

Country Group Turkey



Süleyman Demirel, former President, Turkey, addressed Forum participants at the session on the region “In and Around Turkey.”



Süleyman Demirel, former President, Turkey, stressed that human beings have an obligation to protect the earth through better water management practices, emphasizing that “water is the center of the universe”



Participants applauding **Süleyman Demirel’s** speech



Haydar Koçaker, Director General of Turkey's State Hydraulic Works, said preparation for the sub-regional session included 22 preparatory sessions based on full stakeholder consultation.



Veysel Eroğlu, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Turkey



A packed Sadabad room during **Süleyman Demirel's** speech



L-R: **Süleyman Demirel**, former President, Turkey, and **Veysel Eroğlu**, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Turkey



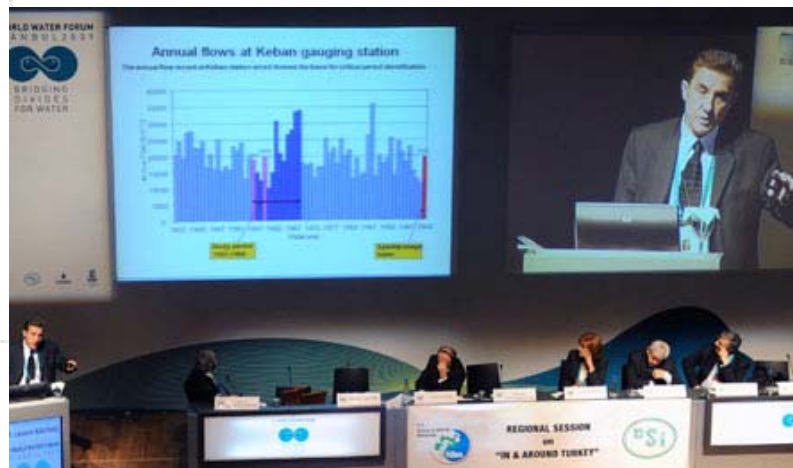
The media tried to capture the best photograph of **Süleyman Demirel**, former President, Turkey, and **Veysel Eroğlu**, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Turkey.



L-R: **Oktay Tabasaran**, Secretary General, World Water Forum, and **Veysel Eroğlu**, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Turkey



Ömer Özdemir, State Hydraulic Works, Turkey, presented the Metropolitan Drinking Water Initiative, which provides fresh drinking water to Istanbul residents.



Levent Kavvas, University of California, Davis, described a hydro-climatic model of the Tigris-Euphrates watershed for the study of water balances, noting that increased temperatures within the basin and surrounding area has led to the melting of snow and subsequent rise in water levels in the basin.



Awards were given at the closing of the Turkey Country Day session





View of Sadabad room in the afternoon

Can Climate Change Adaptation be Adequately Financed?



L-R: **Vahid Alavian**, World Bank; **Roger Calow** and **Nanki Kaur**, Overseas Development Institute; **Jochen Harnisch**, KfW Development Bank; and **Juergen Welschhof**, KfW Development Bank



Nadia Abdul, Alexandria Water Utility, Egypt, highlighted water efficiency, infrastructure and scaling up of desalination programmes as key adaptation measures in the Nile Delta.



Participants engaged in discussion following the panel sessions.



Participants during the session.

Africa Regional Day



Erastus Mwencha, African Union (AU) Commission



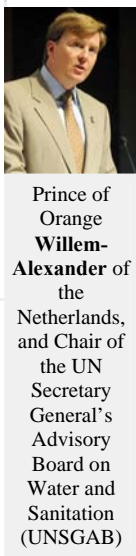
L-R: **Sfara Giorgio**, Chair of the G8 Expert Group for Water and Sanitation; **Erastus Mwencha**, AU Commission; Prince of Orange **Willem-Alexander** of the Netherlands, Chair of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB); **Asfaw Dingamo**, Minister of Water Resources, Ethiopia, and Chairperson of the Regional Steering Committee; **Oktay Tabasaran**, Secretary General, World Water Forum; **Michel Jarraud**, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (WMO); and **Bai-Mass Taal**, Executive Secretary, AMCOW



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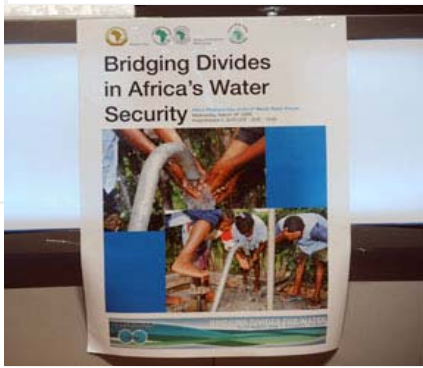


Oktay Tabasaran, Secretary General, World Water Forum



South African dancers entertained delegates during the session





Delegates during the session

Water Right in Emergency: Be principled or get practical?



L-R: **Clarissa Brocklehurst**, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); **Julie Aubriot**, Action Contre la Faim (ACF); **Antoine Delepière**, Terre des Hommes; **Jean Lapègue**, ACF, France; **Cyril Laucci**, International Committee of the Red Cross; **Jakaranda Neptune**, UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti; **Lara El-Jazairi**, Centre On Housing Rights and Evictions; and **Fuad Bateh**, Legal Consultant to the Palestinian Water Authority



Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF, explained the cluster approach for humanitarian response activities, where aid groups coordinate efforts.



Julie Aubriot, ACF, noted that few organizations are working on both human rights and water and sanitation, and stressed the importance of developing a common language across these groups.



Antoine Delepière, Terre des Hommes, discussed on-the-ground implementation of a rights-based approach, highlighting challenges for community engagement in times of emergency.

Parliamentarians



Adnan Mohammad Badran, Jordan, emphasized that access to water is a basic human right, which should be implemented by parliamentarians in national laws.



Köksal Toptan, Turkish Grand National Assembly, welcomed parliamentarians from around the world, noting the gravity of the global water crisis and important role of effective legislation in water governance.



Alan Meale, UK and Council of Europe, stressed the impacts of climate change on: water availability, aquatic ecosystems, and the occurrence of water disasters.



Narcio Rodriguez, Brazil, called for the creation of a permanent global water parliament, under the aegis of the WWC and UNESCO-International Hydrological Programme (IHP), to coordinate efforts of parliamentarians addressing water issues around the world.



Cho Jin Hyeong, Republic of Korea, argued that drought and desertification cause decreasing vegetation and food availability in Asia, while restoration and prevention lessen stress from cyclical drought and floods.



Parliamentarians during the session discussing global change.



Mustafa Öztürk,
Turkish Grand National
Assembly, introduced a
session on global
changes.



Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines,
European Parliament



William Cosgrove, World
Water Assessment
Programme, during his
keynote speech.



L-R: **Mustafa Öztürk**, Turkish Grand National Assembly; Moderator **Victor Ruffly**, Switzerland; and **William Cosgrove**, World Water Assessment Programme



L-R: Joshua Newton, UNESCO-IHP, and William Cosgrove, World Water Assessment Programme





Narcio Rodriguez, Brazil, spoke with other parliamentarians



Participants during a coffee break



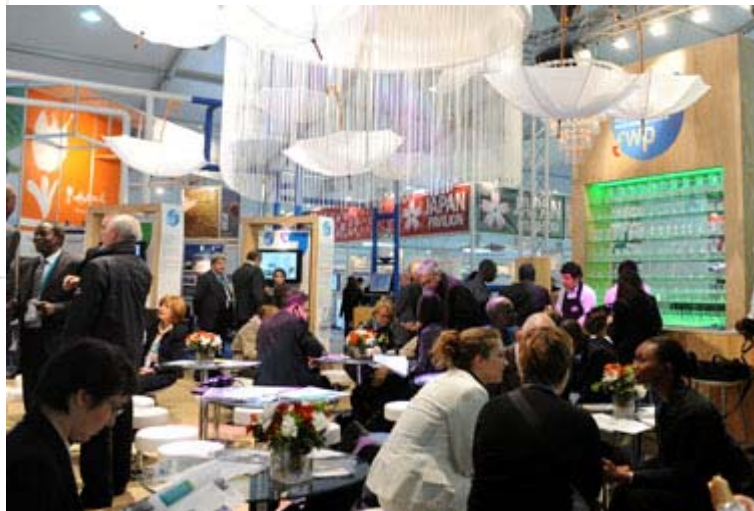
Around the forum



Local dancers posed for a photograph during the afternoon



L-R: Çiğdem İyigün, 5th World Water Forum Secretariat, and Nancy Williams, IISD, outside the IISD office.





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