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## 20–21 January 2005

### National Seminar on 'Arsenic Pollution in West Bengal' Bagula, Nadia, West Bengal, India

This conference, organized by Srikrishna College covers topics relating to arsenic pollution, including health, environmental, agricultural, economic, ecological and cultural perspectives.

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## 24–26 January 2005

### Roundtable on School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Education, Oxford, UK

Organized by IRC, OXFAM and UNICEF, the Roundtable will launch strategic partnerships to advocate for providing water, sanitation and hygiene education in all primary schools, by 2015. The focus is on scaling up these school (and pre-school) programmes, with quality. This also implies moving beyond a single-minded focus on construction and 'business as usual'. The Roundtable will bring together representatives from national governments, international and regional institutions, development banks, the UN system, NGOs and the private sector to increase global and national interest in school programmes of quality.

## 26–28 January 2005

### African Water Laws – Plural Legislative Frameworks for Rural Water Management in Africa, Gauteng, South Africa

This workshop is organized by International Water Management Institute (IWMI); International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); Natural Resources Institute (NRI); Global Water Partnership (GWP); Faculty of Law and the Institute of Resources Assessment (IRA), University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. The aim is: to explore how the ongoing national policy and legal reform in Africa can strengthen small-scale rural water provision for domestic and productive purposes. These water uses are typically governed under customary arrangements, which tend to be overlooked in the new formal water laws. Comparative research will be presented on the interface between formal policies, legal frameworks, and institutions and customary arrangements in Africa, informed by experiences in Asia and Latin America. This will generate practical policy recommendations. Contact: Dr. Barbara van Koppen, Principal Researcher, IWMI, Africa Regional Program, b.vankoppen@cgiar.org; Dr. Ibrahim Juma, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, i\_juma@uccmail.co.tz; Dr. John Butterworth, National Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, UK, j.a.butterworth@gre.ac.uk  
[www.nri.org/waterlaw/workshop.htm](http://www.nri.org/waterlaw/workshop.htm)

## 17–20 March 05

### 2nd Alternative World Forum, Geneva, Switzerland

Organized by: Fame 2005, World Water Contract, and World Coalition Against the

Privatisation of Water, the Forum will formulate concrete action plans based on the outcomes of the first forum organized in March 2003 in Florence, Italy. Programme: Four conference-workshops on the themes that undergird the World Water Contract: right to water, water as a common asset, public financing of water and participative democracy in the water domain. Plus multiple parallel workshops, initiated by associations, NGOs and public services; and stands, demonstrations, concerts, film projections etc.

Further details: [www.fame2005.org/](http://www.fame2005.org/)  
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## 22 March 2005

### World Water Day 2005

This World Water Day will be the starting day for the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005 – 2015, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. It will also take as its theme 'Water for Life'. States are invited to devote the Day, as appropriate in the national context, to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness through the publication and diffusion of documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources and the implementation of the recommendations of Agenda 21.

Further information:  
[http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/water/Interagency\\_activities.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/sdissues/water/Interagency_activities.htm)

## Coming up in the April 2005 issue . . .

**Water safety plans. These plans form the basis of the WHO's newly revised Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality, third edition. Water Safety Plans are a comprehensive risk assessment and management approach covering all the steps in water supply from the catchment to the consumer. They are the recommended 'new approach' to water quality monitoring and provide a framework to identify, minimize and control pollution sources affecting water supply systems. Articles describe the scientific basis for Water Safety Plans and provide case studies from Uganda, India and Bangladesh of how to apply Water Safety Plans to both small and large water supply systems.**

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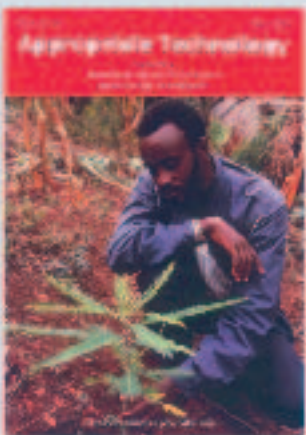
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