



Preparatory-Conference on Women and Gender

'Ensuring Equal Participation in the 5th World Water Forum'

The Preparatory-conference is held at 14th and 15th of March 2009 in Istanbul Technical University, Technical University (ITU) – Suleyman Demirel Congress Center.

It is organised by *the* Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Turkish Women's Water Platform and Women for Water Partnership (WfWP).

Objectives

The Preparatory-conferences is held in order to capture the interest and involvement of women from Turkey and the MENA/Arab countries. To open up the debate on the influence of cultural differences including equity mainstreaming and gender aspects in sustainable development and water management. To enhance participation and visibility of female community leaders, experts and policy makers at all levels in the 5th World Water Forum. And to formulate recommendation to be presented in Special Session at the 5th World Water Forum on March 16th on 'Way Forward for Gender Equity'.

Themes

The themes of the conference are Women, Water and Sanitation, Impact of Women on Sustainable Water Management, Agriculture and Water, Innovation and New Technology, Gender Equity in Water Management.

Organisers

The organisers are members of the Women's and Gender Coalition (WGC), a coalition which is part of the Major Group Women for the 5th World Water Forum. The WCG organised an equity mainstreaming programme for World Water Forum 5.

Equity mainstreaming

The Major Group Women has been advocating equity mainstreaming at the World Water Fora since 2000. At WWF 2, which was held in The Hague, it was the first time women's issues were formally presented. In the sessions of WWF 4 in Mexico women's participation was mainstreamed through the efforts of the Women's Coalition and the Women's Coalition was formed. This Coalition was successful in getting female panellists in a large number of sessions.

The involvement of women in integrated water resource management is very important, because they play a pivotal role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water.

Programme of the Preparatory-Conference Women and Gender

Saturday 14 March 2009

08.30 – 09.30 hrs Registration (receipt of participants with Traditional Turkish Water songs)

Chair of plenary session: Emine Erdem (President of Soroptimist International, Turkey and Kusum Athurkorala, Women for Water Partnersip)

Opening and Key-Note

09.30 – 09.35 hrs Opening Ceremony – chair/host of the conference
09.35 – 09.45 hrs Welcome Speech from the Turkish Minister on Family and Gender Affairs (TBC)
09.45 – 09.55 hrs Welcome Address ITU Rector Prof. Dr. Muhammet Sahin
09.55 – 10.05 hrs Welcome Address by Secretary General Prof. Oktay Tabasaran
10.15 – 10.25 hrs Welcome Address Ger Bergkamp, World Water Council (TBC)
10.05 – 10.15 hrs Welcome Address Turkish Women's Water Platform
10.30 – 10.35 hrs Welcome Address GWA Chair – Sara Ahmed
10.25 – 10.30 hrs Welcome Address WfWP President - Alice Bouman-Dentener

10.35 – 10.45 hrs Traditional Turkish Water Songs / Children's Water Music

10.45 – 11.00 hrs Key Note Address –
"Gender women and cultural diversity in water and sanitation"
11.00 – 11.20 hrs Coffee/ Tea Break

Situation analysis and water stories

11.20 – 11.35 hrs Situation analysis paper Turkey (Prof Sahnaz, Mrs. S. Yurdagul Kumcu and Mrs. Reside Adal Dundar (METU Ankara)

Ms. Adalet Budak – Water stories from Mesopotamian Women

11.35 – 11.40 hrs Questions from the audience
11.40 – 12.15 hrs Situation analysis other countries/ regions
12.15 – 12.30 hrs Reaction from the audience
12.30 – 13.30 hrs Lunch

13.30 – 18.00 hrs Parallel Working sessions

*Parallel working sessions with following set-up. Each session has a moderator and a reporter
Paper presentation of (max) 15 minutes. 2-3 reactions from different angels/perspectives on this paper (3* 5 minutes max). This to get also the different perspectives across from research, policy and grass root level.*

Aim of the topic session is to share knowledge and experience with each other, to make sure the women's and gender perspective is incorporated and to formulate recommendations for WWF5 (e.g. policy recommendations, lobby messages).

First round 13.30 – 15.00 hours

Topic session 1: *Why gender mainstreaming in water management?*

Moderator: Linnette Vassal (WROC Jamaica) tbc

Presentation by: Joke Muylwijk (Gender and Water Alliance)

Reactions from:

Grassroots: Kusum Athukorala

Policy: UN-WATER - tbc

Research: Sara Ahmed and Reside Adal Dundar

Topic Session 2 *Access to safe water and sanitation to contribute to poverty reduction (incl. right to water)*

Moderator: Eva Rathgeber (GWA Steering Committee)

Presentation: WaterAid, Mrs C. Randrianarisoa (Madagascar)

Reactions from:

Grassroots: Mrs Diana Iskreva (Earth Forever Bulgaria)

Policy: Maria Angelica Alegria

Research: Chrisje van Schoot

15.00-15.30 Tea Break

Second round 15.30-17.00 hours

Topic Session 3: *Capacity Development for and by women in Agricultural Practices and Agricultural Water Uses*

Moderator: Mrs Siegmien Staphorst (WfWP Steering Committee)

Presentation by: Mrs Badra Kamaladasa, Deputy Director Dept of Irrigation Sri Lanka (Empowering women farmers in Mau Ara Irrigation system)

Reactions from:

Grassroots Mrs Champa Navaratne NetWwater

Policy Mrs Carla Konsten, Agricultural Counsellor (of Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, NL) – tbd

Annelie Joki-Hubach

Research Prof. Sahnaz (METU)

Topic Session 4: *Sustainable water use and management in (sub) urban areas*

Moderator: Leshia Witmer (WfWP Steering Committee)

Presentation by: Prof Dr. Filiz Bengu Dilek: Ensuring clean water for urban communities by introducing recycling opportunities in dyeing process of a denim producing factory

Reactions from:

Grassroots Ethne Davey – South Africa

Policy Turkish Textile industry representative

Research Mrs Kuntala Lahiri Dutt (GWA)

- 17.00-17.15 hrs Closure of the day by the chair
- 18.30 hrs Cocktails at Istanbul Technical University

Sunday 15 March 2009

Chair of plenary session: Emine Erdem and Kusum Athurkorala

- 09.00 – 09.05 hrs Opening second day by chair

09.05 – 10.15 Water security – presentations and discussion

Moderator:

- 09.05 - 09.20 hrs Increasing water security through Sustainable Management of Water Scarce Basins Prof. Dr. Nilgun Harmancioglu

- 09.20 – 09.35 hrs Use of remote sensing technology for supporting water security for communities in Turkey Associate Prof. Dr. H.G. Coskun

- 09.35 – 10.00 hrs Reactions & questions

- 10.00 – 10.30 hrs Tea Break

10.30 – 12.30 WWF5 – Women’s and Gender Coalition and messages to take to the Forum

Moderators: TWWP & WfWP

- 10.30 – 10.45 hrs Brief introduction to the main WGC items during WWF5 and suggestions which parts of the programme could be relevant to deliver our recommendations

- 10.45 – 11.15 hrs Four brief reports on the topic working sessions of yesterday – questions and discussions

- 11.15 – 12.15 hrs Panel discussion on Recommendations and actions for the Forum (buzz groups and panel discussion)
Output: recommendations for WWF5 to be put on flyer to be carried by participants of Prep Conference to WWF5 16-22 March 2009

- 12.15 – 12.30 hrs Handing-over of the recommendations to the Secretary General WWF5 Prof. Oktay Tabasaran (TBC)

12.30- 16.15 hrs Field Trip

- 12.30 – 14.00 hrs Travel to Kilyos Village and Lunch
Optional: Video Women & Water in the Mediterranean Region (video from METU Ankara)

- 14.00 – 16.00 hrs Presentation and visit of Water and education project implemented by Ministry of Agriculture Turkey and Municipality of Bakyrkoy

- 16.00- 16.15 hrs Closure and vote of thanks
Vote of thanks on behalf of the host country
Vote of Thanks on behalf WfWP – Alice Bouman-Dentener