

Water . . . too much, too little, too dirty, too little appreciated . . . until we see the pictures of floods, of forest fires, of headlines about city water systems shut down for contamination . . . until we see what a few drops dripping from a truck in a Rwandan refugee camp can mean to life . . . until it comes home to us that it must be shared and conserved and managed very carefully for it is another precious and finite resource. This is the theme of World Food Day worldwide, and **SHARING WATER: FARMS, CITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS** will be the topic of the 11th annual World Food Day teleconference on Friday, October 14th. Expert panelists José Alfaro, Sandra Postel, Rita Schmidt Sudman and Hans Wolter will discuss these issues and respond to questions from sites. The moderator will be Alex Chadwick. Contact the national WFD office immediately in order to register as a site and receive full information and the Study/Action Packet.



Planning is underway for the presentation of the World Food Prize in Washington DC. Proposed events include a seminar on critical food and water issues and a keynote presentation by former President Jimmy Carter. The World Bank is expected to be one of the sponsors of this World Food Day observance.

The Peace Corps Partnership Program has created a World Food Day Water Projects Fund. Donations to this fund will be applied to community-based, water-related projects around the world where our Peace Corps volunteers are at work helping people gain access to clean, safe water. For more information, write the Peace Corps Partnership Program at 1990 K Street NW, Washington DC 20526.



Every year ZIGGY speaks to millions of people through the pages of many major magazines, and responses have come from every corner of our nation. A recent call came from a feature writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer who is planning a special section for kids. You should try to get Ziggy into your local newspaper, or use this PSA in your own newsletters. Perhaps your local bottled water company or grocery stores would use it in their ads.

Many organizations provide excellent curriculum booklets on water. The office has put together a few samples of these lessons to assist teachers (K-12) in observing World Food Day this year. Other lesson materials for World Food Day are also available through the national WFD office. For fourteen years these resources have been provided free of charge, but the heavy demand is forcing us to ask you to help by making a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of printing and mailing so that we can continue to offer these to teachers and schools that cannot afford to pay.

Growth continues to be the byword of World Food Day. This year eight national organizations joined the National Committee, and in several states experiments are being made in statewide planning. The same growth can take place in your local organizing efforts. Wherever you are . . . at work, at worship, at play . . . there are others who care . . . others who are through with making excuses . . . and want to find reasons for helping. You, and only you, can reach them for WFD! IF YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE, YOU HAVE A COALITION!

Be sure to contact your governor/mayor about WFD.


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