

You're Invited

World Water Day 2010: Uniting for Safe Water and Sanitation

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On World Water Day (March 22), Americans will gather to show their support for safe, affordable and sustainable drinking water, sanitation and hygience (“WASH”) worldwide. You are invited to join a marquee event in Washington, DC that will spotlight Americans’ expanding commitments for WASH internationally--the world’s most critical public health and development issue.

What: An event, co-hosted by Water Advocates and the National Geographic Society, will showcase new commitments in water and sanitation by the US government, philanthropic foundations, corporations, NGOs, civic organizations, faith-based organizations, universities and others.

Who: Confirmed speakers include:

- Hattie Babbitt (emcee), Former US Ambassador to the Organization of American States
- Gil Grosvenor, Chairman, National Geographic Society
- Maria Otero, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs
- Bill Reilly, Former Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, and Chairman, Global Water Challenge
- Ed Cain, Vice President, Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Additional speakers will include other high-level representatives from the U.S. Government, foundations, corporations, civic and faith-based organizations, and non-governmental development organizations.

When: Monday, March 22, 2010, 9:30 am sharp – 11:30 am

Where: National Geographic Society, Grosvenor Auditorium, 1600 M Street NW, Washington, DC

Space is limited; please RSVP no later than March 12 to Water Advocates at wateradvocatesrsvp@gmail.com

This event is part of a series of actions being organized in Washington, DC and across the US on March 22 and beyond to let the world know what Americans are doing to increase support for WASH internationally, but even more importantly, to let other Americans know what they can do to make sustainable access to water, sanitation and hygiene a reality for millions of people around the world. To learn more about other actions please visit www.waterday.org (Note: Site will be live as of March 1; please check it then.)

Organizations supporting these actions include Action Against Hunger, Africare, CARE, Catholic Relief Services, charity: water, InterAction, Global Water Challenge, H2O for Life, ONE, Millennium Water Alliance, NRDC, PATH, PSI, P&G Children’s Safe Drinking Water Program, US Coalition for Child Survival, Water Advocates, WaterAid, Water For People, and Water.org.