

**Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) - Participants Meeting
22-24 October 2008, Bossey, Switzerland**

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WEDNESDAY, October 22

Arrivals on Wednesday morning

8.30 – 12.00 An **excursion** will be organized for those participants who will already arrive in the course of the previous day.

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Welcome & Introductions

14.00 – 15.30 The Ecumenical Water Network: History and Vision

The Ecumenical Water Network was created in the end of 2005. An overview over the highlights of our common work since that time will be presented in order to explore how and with what impact the network has pursued its vision of water for all. The current arrangements with the World Council of Churches as the host of the network will also be explained.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 The global water crisis - challenges and opportunities.

Mr Joakim Harlin, Water Resources Advisor with the UNDP Water Governance Programme, will give a keynote address on the challenges and opportunities in dealing with the global water crisis. Looking at the “global” situation, how do those challenges relate to the situation and our work in specific local and national contexts?

17.30 – 18.30 Preparation of posters for the market place / free time

Participants will be able to use this time to finalize their posters for the marketplace in the evening. For more details on the poster session, please see the separate document “Preparing for the EWN Meeting”.

18.30 – 19.30 Dinner

20.00 – 22.00 Marketplace with poster session

The marketplace will provide us with the opportunity to get to know each other and our local challenges better. A part of the time will be used for a poster session during which participants will be discussing in small groups the respective situation and work in their home countries and how this relates to the Ecumenical Water Network.

THURSDAY, October 23

8.00 – 8.30 Breakfast

8.30 – 8.45 Common morning prayer

You are all invited to come together and join the students of the Ecumenical Institute in their daily morning prayer in the chapel.

9.00 – 9.15 Recapitulation

9.15 – 10.30 Development and human rights – Tools and approaches

(panelists to be confirmed)

Community mobilization and participation, IWRM, rights based approach... There are many approaches and tools we are using in our work. Starting with an input by a panel of experts this session aims at giving an overview over different approaches. We will discuss their respective strengths and added-value, and how we can employ them in order to maximize the impacts of our work.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Strategies & priorities 2009-2011 (I)

Having identified challenges as well as available tools the following two sessions aim at brainstorming about and concretizing the priorities and strategies for working together through the Ecumenical Water Network.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Strategies & priorities 2009-2011 (II)

Continuation of the previous session in smaller working groups.

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 Strategies & priorities 2009-2011: Wrap-up

Plenary session for bringing together the results from the different working groups and for finalizing a plan of action.

17.30 – 18.00 Feedback

18.30 – 19.30 Dinner

20.00 – 21.00 “The voices and sounds of water”

A thematic musical evening moderated by Franziska Schiltknecht (www.feinklang.ch)

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FRIDAY, October 24

8.30 – 8.45 Common morning prayer

9.00 – 9.15 Recapitulation

9.15 – 10.30 Functioning as a network

Having dealt with contents and strategies during the previous two days, this session will focus on issues related to the operation of the Ecumenical Water Network, such as finances, communication, membership etc.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Confirmation of plan of action and EWN Steering Group

Based on the results of the strategy sessions on Thursday, we would like to use this session to endorse the plan of action and to confirm the new EWN Steering Group which will be tasked with overseeing and coordinating its implementation.

12.00 – 12.30 Closing

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

Departures after 13.30