

**UN-Water Stakeholder Dialogue on  
“Sick water is threatening the MDGs: A stakeholder dialogue to  
address capacity development and communication needs”**

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**Speakers profile**



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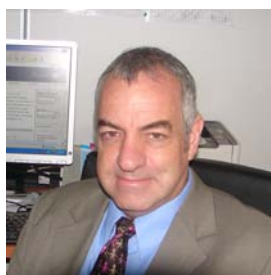
Mr. Zafar Adeel is Director of the Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) at the United Nations University in Hamilton, Canada. Dr Adeel holds a MSc in Environmental Engineering from the Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Carnegie Mellon University. Dr Adeel has experience in a variety of water and environmental issues, including monitoring and control of water pollution, water management in dry areas, solutions to industrial environmental problems, modelling of environmental systems and environmental policy formulation. Dr. Adeel joined UNU in 1998 and moved to UNU-INWEH in 2003. He is currently chair of UN-Water.



**David Osborn**  
*Coordinator, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the  
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David Osborn returned to the United Nations Environment Programme in 2008 when he took up the position of Coordinator of the 1995 Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA-Marine). The overarching aim of the GPA-Marine is to encourage and support governments at all levels in their respective efforts to advance governance and policy reforms, ecosystem-based management, poverty alleviation and sustainable development at the interface of land and sea. The scope of this programme is broad, addressing a wide range of pollutant categories. David is leading the UN-Water Taskforce on Wastewater Management, is a member of the Steering Committee for the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management, as well as the Organising Committee for

the 5th International Marine Debris Conference. David was previously Director, Community Partnerships, with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, and Director, Water Quality and Coastal Policy, with the Australian Government's Department of the Environment and Water Resources. He has served as a Ministerial Advisor and as an officer in the Royal Australian Navy. He has tertiary qualifications in Environmental Science (University of Canberra) and Environmental Law (Australian National University).



**Graham Alabaster**

*Chief, Section I, Water, Sanitation and Infrastructure Branch, UN-HABITAT*

Dr. Graham Alabaster is Section Chief responsible for Africa and Central America in Human Settlements Financing Division of UN-HABITAT. He is an Engineer by profession, with first degree in Chemical Engineering and a PhD in Civil Engineering. Starting his professional life as a Research Fellow, he travelled extensively in Africa, Asia and Latin America, providing technical assistance on sustainable wastewater management and sanitation, thereafter as an International consultant. He joined UN-HABITAT in 1992 and has played a key role in building the Water, Sanitation and Infrastructure Branch. He is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Royal Society of Health. He represents UN-HABITAT on many inter agency bodies. He has over 25 years experience in the water sanitation and solid waste management working in over 30 countries, within UN-HABITAT he has responsibility for UN-HABITAT's operation projects on water, sanitation and waste management in Africa and Central America in addition to global responsibility for policy issues relating to sanitation, pro-poor water and sanitation governance, solid and hazardous waste management, and monitoring water and sanitation MDGs.



**James Winpenny**

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James Winpenny is an independent economic consultant based near Oxford, United Kingdom. He has specialised for over 20 years in economic and financial aspects of international environmental and water issues. He graduated in economics from Cambridge University and has a master's degree in economic development from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom. In a long career he has worked in public, private, academic and research posts, including a long spell as senior economist with the United Kingdom's development cooperation agency, and as Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute in London. Prior to becoming an independent

consultant he was Senior Economist in the infrastructure group at the European Investment Bank, specialising in water. He is widely travelled and has consulted for most of the major international agencies. He is author of 7 books and many articles, papers and reports, including the Report of the World Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure (The *Camdessus Report*). He was closely involved in the production of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Water Development Report (WWDR3), and is one of the writers of the Fourth WWDR, now in preparation. His assignments in 2010 have included work for the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the World Water Assessment Programme, FAO, EU Water Initiative and DFID.



**Gérard Payen**

*Member, United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB)*

Gérard Payen is a global practitioner with more than 30 years of experience at the international level. After having contributed to the senior management of Degremont, an international group dedicated to water treatment facilities, he has headed all water activities of the business group that was successively named Lyonnaise des Eaux then Suez. Today, he works to mobilize better the international community towards improving water and sanitation services, mainly as adviser to the UN Secretary General and as president of AquaFed, the International Federation of Private Water Operators. He is also Chair of the Strategic Council and Board member of the International Water Association (IWA), and President of the International Committee of ASTEE (Scientific and Technical Association for Water and Environment), the association of French water professionals. He has taken part in most recent intergovernmental conferences relating to water, including the Beppu Summit, the UN-Commission on Sustainable Development 13 and 16 and the Istanbul Ministerial Conference.



**Iyenemi Ibimina Kakulu**

*Head of Department, Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST), Port Harcourt, Nigeria*

Dr Kakulu is Land Management Expert and a lecturer at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology (RSUST), Port Harcourt, Nigeria, where she has lectured for over two decades. She currently heads the department of Estate Management and coordinates all RSUST collaboration activities with different UN Agencies. Over the last three years, she has participated in, and coordinated several capacity building activities organized by UN-Habitat on Transparency in Land Administration; UNEP-DEPI Environmental Education

Training Unit on 'Education for Sustainable Development' and the MESA Universities Partnership Project. She currently coordinates RSUST collaborative partnership with UNEP/PCDMB in the UNEP led Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland Project. In the Wastewater management sector, Dr Kakulu was involved in 13 deliveries of the UNEP/GPA and UNESCO-IHE capacity building programme on 'Improving Municipal Wastewater Management in Coastal Cities in ACP Countries' in three West African Countries having coordinated 11 of them and training over 350 persons in Nigeria. The outcome of the series of training activities is a book publication on Land Management and Marine Pollution – Selected cases from West Africa' which will be presented at the World Water Week. She is a licensed (Chartered) Estate Surveyor and Valuer in Nigeria and a Fellow of the Association of Building Engineers – United Kingdom and has served in different National and State Government Boards. She served on the Estate Surveyor and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria, the Governing Council of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology and is currently serving term on the Governing Council of the Rivers State Polytechnic, Bori, Nigeria.



**Karl-Ulrich Rudolph**

*Professor, Institute of Environmental Engineering and Management (IEEM), University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany. Head of the UNW-DPC group on water efficiency*

Professor Dr. Karl-Ulrich Rudolph is double educated in water engineering and environmental economics. Before joining the Private University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany, as director of the IEEM (Institute of Environmental Engineering and Management), and becoming the CEO of the CEEM (Prof. Dr. Dr. Rudolph GmbH, Consultants for Environmental Engineering and Management), he worked for GfA, (a industrial sewage treatment plant operator), as member of the Deutsche Bank Advisory Board, and as Supervisory Board Member for the Berlin Water Works. With Water Franchise as a new management concept, he has won the Global Contest at the World Bank 2006. In 2008, Rudolph was honoured as Guest Professor at the NEU - National Economic University in Hanoi. Since 12/2009, he is Coordinator of the UNW-DPC working group on "Capacity Building in Water Efficiency".



**Siegmien Staphorst**

*Managing Director, National Women's Organisation of Suriname (NVB). Suriname*

Siegmien Staphorst is a professional in social transformation and gender affairs, who earned several awards from the government of Suriname as well as private sector institutions for her contribution to community based development programs and to national gender equality projects, policies and legislation. She became actively involved in water issues in 1996 with the publication of a paper “*Gender, Participation and Drinking Water*”, a study concerning opinions of government authorities. As the managing director of the National Women’s Organization (NVB), in which capacity she served from 1995 to 2010, she formulated and supervised several water and sanitation projects with components of gender, community development, lobby and advocacy. Since 1 august 2010 she is adviser to the National Women’s Organization. Currently she is a Steering Committee member for Capacity Development of the Women for Water partnership, an international gender and water network of women’s organizations, which strongly promotes the idea of women as agents of change in water and sanitation. She is founder of the *National Steering Group for Eco-sanitation and Waste Management Suriname*, consisting of representatives from NGOs, government, PAHO and UNICEF, installed by the Minister of Health. Mrs. Staphorst is a current Steering Committee Member for the Support for Sustainable Development of the Interior Program of Suriname, (funded by the Inter-American Development Bank), which represents the Network of NGOs operating in the Interior of Suriname. She chairs the Foundation ‘Pro Health’, an NGO for the promotion of improved access of Surinamese people, especially women, to health care. Since 2004 she is member of the Steering Committee of the Suriname Conservation Foundation. Mrs. Staphorst chaired the National Steering Committee for the UNDP Global Environmental Fund/Small Grants Program, from 2002- 2009. In 2006, she Co-Coordinated the NGO Recovery Program for the flooded stricken interior (Damage Assessment Report, Consultation process with local society and local leadership on recovery expectations, Drafting of Recovery Program)



**Samir Bensaid**

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Based in Rabat, Morocco, Mr. Bensaid acts as director general of the “Institut International de l’Eau et de l’Assainissement” (IEA) of the National Potable Water Office of Morocco. The IEA implements training, research and technical assistance activities. Before this,

he acted in different positions at the National Potable Water Office of Morocco, where he was director of cooperation and communication, director of the sanitation and environment department, and chief engineer of the environment and sanitation unit. He is, among others, member of the board of governors of the World Water Council and Arab Countries Water Utilities Association, and member of the steering committee of the Global Water Operators' Partnership Alliance. He holds a degree in civil engineering by the Ecole Mohammedia d'Ingénieurs and a French laureate degree in land engineering.



**Robin Simpson**

*Senior Policy adviser, Consumers International*

Robin Simpson is senior policy adviser to Consumers International, the global federation of consumer organisations with over 200 member organisations in over 100 countries. He has worked on consumer rights in general and in the context of infrastructure services in particular since the late '80s when he was head of Policy at the National Consumer Council of the United Kingdom. He has worked extensively in Europe on water issues during the '90s, in particular during the EU accession phases in Central and Eastern Europe. He has advised consumer associations in the water and sanitation field at a global level for CI but in particular in Latin America and most recently in Africa. He has also worked on issues of the General Agreement on Trade in Services and its possible application to water and sanitation and has lectured on this at the universities of Brunel and Quebec. He has been a member of the Technical Advisory Panel of the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF) since 2006, and has worked for OECD on universal service policy for water (2004) and the price of water (2008-9). In recent years, he has worked with the World Bank on issues of consumer representation in the sector, on the 'Watertime' EU project of Public Services International Research Unit, for WaterAid (UK NGO) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (2010). From 2002 to 2009 he was an active member of the ISO Technical Committee developing an international standard on services to users of water and sanitation services, and was a founder member of the Water Dialogues which started in 2003 and completed in 2010.



**Samia El-Guindy**

*Vice-president, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)*

Dr. Samia El-Guindy is an emeritus professor in the National Water Research Centre, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt. She received her PhD from Martin Luther University, Germany 1976 in land reclamation. Her research interests have focused in more than 35 years on land drainage and salinity control as well as water quality aspects specially water pollution and its environmental impacts. Currently, Dr. Samia El-Guindy is the director of the Egyptian Dutch Advisory Panel Project on Water Management/APP. The project role is mainly advising the MWRI on Policy issues. APP is a multipurpose project which has been characterized as a forum for brainstorming, coordination and facilitation. Through her work within the project, she gained experience in Policy formulation and development. Dr. El-Guindy has published over 200 reports, journal articles and scientific researches in the different fields of water management. She is a member in the irrigation and drainage national committee. She is a member of PWQ (Poor Water Quality) working group of the ICID since 2000. She holds membership in the Egyptian and Global Water Partnership as well as many other national professional organizations and scientific associations. Dr. El-Guindy gained the Egyptian National Award in social and water science as well as a certificate of honour from H.E. President of Egypt.

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