



## Sustainable Water Use and Management: Leadership for Positive Change

Thursday, 26 March 2009, 9h00-12h30  
International Environment House I, Meeting room 3

On the occasion of the World Water Day, the Geneva Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH), in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will hold the **first of GIWEH's Water Series symposiums** on 26 March 2009 at the International Environment House, devoted to *Sustainable Water Use and Management: Leadership for Positive Change*.

GIWEH's Water Series is a cycle of symposiums aimed at bridging the gap between policy and science in water management. This symposium will follow the World Water Forum of Istanbul by stressing the need for leaders to innovate in different but interrelated dimensions of water management. The objectives are to identify patterns of effective leadership for positive change through success stories. After the presentation of topical case studies, including urban water management in Switzerland and the Chung-Gye waterway initiative in South Korea, participants will be able to join in an interactive discussion over a roundtable led by experts on how these changes can be achieved.

- 9h00 Coffee & Tea
- 9h15 Welcome by **Christophe Bouvier**, Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe  
Introduction by **Nidal Salim**, Director, GIWEH
- 9h30 Presentations by the Panel members, followed by discussion:
- **David Alix**, Director, International Water Programme, Green Cross International (GCI), Geneva, Switzerland. *Watershed management in urban context*
  - **Marc Soutter**, Professor, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland. *Knowledge and information sharing: a fundamental step towards a more sustainable urban water management*
  - **Charles Stadler**, Director, Water Sector of the State of Geneva, Switzerland. *Urban water management in Geneva*
  - **Chris Williams**, Professor, Centre for International Education and Research, University of Birmingham, UK. *Leadership, education and water security – Korean initiatives including Chung-Gye waterway*
  - **Meine Pieter van Dijk**, Senior Economist, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – Institute for Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering Institute (UNESCO-IHE), Delft, The Netherlands. *Economic perspectives on urban water use management and policy responses*
- 11h00 Discussion with panelists and participants
- 12h15 Wrap-up by the Moderator
- 12h30 End



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You are cordially invited to participate in this first of GIWEH's Water Series symposiums. Due to the limited number of seats available, we would be grateful if you could indicate your participation in advance by completing this form and returning it by **20 March 2009** to the Geneva Environment Network at the address below by fax, post or email ([gen.secretary@unep.ch](mailto:gen.secretary@unep.ch)).

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