



Guideline for the nomination of participants for The 3rd Children's World Water Forum

1. What is the Children's World Water Forum (CWWF)

Organized every three years, the World Water Forum is the main water-related event in the world, which aims to put water firmly on the international agenda. A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, the Forum offers the water community and policy-and-decision-makers from all over the world the unique opportunity to come together to create links, debate and attempt to find solutions to achieve water security.

The 5th World Water Forum will be organized from March 16 to 22, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey under the theme of "Bridging Divides for Water."

The Children's World Water Forum tradition was established in Kyoto at the 3rd World Water Forum, where some 109 children, from 32 countries participated, deliberated, and acted on issues of great importance to children's wellbeing worldwide. At the 2nd CWWF at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico, 107 children from 29 countries shared 55 local actions to help in the solution- finding of water- related issues, and participated in workshops and educational activities.

The involvement of children in dealing with global issues exemplifies the need for policy-makers to put children at the forefront of their water and sanitation priorities. Moreover, involving children in large multi-stakeholder gatherings is the opportunity for children's representatives to engage in meaningful dialogue within a unified objective of bringing about significant change on water issues. Children are a crucial stakeholder in water deliberations and decisions to "Bridge Divides for Water".

2. Outline of the 3rd Children's World Water Forum

- (1) Date: March 12-17, 2009
- (2) Venue: The 5th WWF Venue
- (3) Organizers (tbc): Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum, Ministry of Education of Turkey, Project WET, and Japan Water Forum
- (4) Accommodation: Provided by the Secretariat
- (5) Expected number of participants: Around 150 including Turkish children



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3rd Children's World Water Forum
at the 5th World Water Forum
Istanbul, Turkey
12-17 March 2009

(6) Draft Program

	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
Morning	Arrival and registration	Children's session	Children's session	Excursion trip	Opening Ceremony	- Activities at the Global Education Village - Participation in the (selected) Forum Sessions
Afternoon		Children's session	Children's session		Activities at the Global Education Village	
Night	Ice breaking			Preparation for the Opening Ceremony		

3. Criteria for nomination

Participants of the 3CWWF should be selected according to the following guidelines:

- Age should be between 11-16 years.
- Up to 6 children per country can be selected.
- One chaperon should accompany the children.
- Participants shall preferably speak English. Otherwise they should be accompanied by an interpreter.
- Gender balance should be considered.
- Participants are requested to prepare for the presentation of the activities for the solution of their local water issues. Topics of the actions are advised to be consistent with the overall theme of the 5th World Water Forum, "Bridging Divides for Water". The theme underlines the importance of overcoming geographical barriers, as well as barriers between generations, rich and poor, developed and developing regions of the world.

4. Conditions for participation

The expenses necessary after the arrival in Turkey will be covered by the Organizer as follows. Costs necessary for travelling to/from Turkey should be covered by the participants.

(1) Costs to be covered by the Organizer

- a. Local transportation in Turkey (between the airport and the accommodation facility, between the accommodation facility and the venue of the 3CWWF, and other necessary transportation)
- b. Accommodation and meals during the 3CWWF
- c. Registration fees for the 5th World Water Forum



- (2) Costs to be covered by the participants
- Preparation for the participation and presentation
 - International flights between the country of participants and Turkey
 - Domestic transportation in the country of participants
 - Passport and visa
 - Travel insurance

5. Registration

For the registration of the participants, please send the following two forms with requested documents to the 3CWWF Secretariat.

- List of participants for the 3rd Children's World Water Forum
 - Deadline: January 31, 2009.
- Registration forms of the children and a chaperon for the 3rd Children's World Water Forum (requested to use a computer).
 - Deadline: February 13, 2009
 - Necessary documents to be attached: A photo and a copy of passport

* The signed original should be sent by post.

Send the documents to:

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