

## BACKGROUND

Women's productive and reproductive roles make them the largest group of consumers globally and therefore, this group has a major impact on water consumption habits, and consequently, on management of resources.

In order to maximize benefits from efficient use of water resources, water issues need to involve all stakeholders so as to cover every dimension of the problem. The 5th World Water Forum – Water and Women will be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-15 March 2009. This is an important step towards global cooperation for finding sustainable solutions to today's water challenges.

## OBJECTIVE

The preparatory meeting of The 5th World Water Forum(WWF) will bring together varied women groups from different countries to meet with the coordinators of the Women and Gender Coalition for the 5th WWF. The workshop will be hosted at Istanbul Technical University on behalf of the Forum's Secretariat and identify lead organizers and their roles in preparation for the 5th Forum.

## TOPICS

- \* Women, Water and Sanitation
- \* Impact of Women on Sustainable Water Management
- \* Agriculture and Water
- \* Innovation and New Technology
- \* Gender Equity on Water Management

## SCOPE

1. Capture the interest and involvement of women from in/around Turkey and the MENA/Arab countries.
2. Open up the debate on the influence of cultural differences including equity and gender aspects in sustainable development and water management.
3. Enhance participation and visibility of female community leaders, experts and policy makers at all levels in the 5th World Water Forum

## PROGRAMME

First day, Workshop will be open with the opening ceremony and then with two parallel sessions women will discuss gender and water issues. On the second and last day of the workshop, two parallel sessions will be held. After an excursion, the workshop will end.

## RESULTS

The main output of the workshop will be a CD that will include the presentations of the workshop, as well as its conclusions and recommendations for the 5th World Water Forum.

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## LANGUAGE

The meeting will be conducted in English. (simultane translation)

# 5<sup>th</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM WOMEN FOR WATER COALITION OF TURKEY

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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## AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPANTS

In preparation for the 5th World Water Forum Turkish Women organizations, professionals and academics met in Istanbul at the Forum Secretariat to define their roles and participation in the upcoming Forum.

## IN COOPERATION WITH

\* The Turkish Women's Water Alliance

\*Women for Water Partnership - The Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) focuses on sustainable development through integrated water resource management by:

- enabling the exchange of knowledge and expertise through its international network.
- facilitating the development of demand driven projects at local level.
- advocating full and equal participation of women and their organisations.
- stimulating women's empowerment and local ownership.
- promoting equity mainstreaming at all levels.
- accessing support resources for its members.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1st announcement :19.12.2008
- 1st Deadline for abstract submission: 17.01.2009
- 2nd Deadline for abstract submission:20.02.2009
- Deadline for full paper submission : 28.02.2009

Abstracts and full papers should be submitted to:  
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