

International Year of Sanitation

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Origin: UN General Assembly Resolution A/C.2/61/L.16/Rev.1 of 4 December 2006.

- A consolidating document containing:
 - 1. Recollection of various Declarations of Rio de Janeiro, Johannesburg and Monterrey (Mexico);
 - 2. Reaffirms other internationally agreed development plans, including the MDGs;
 - 3. To carry out the policy decisions on practical measures and options to quicken implementation of commitments in water, sanitation and human settlements as stated in the 13th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 13)

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- 4. Recommends joint actions by all States (at national and local levels), UN agencies, regional and international organizations and other stakeholders to cooperate in the agreement to carry out the International Year of Sanitation in 2008.



The International Decade for Action: Water for Life 2005-2015

Primary goal:

- to promote efforts to fulfill international commitments made on water and water-related issues by 2015.
- to intensify advocacy efforts and action on the ground.

Commitments:

- to meet the targets to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015.

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Gender Balancing necessary

**A special emphasis is placed
to ensure the involvement of
women in the development
efforts for water and
sanitation!**



Rationale for IYS

Ensure proper sanitation:

- 2.6 billion people do not have access to any sort of basic sanitation facilities;

Disease prevention

- Millions, especially children, suffer from preventable illnesses, such as diarrhoea, which claim thousands of lives each day.

Goals of IYS

- **Raise general awareness;**
- **Accelerate progress towards the MDG target;**
- **Reduce by half, proportion of people without basic sanitation by Year 2015**



Importance of Sanitation

- 1. It is the foundation of health, dignity and development;**
- 2. It is fundamental to reaching the target set in the Millennium Development Goals**



Objectives of IYS

- **Increase awareness and commitment;**
- **Mobilize Governments;**
- **Secure real commitments;**
- **Encourage demand driven, sustainable & traditional solutions;**
- **Secure increased financing;**
- **Develop and strengthen institutional and human capacity;**
- **Enhance the sustainability;**
- **Promote and capture learning.**

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Increase awareness and commitment

- World Water Day (2008);
- Expo Zaragoza (UN Pavilion);
- Joint Monitoring Programme Thematic Report on Sanitation;
- Annual Report on Water Supply and Sanitation;
- Global WASH campaign activities;
- Impact and Sustainability Study for WASH in Schools.

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Mobilize Governments

- **Support country action plans for IYS;**
- **Developing MDG Sanitation Roadmaps at Country Level;**
- **Develop Guidelines for the inclusion of Sanitation in SWAPs and others.**



Secure real commitments

- **Regional ministerial meetings (Asia, Africa, Latin America);**
- **Interregional conference on sanitation;**
- **CSD-16.**

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Encourage demand driven, sustainable & traditional solutions

- **Pilot demonstration and best practices for sanitation;**
- **Explore and expand the Private Sector's role in marketing sanitation at Country level;**
- **Decision model for selection of appropriate sanitation systems.**



Secure increased financing

- **Establishment of a sanitation and hygiene Trust Fund and a small grant programme;**
- **Budgeting for Sanitation - How to actually cost sanitation;**
- **Cost-benefit analysis of sanitation options.**

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Develop and strengthen institutional and human capacity

- **Strengthening countries' capacity in the safe use of waste water;**
- **Sanitation in Emergencies;**
- **National and regional workshops and training courses on sanitation;**
- **Capacity building workshop of water utilities in Latin America;**
- **Assess impact of Sanitation interventions on other MDG's.**

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Enhance the sustainability

- **Development and promotion of integrated sanitation management (ISM) concept;**
- **Compendium of Publications (technical guidelines);**
- **Publication on Improved Child Friendly Technologies for Schools and Emergencies.**



Promote and capture learning

- **Expert Group Meeting on sanitation's definitions and data, including gender disaggregated data;**
- **Workshop on linkages between improved sanitation and girls' education;**
- **Promoting pro-poor governance approaches in sanitation;**
- **Assessment of the burden of disease associated with sanitation;**
- **Assemble evidence base for the impact of sanitation and hygiene on child survival to ensure its recognition;**
- **Booklet on sanitation basics under preparation.**

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Partners

- **UNDESA** (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs);
- **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme);
- **UNEP** (United Nations Environment Programme);
- **UN-Habitat** (United Nations Human Settlements Programme);
- **UNICEF** (United Nations Children’s Fund);
- **WHO** (World Health Organization);
- **WSSCC** (Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council);
- **UN Water** **UNSGAB** (United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water & Sanitation);
- **UN-GWTF** (United Nations Interagency Gender and Water Task Force);
- **UNESCO-IHE** Institute for Water Education;
- **IRC**(International Water and Sanitation Centre);
- **GWP** (Global Water Partnership);
- **SuSanA** Sustainable Sanitation Alliance;
- **WaterAid WSP** (Water and Sanitation Programme);
- **SIWI** (Stockholm International Water Institute).

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National/local govt. stakeholders

Get Involved by doing the following:

- **Step 1. Learn More About the Issue;**
- **Step 2. Find out what is happening in your country;**
- **Step 3. Raise Awareness;**
- **Step 4. Learn what you can do everyday;**
- **Step 5. Send to the IYS website your projects and ideas.**



Expected events in 2008

- **AfricaSan+5, Durban, South Africa, Feb. 18-20, 2008;**
- **Sanitation and Hygiene Week, Mar 15-21, 2008, Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council;**
- **World Water Day: Sanitation, Mar. 22, 2008;**
- **UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 16), May 5-16, 2008, UN Headquarters, New York;**
- **Expert group meeting on gender disaggregated data (dates to be determined);**



Expected events in 2008: cont.

- **Workshop on gender inclusive sanitation-education** (dates to be determined);
- **EXPO Zaragoza, Water for Sustainable Development**, Jun. 11 – Sep. 14, 2008, Zaragoza, Spain;
- **Inter-regional conference on sanitation**, Aug. 2008, Zaragoza, Spain;
- **World Water Week: Progress and Prospects on Water: For a Clean and Healthy World**, Aug. 17-23, 2008, Stockholm, Sweden;
- **World Toilet Summit & Expo 2008 and World Sanitation Fund Forum**, Nov. 04-06, 2008, Macau;
- **Joint UN publication summarizing events and outcomes of IYS**, Secretary General report for the 64th session of the General Assembly, Dec. 2008.

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Endnote

- IYS: a shot in the arm to stakeholders to wake up.
- IYS: a wakeup call to all stakeholders to implement all previous declarations and decisions reached on sanitation;
- IYS calls for joint venture between national/local govt. and UN agencies;
- The WSSCC has a new concept in support of this programme

Thank you for your attention!



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