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Dear Sir/Madam

This is the first time in human history that **most of the world's populations live in cities: 3.3 billion people** ...and the urban landscape continues to grow.

38% of the growth is represented by expanding **slums**, while the city populations are increasing faster than city infrastructure can adapt.

The objective of World Water Day 2011 is to focus international attention on the impact of rapid urban population growth, industrialization and uncertainties caused by climate change, conflicts and natural disasters on urban water systems.

This year theme, *Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge*, aims to spotlight and encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the def of urban water management.



Investments in infrastructure have not kept up with the rate of urbanization, while water and waste services show significant underinvestment. The central problem is therefore the management of urban water and waste. Piped water coverage is declining in many settings, and the poor people get the worst services, yet paying the highest water prices.

Few urban authorities in developing countries have found a sustainable solution to urban sanitation, and utilities cannot afford to extend sewers to the slums, nor can they treat the volume of sewage already collected. Solid waste disposal is a growing threat to health and the environment

The Institution of Engineers (India) every year celebrate World water day along with all the organization that work & have interest in Water management. Pune Local center will celebrate the World water day on 22nd March 2011 to focus & discuss the issues of *Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge*. The efforts will be made to Reach Out the theme to Common man and to every one who work for water.

It is pleasure to inform you that we are planning to have full day program. In morning and afternoon sessions the issues of water supply for Cities and the rural areas speedily coming under the Urban sprawl, will be discussed by the eminent scientist, engineers and social workers. Case studies will be also presented. The program will be open to all who are concerned with the water issues of urbanized area,

With great pleasure we inform you that Honorable Dr. Madhav Chitale has given his consent to grace the audience with his key note address on theme of World water day.

Every year we come together to celebrate the day. We request you to circulate the letter amongst the members of your Organization to ensure that they will mark the date in their Diary to confirm their participation.

Please send your letter of acceptance to join the celebration of World water day. We will be highly obliged if you send novel suggestion to celebrate the Word water day. Sevavardini & ACWADAM have already confirmed their participation in the celebration.

We will join the hands together to celebrate the World water day & will continue to work in year 2011 to put the theme *Water for cities: responding to the urban challenge* into reality. The detail program will be mailed to you soon.

Please mail your reply immediately.

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