNDP / Cap-net:** United Nations Development Programme
- **UNEP:** United Nations Environmental Programme
- **UNESCO-IHE:** UNESCO Institute for Water Education
- **UNESCO-IHP:** UNESCO International Hydrological Programme
- **UN-HABITAT:** United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- **UNU:** United Nations University
- **UN-Water Africa**
- **IWA:** International Water Association
- **WSSCC:** Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
- **UNW-DPC:** UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development

PARTICIPATING AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS

- African Water Association (AfWA)
- Water Operators Partnership (WOP-Africa)
- National Water and Sewerage Corporation of Uganda (NWSC)
- Water Services Regulatory Board of Kenya
- Water and Sanitation Association of Zambia (WASAZA)
- University of Khartoum, Sudan
- African Ministerial Conference on Water (AMCOW) (tbc)
- ONEP – Institut International de l’Eau et de l’Assainissement, Morocco

DOCUMENTATION AND WORKING LANGUAGES / EXHIBITION

UN-Water will present in this seminar a **background document** describing some of the main capacity development activities carried out in the area of water supply and sanitation in Africa. This document will be distributed among the participants of the seminar. This and other UN-Water material will be also available at the **stand (number A31) that UNW-DPC will run at the Congress Exhibition**. The working languages of the seminar will be English and French.