



WATER: THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE FOR OUR FUTURE
AGENDA
March 23, 2012

- 8.45am Registration
- 9.15am Opening remarks by Mehri Madarshahi, President of Melody
9.25am Welcome remarks by Vera Jelani, Dean of the Center for Global Affairs
- 9:35am Keynote Speech by **Alexandra Cousteau** (Blue Legacy LLC)
- 10:am Second Keynote by **Amina Az-Zubair, OFR** (Senior advisor on MDGs and CEO of the Development Policy Solutions) – *or Forest Whitaker (TBD)*
- 10:20am Film on water pollution management
10.30am Coffee break
- 10:40am **Panel I: Water, Climate Change, and Conflict**
• Moderated by **Amina Az-Zubair** (OFR)
Keynote statements by **Aldo Civico** (International Institute for Peace at Rutgers University) on conflict and water security
- (5 panelists each: 5- 10 minute statements)
- **Wenonah Hauter** (Executive Director of Food & Water Watch)
 - **Charles Vorosmarty** (Scientist)
 - **Francesca DeFerrari** (UN HABITAT, Human Settlement Officer)
 - **Anna Persic** (Scientist- UNESCO)
 - **Chris Godomski** (Professor, NYU CGA)
- Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and is prepared to ask questions if none are ready)
- 11.50am Presentation: "**Water Security and the Impact on Women**"
• Brief presentation by Amy Hart (Filmmaker, NYU Professor)
• Statement by Sarah Menon (Director of Women's Policy Division, UN)
Q & A

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12.30pm Lunch AND Breakout sessions for students focusing on awareness and policy proposals

1.30pm **Panel II: Role of the Private Sector and NGOs in Water Challenges and Solutions**

- Introduction by **Chris Robertson** (Northeastern University)
- Statements by 3 panelists (10 minute statements)
 - **Ric Davidge** (Chairman, AQUEOUS International)
 - **Kevin Mathews** (VP Regulatory, Health and Environment, Nestle Waters NA, Nestle Waters NA)
 - **Phil Retallick** (Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Incorporated)
- Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and is prepared to ask questions if none are ready)

2.30pm **Panel III: The Role of Culture, Media and Arts in Public Advocacy**

Roundtable moderated by Dr Hans d'Orville (UNESCO)

- **Peggy Weil** (Director, HeadsUp!)
- **Fred Ritchin** (Professor at NYU, and former Editor of the NY Times)
- **Ian Williams** (Author and Freelance Journalist)
- **Dr. Damien Pwono** (Aspen Institute)
- Q&A led by a student

3.30pm Summary Session

- Summary of finding and proposals from African Regional meeting (Anoush d'Orville)
- Presentation by students and Qatar Foundation International
- Presentation by students from breakout sessions

4pm Video presentation

4.15pm Concluding session –
Towards a plan of Action
Closing remarks

4.30pm Musical performance by Melody for Dialogue Water Ambassador, Nigerian Percussionist Ara the “Queen of Drums”