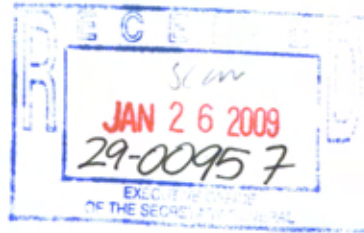


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Dear Deputy Secretary General Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro,

We are very pleased to inform you that "The World Water Organization" (WWO), in conjunction with the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations, will be holding The High Level Symposium on Water Security at the United Nations, from February 4-6, 2009.

We would be honored if you would be so kind to give the opening United Nations Welcome on the morning of February 5 - the official opening of the symposium. The Opening Session will take place in Conference Room 2, from 9-9:45.

As water is the major natural resource that brings life to all, it is of the utmost importance that we protect our water, and create a means for clean water to be available to the entire world. At a time of significant natural disasters, as well as unrest in many countries around the world, we are bringing together the international community to create a means for providing water security for all.

This symposium will be sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations, in participation with UN Agencies, The New York Institute of Technology Center for Security and Disaster Response, The International Water Association, W-SMART and World Council of Peoples for the United Nations. Our speakers and audience consist of UN Member States (Government officials, UN staff, the private sector, academia and NGOs).

We would also like you to be our special guest at the Opening Reception in the Delegates Dining Room on the evening of February 4, from 6-8pm.

THE SYMPOSIUM:

The Symposium highlights the international water security issues, identifying threats and vulnerabilities and explores practical solution for the protection and preservation of our water. The outcome of the symposium is to develop a global good governance model in the event of water security disasters. Areas covered in the symposium are as follows:

- 1) Water Security Issues in the Context of Global War Against Terrorism
- 2) Water Issues in Emergency Planning, Crisis Management and Rapid Recovery
- 3) Water Security Issues in Homeland Security and Emergency Planning
- 4) Establishing Good Governance Crisis Management in World Metropolitan Centers

Thurs. 5 Feb.
9:00

We look forward to hearing from you, at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Dr. Elaine Valdov, Executive Director, The World Water Organization, with any questions, at (c) 646-703-1974 or (o) 646-435-5679.

We have attached a copy of the draft program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elaine Valdov

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