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WORLD WATER DAY 22 March

International World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day.

States were invited to devote the Day, as appropriate in the national context, to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness through the production and dissemination of documentaries and the organization of conferences, round tables, seminars and expositions related to the conservation and development of water resources

http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/backgroundeshtmlr



THE ANSWER IS IN NATURE

How can we reduce floods, droughts and water pollution? By using the solutions we already find in nature.

World Water Day 2018









✓ 2017 – Why Waste Water? the theme was "Why Waste Water?" which is about reducing and <u>reusing</u> wastewater.

- ✓ 2016 Better Water, Better Jobs
- ✓ 2015 Water and Sustainable Development
- ✓ 2014 Water and Energy
- ✓ 2013: International Year of Cooperation. In December 2010, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2013 as the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation.
- ✓ 2012: Water and Food Security: The World is Thirsty Because We are Hungry.
- ✓ 2011: Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge. The aim was to spotlight and encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the challenges of urban water management.
- ✓ 2010: Clean Water for a Healthy World. Dedicated to water quality, reflecting its importance alongside quantity of the resource in water management.
- ✓ 2009: Trans Waters. Special focus placed on trans-boundary waters.
- ✓ 2008: <u>Sanitation</u>. 2008 was also the <u>International Year of Sanitation</u>
- ✓ 2007: Coping With Water Scarcity. Highlighted <u>water scarcity</u> worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of scarce water resources, both at international and local levels.

- ✓ 2006: Water and Culture. The theme drew the attention to the fact that there are as many ways of viewing, using, and celebrating water as there are cultural traditions across the world.
- ✓ 2005: Water for Life Decade 2005–2015. The United Nations General Assembly at its 58th session in December 2003 agreed to proclaim the years 2005 to 2015 the International Decade for Action, beginning with World Water Day, 22 March 2005
- ✓ 2004: Water and Disasters. Weather, climate and water resources can have a devastating impact on socio-economic development and on the well-being of humankind.
- 2003: Water for Future. Maintain and improve the quality and quantity of fresh water available to future generations.
- ✓ 2002: Water for Development. The poor and deteriorating state of water resources in many parts of the world demand <u>integrated water resources planning and management</u>.
- ✓ 2001: Water for Health
- ✓ 2000: Water for the 21st century
- ✓ 1999: Everyone Lives Downstream
- ✓ 1998: Groundwater- The Invisible Resource. The UN identified gaps in groundwater management which have enormous implications for sustainable development.
- ✓ 1997: The World's Water: Is there enough?
- ✓ 1996: Water for Thirsty Cities
- ✓ 1995: Women and Water
- ✓ 1994: Caring for our Water Resources is Everybody's Business