



Water, Power, Development - New Thinking and Innovative Technologies to Solve Global Water Challenges

Seminar on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, from 09.00 to 15.30 (coffee from 08.30)
at the House of Sweden, 901 30th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Half way to 2015, the year when the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are to be reached, the crisis in water and sanitation as well as in water resources management still remains among the great human development and environment challenges.

Besides the immediate human suffering caused by a lack of water and sanitation and environmental degradation, the global water management crisis also holds back economic growth and political stability.

Productivity losses linked to lack of water and sanitation amount to up to 5% of GDP in some developing regions but investment needs are substantial in both developing and developed countries, where much of the infrastructure is 50-100 years old. But there are opportunities! Increased international recognition and focus on the problem, targeted actions to increase investments and new and innovative technologies can trigger the necessary changes. The potential gains are substantial - reaching the water and sanitation target of the MDGs would yield direct economic benefits of about \$38 billion

annually. And a Goldman Sachs report in 2005 estimated the global water market to \$365 billion annually.

Success in addressing this challenge in the public and private sector would also act as a catalyst for progress in public health, education and poverty reduction and as a source of economic dynamism and political stability. These societal and economic gains – which also represent important targets of the MDGs – are priceless. Mobilising public support for water issues, as has been done for climate change, is also essential for progress.

This seminar will serve to stimulate discussions on the critical water issues of today and tomorrow, both in developed and developing countries, and the role different actors can play in order to address those challenges. A number of presentations will focus on the “global water challenges” as a base-line for the discussions.

The seminar is arranged by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Swedish Water House (SWH), and the Embassy of Sweden to the United States.

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Programme

08.30 Coffee will be served at the House of Sweden

Seminar Chair: Mr. Anders Berntell, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

09.00 Introduction and Welcome

H.E. Gunnar Lund, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States of America
State Secretary Hans Jeppson, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Mr. Anders Berntell, Executive Director, SIWI

09.30 Section 1. Global Water Challenges - Water, Sanitation and Human Development

09.30 Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment, India (2005 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate)

09.55 Ms. Cecilia Ugaz, Deputy Director of the Human Development Report Office

10.20 Dr. Roberto Lenton, Senior Advisor, Earth Institute, Columbia University

10.45 Coffee Break

11.10 Public and private partnership for mobilising public support for water-related issues using the latest information and communication technologies. Dr. Ashbindu Singh, Regional Coordinator, UNEP Division of Early Warning & Assessment - North America

11.30 Discussion

11.40 Section 2. Possible Financing Mechanisms and the Role and Possibilities of the Private Sector The international perspective – global funding and ODA

11.40 Speaker to be confirmed

12.00 Ms. Madeleine Hägg-Liljeström, World Bank and IMF Advisor, Sida

12.20 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

The corporate perspective – opportunities and the role of the private sector

13.30 Water: pure, refreshing defensive growth. Our Goldman Sachs framework for investing in the global water sector.

Mr. Deane M. Dray, CFA, Goldman Sachs Equity Research, New York, USA

13.50 Mr. Björn von Euler, Director, Corporate Communications, Fluid Technology, ITT Corporation

14.10 Mr. Gavin Power, Senior Advisor, Global Compact, United Nations

14.30 Discussions, short break

14.45 Section 3. Future Challenges – Future Options

Moderated Discussion with some of the presenters (TBC).

Moderator: Mr. Johan Kuylenstierna, SIWI

15.20 Conclusions, Mr. Anders Berntell, SIWI

15.30 Seminar Ends



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