



**Bridging Gender Divides for Water:  
Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)  
at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum  
14 – 22 March 2009  
Istanbul - Turkey**



## GWA Programme in Istanbul

- Water Expo Exhibition: GWA will have a stand in the Water Expo.**  
This will be the meeting and registration point for all GWA members attending the WWF5. A schedule of GWA sessions and activities per day will be available at the stand, and members can sign in for these sessions, so we can ensure a good representation of gender and water advocates in all the sessions and activities of the Forum.  
When: 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March                      Where: stand no. 411/ Foyer 4/ UN Water Pavilion, Sütluce Congress Centre
- Strategic Planning Prep Conference of the Women and Gender Coalition (WGC), for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF5)**  
GWA is a member of the WGC, and will be co-convening this meeting.  
When: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00 – 18:30 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 – 16:15 (including a half-day field visit)  
Where: Istanbul Technical University (ITU) – Suleyman Demirel Congress Center
- High level Gender Plenary: Health Dignity and Economic Progress:** Way forward for Gender Equity; developing and monitoring gender-sensitive sustainable sanitation programmes and indicators for MDG 7. Sara Ahmed, Chair GWA takes part in Panel.  
When: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 14.30-18.30 hours                      Where: Sütluce Congress Centre, Halic Bloc.
- Daily meetings of the Women Caucus,** from 9.00 – 10.00 in Bedestan Hall, Feshane
- Giving a training at the WWF5 Learning Centre on “Gender and Empowerment in Water, Sanitation and Waste Management “**  
**Trainers:** Chrisje van Schoot, Margriet Reinders, Cécile Ndjebet, Sounkoura Adetonah, and Joke Muylwijk  
When: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 14:30 – 19:00                      Where: at the Feshane hall; room no. 5
- Public Launch of UNDP/GWA/SIWI Resource Guide on Gender and Water Management (first time in Hindi, Bengali, and Urdu). This is part of the UNDP - Global Environment Facility (GEF) session Adaptive Community Water Governance.**  
**Speakers:** Joke Muylwijk, Mosleh Sadeque, Galina Stulina, Shamsun Nahar  
When: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 18:00 – 18:30                      Where: Sütluce, Haskoy Hall
- GWA at the Alternative Water Forum: Sara Ahmed will speak in this alternative forum which runs parallel to the WWF5**  
When: 18<sup>th</sup> March, time yet to be confirmed                      Where: venue yet to be confirmed
- General Assembly GWA.** This is a semi-closed side event organized and convened by the Steering Committee of GWA for their members and invited guests. Snacks and drinks are served.  
When: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 19:30 – 21:00,                      Where: Sütluce, Kasimpasa 1-2 Hall
- First public launch of educational booklets for children and youth, with cartoon drawings by the Brazilian artist Ziraldo in the WWF5 Global Water Education Village (GWEV),** four different booklets in 4 languages, and a film in which the artist explains the work.  
When: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 17:00 – 19:00 hours                      Where: Feshane II, Mahmut hall
- GWA in Media 21 workshop for journalists: Hurry Up! 2.5 Billion People Want to Use the Toilet (and 900 million have a drinking problem)".** Executive Director Joke Muylwijk will speak in the Breakfast Armchair session on “The impact of poor sanitation and water supply on women and children”  
When: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7:45 – 8:45                      Where: Sütluce Congress Centre

 **Contributing with a Gender justice and equity perspective to thematic sessions of the WWF5.**  
See table below for an overview of the sessions in which GWA members will participate:

Date	Time	Activity description	GWA involvement	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 1.1.2 Adapting to Climate change: waiting for things to happen or trying to be prepared	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 1
17 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 1.2.1 “Imbalances between Water, Land and People: The Drivers of Rural Migration”	GWA member Wasim Wagha will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
17 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 4.2.4 “Institutional Arrangements and Regulatory approaches for Efficient and Effective Water Management/ Playing it Safe: Can regulation reduce risks?”	GWA member Vasudha Pangare is convening this session	Feshane; Halic hall
17 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 17:30	Session 1.2.2 “Rural Migrants in Urban Slums: Dreams fulfilled or start of a nightmare?”	GWA SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
18 <sup>th</sup> march	8:30 – 13:00	Session 4.3.3 “Beyond Water Bribes: How to build a corruption-resistant water sector”, followed by wrap-up session	GWA member Caroline Toroitch will present, and ED Joke Muylwijk will be panel discussant	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak 1
18 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Arab Water Forum Gender session, convenors: Arab Water Council, GWA and GEWAMED (tbc)	GWA staff members Joke Muylwijk, and Chrisje van Schoot will be presenting in this session	Arab Region Stand
18 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 17:00	Session 2.3.1 “Water for food: feeding a growing global population”	GWA SPO Esther de Jong will be panel discussant	Sütlüce; Ayvan Seray
19 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 11:30	Session 2.3.2 “Threat or Opportunity: Can the food crisis benefit poor farmers?”	GWA Executive Director Joke Muylwijk and SC member Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga will be panel discussants.	Sütlüce Thematic bloc; Ayvan Seray
19 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 11:30	Session 2.1.3 “Taking Water Sanitation and Hygiene to Scale in Schools”	GWA member Caroline Gathoni Mungara will be panel discussant.	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak 1
19 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 1.3.4 “Water in the Aftermath of Disaster or Conflict: How to transition from complex emergencies to normality”	GWA member Fadia Daibes-Murad will make an addition from a gender perspective	Feshane; room 1
19 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 1.1.1 “Dialogue on Regional perspectives on water, adaptation, and climate”	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Sütlüce; Main Bloc - Halic
19 <sup>th</sup> March	16:00 – 17:00	Discussion: Strategic and thematic partnerships for water integrity and reduction of corruption	GWA staff member Christine Verheijden will participate in discussion	Swiss Platform, Water Expo/ Sütlüce
19 <sup>th</sup> March	17:00– 19:00	Theme 1: “Global Change and Risk Management” wrap up session	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be contributing to this session	Sütlüce, Amphitheatre 1
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 6.4.1 “Building the Database: What data should we put in the treasure chest?”	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 3
20 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Lusophone region GWA meeting	GWA will be convening this session	Brazil pavilion, Water Expo/Sütlüce
20 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 19:00	Session 6.3.2 “Showcasing Success: How professional networks and associations are making an impact”	GWA Regional Focal Point Ninon Machado will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
20 <sup>th</sup> March	17:00 – 19:00	Session 6.1.3: Get involved! Whose and what empowerment will ensure the provision of sustainable water services.	GWA SC members Demetrios Christofidis and Mariela Garcia Vargas will facilitate the roundtable discussion on Gender Mainstreaming	Feshane; room 4
21 <sup>st</sup> March	8:30 – 11:00	Session 3.4.3 “Contemporary issues, public awareness, stakeholder participation on sustainable water resource management”	GWA Facilitator Margriet Reinders will be making a presentation on gender and sustainable (rain)water management	Sütlüce Thematic bloc; Ayvan Seray
21 <sup>st</sup> March	11.00 – 13.00	SE 025 Side Event Saci-Waters, Roundtable	Joke Muylwijk takes part in this panel.	Feshane/ Lale Hall (F5)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	8:30 – 10:30	Session 3.3.3 “Preserving Natural Ecosystems/ Acting Locally, Thinking Globally: what actions help preserve ecosystems?”	GWA member Alicia Raffaele will be making a presentation in this session	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak II