

TITLE: **World Water Day 2011 Activities**

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### SECTION 1: ACTIVITIES BY BANGLADESH WATER PARTNERSHIP (BWP)

1. In Chittagong, the day will be marked through workshops in collaboration with the Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority.
2. In Khulna, a similar workshop will be held in collaboration with the Bhairab Area Water Partnership.
3. In Dhaka, the BWP in collaboration with BAWIN and Water Aid, Bangladesh will mark the day with a discussion meeting on water integrity. As there will be many other programs in Dhaka on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, this program will be held during the last week of March 2011.

### SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES BY BHUTAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (BhWP)

The BhWP plans to celebrate World Water Day 2011 in two schools staging a theme song, speeches on the theme, extempore speeches by students and art competitions on water. These programs will include keynote addresses by the relevant Guests of Honor and include final prize distributions. The BhWP will also take out a poster print on the National papers on the 18th of March.

### SECTION 3: ACTIVITIES BY INDIA WATER PARTNERSHIP (IWP)

**Activity No. 1: India Water Partnership Celebration of ‘World Water Day’ at Meerut from March 22-26, 2011 in association with Neer Foundation, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh**

Activity	Description
<b>Water Audit in 10 schools</b>	An audit will be performed by students to find out about the school’s current water use and management. This effective audit will be carried out by a team comprising of environment club, environment committee subgroup, etc. in each school and involve participation of all sectors of the school community i.e., teachers, students, ancillary staff and parents. The results of each school would be analyzed and the top three schools with best current practices would be awarded with a certificate and trophy. A questionnaire for the water audit has been developed. Find same at the end of this Section.  <i>Each school, for participating in the water audit, will be presented with a poster on water conservation, pamphlets and a letter of appreciation.</i>
<b>Awareness creation through moving water drops</b>	Children would be taken to Kali River, dressed up as a Water Drop. (Blue and black drop indicating clean and polluted water, with a slogan tied up on their dress). They would also distribute pamphlets to the local community.
<b>Initiative by Salons and Vehicle Service Centers</b>	Prominent salons and vehicle service centers at Meerut would be sensitized to demonstrate some water saving activity on World Water Day.

<b>Awareness Meeting</b>	An awareness generation meeting would be organized to educate School Principals and Corporates on Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) and its benefit towards water quality improvement.
<b>Water Walk</b>	Presentation, Documentary and taking Water Pledge alongside the Kali River, with an active participation of Meerut University students and faculty members.
<b>Compilation of Status of Water Quality Through Children's Eyes</b>	About 20 posters and slogans would be collected from the educational institutes of Meerut and it would be compiled in form of a book on ' <b>Status of Water Quality through Children's Eyes</b> ', which will have these posters, slogans and scientific inputs on what is the current situation of water quality and what can be done at our level. This document will be circulated among various departments working on water quality.

**Activity No. 2: India Water Partnership Celebration on World Water Day-2011 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011 at Udaipur, Rajasthan in Association with Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti, Udaipur**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Seminar on Status of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) in the State of Rajasthan</b>	The status of IWRM in Rajasthan State of India would be reviewed and discussed in a seminar to be organized by Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti, Udaipur, Rajasthan with the support of India Water Partnership on the occasion of World Water Day 2011 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2011 at Udaipur, Rajasthan. During the seminar, all the key stakeholders (Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions, officials of State Departments of Irrigation, Water Resources, Rural Development, Environment & Forests, Engineers, Water User Groups, State Administrative Officers and NGOs who are directly and indirectly involved in the implementation of the State Water Policy will participate and make the review & discuss as to how they can contribute for effective implementation of New State Water Policy of Rajasthan and establishment of IWRM approach at all levels.

**Activity No. 3: Preparatory Meeting on World Water Day 2011 (22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011) for Organizing Multi-stakeholders' Dialogue on IWRM Roadmap by Eastern Zonal Water Partnership and Odisha Water Forum**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Preparatory Meeting on World Water Day 2011 (22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011) for Organizing Multi-stakeholders' Dialogue on IWRM Roadmap by Eastern Zonal Water Partnership and Odisha Water Forum</b>	On the occasion of World Water Day, the Eastern Zonal Water Partnership (EZWP) and Odisha Water Forum (OWF) will hold a preparatory meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2011 to discuss the Road Map prepared by Odisha State Government with the technical assistance of the Asian Development Bank. In the meeting, the date, venue, participants, etc. would also be decided for organizing the multi-stakeholders' dialogue. Based on the preparatory meeting, Eastern Zonal Water Partnership (EZWP) and Odisha Water Forum (OWF) with the support of India Water Partnership will organize a multi-stakeholder dialogue on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). While this consultation will discuss on the limitations of the Road Map already prepared for Odisha, it will focus on developing a road map for EZWP and OWF as to what needs to be done by these two networks for the implementation of IWRM in Odisha as well as other eastern states that has people at the center, based on the needs of the people and the time and that respects the basic principles of IWRM.

**SECTION 4: ACTIVITIES BY NEPAL WATER PARTNERSHIP (NWP)**

Nepal Water Partnership / JVS is deeply involved in celebrating the Nepal National Water Week (NNWW) from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2011. The Water Week starts with the Inauguration ceremony on March 17<sup>th</sup>, culminating on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, as World Water Week and closes on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the World Meteorological Day.

Chair of NWP / JVS, is in the main Organising Committee which is headed by the Water and Energy Commission Secretariat (WECS), also an NWP partner organisation. The Government of Nepal, NGOs, Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), and donor agencies are members of the organising committee.

NNWW events include workshops, a Press Meet, a Water Parade, a Water Fair, a Water Tour, researches on Water Quality & online discussions on Urban Water issues. TV / Radio talks and regional programs within different development regions of Nepal will also be carried out. NWP / JVS is also contributing with financial assistance, as in the past, to celebrate the World Water Week.

## **SECTION 5: ACTIVITIES BY PAKISTAN WATER PARTNERSHIP (PWP)**

PWP has planned World Water Day 2011 celebrations through its AWP. Awareness rallies will be held at Mastung, D. I. Khan and Sanghar by Sarwan AWP, Southern Districts AWP and Nara Canal AWP respectively involving local partners from these areas.

## **SECTION 6: ACTIVITIES BY SRI LANKA WATER PARTNERSHIP (SLWP)**

- 1. Programme on Water, Hygiene and Sanitation for School Community:**  
Continuing programme undertaken annually by the Nilwala AWP and University of Ruhuna in the Southern Province. This year it will focus on schools in Kamburupitiya Division of the Matara District. Programme is in collaboration with the District Secretary, NetWwater, Environmental organizations and Medical Officer of Health. This year's special focus is on sanitation in view of SACOSAN to be held in April and based on the survey on sanitation undertaken in Matara Schools in 2010. Programme includes an art and essay competition with prizes for those selected. Programme intends to build awareness of school children on water, sanitation and hygiene, disseminate knowledge on proper sanitary requirements and maintenance and the importance of water quality and hygienic and healthy food consumption. 150 mid grade school children and their teachers will participate. Over 750 children are expected to participate in the art and essay competitions being held.
- 2. Tree Planting in Source Area of Maha Oya (Establishment of a Plant Nursery):**  
Maha Oya AWP will continue its source area and river bank conservation programme with a special programme for World Water Day, where a plant nursery of 10,000 plants will be established for its planting programme in 2011. 150 participants who are members of the AWP, Environmental NGO / CBO leaders and members of the Rahalgala / Ambuluwawa / Bo Ella Reserve numbering 200 and at least 150 school children will participate. Preliminary meeting and collection of planting material is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> March (Sunday) in preparation for World Water Day which falls on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Most participants excepting school children are available only on Sundays / holidays.
- 3. School Water and Sanitation Awareness Programme for World Water Day in Colombo District:**  
SLWP is organizing a programme for World Water Day to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March or proximate date at Devi Balika Maha Vidyalayaya, one of the premier girls' schools in Colombo. The programme is to cover a girl friendly sanitation system and school water savings, and will be undertaken in collaboration with NetWwater. World Water Day 2011's theme of Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge will be also highlighted under this event.
- 4. Art Exhibition and World Water Day Awareness Activity in Nugawela Balika Vidyalayaya and Nugawela Maha Vidyalayaya:**  
The main focus this year will be on school sanitation, and the event will cover art, poster and cartoon competitions. Items selected will be displayed at the SACOSAN exhibition to be held in Colombo from 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2011. In addition, Nugawela Balika Vidyalayaya will be the site for a field visit by the SACOSAN delegates to Sri Lanka. World Water Day 2011's theme of Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge will be also highlighted under this event.
- 5. Deduru Oya AWP Field Trip for School Children:**  
Deduru Oya AWP is arranging a field trip for 50 school children to Kolamuna Oya Bingiriya on 24<sup>th</sup> March (22<sup>nd</sup> is zonal inspection day). This was a major river sand mining site that has now been gradually rehabilitated and bank protection / replanting programme was undertaken by the AWP over the last two years and after the recent floods. Based on this programme a regular SLWP Schools Programme (Sisu Jal Hamuwa) will be held in early May on IWRM, school sanitation, availability of drinking water and water quality for 130 children and teachers from 20 schools in Bingiriya.
- 6. World Water Day Message Display in Colombo:**  
A thought provoking message in reference to the importance of water management / conservation is scheduled to be displayed on a large size billboard in the premises of ODEL, one of the largest departmental stores in Sri Lanka, situated in a most central location in Colombo. The objective is to try and create more awareness on this subject within the general public.