

**Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India**

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We are pleased to invite you to the release function and panel discussion on the report,  
**Life, Livelihoods, Ecosystems, Culture:  
Entitlements and Allocation of Water for Competing Uses**  
on **16 March 2011 from 4 to 6.30 pm at WWF India Office, New Delhi.**

Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister, MoEF, would inaugurate the function and release the report. Prof. A. Vaidyanathan has agreed to chair the function and Dr. Mihir Shah would deliver the keynote address.

The report is the result of the work of the first of the two groups set up in 2009 by the Forum on two important issues, namely, 1) Water Entitlements and Allocation for Livelihoods and Ecosystem Needs and 2) Institutional and Legal Issues Related to Water Conflict Resolution. We are glad to release this report of the first group comprising K. J. Joy, Priya Sangameshwaran, Shripad Dharmadhikari, A. Latha, Prof. M.K Prasad and K. P. Soma. We hope that this report would provide some inputs into the ongoing process of the review of the National Water Policy.

The Forum is a platform of organizations and individuals many of whom have made significant contributions to the water sector discourse in the country in terms of policy, research and practice. The Forum has been working since 2006 on water conflicts and in the first phase of its work the emphasis was on conflict documentation which resulted, among other things, in the book, 'Water Conflicts in India: A Million Revolts in the Making', published by Routledge. Presently the Forum is working on a few conflicts with a view to resolve them and also learn from that process. It has set up resource centres in Kerala and Orissa and is in the process of documenting conflicts in the north-East. Please visit <http://conflicts.indiawaterportal.org/node/11> in India Water Portal to find more information on the activities of the Forum.

Looking forward to your participation on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Release of the report and panel discussion**

Venue: WWF India Conference Hall, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Time: 4.00 to 6.30 pm

**Programme**

*Chairperson: Prof. A. Vaidyanathan*

Welcome	A. Latha
The Report	K J Joy
Inaugural address and release of the report	Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister, MoEF
Keynote address	Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Planning Commission
<i>Panel discussion: "The report and the National Water Policy Review":</i>	
Panelists	Prof. Ramaswamy Iyer, Former Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Dr. Navroz Dubash, Centre for Policy Research Shri Vimal Bhai, Matu Jan Sanghattan
<i>Open discussion</i>	
<i>Address by the chair</i>	
Vote of thanks	Suhas Paranjape
<i>High Tea</i>	

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