



WATER: THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE FOR OUR FUTURE  
AGENDA  
March 23, 2012

- 8.45am* Registration
- 9.15am* Opening remarks by President of Melody  
*9.22am* Welcome remarks by the Dean of CGA
- 9:30am* Keynote Speech by Alexandra Cousteau (Blue Legacy LLC)
- 9:50am* Showing of brief documentary on Water for the World Act
- 10.15am* Panel I: Water, Climate Change, and Conflict
- Introduction by Dr. Hans d’Orville (UNESCO)
  - Statements by 4 panelists (5- 10 minute statements)
    - Weonanah Hauter (Executive Director, Food and Water Watch)
    - Olav Kjørven (UNDP)
    - Anna Persidge (UNESCO Liaison Office)
    - Francesca DeFerrari (UN HABITAT, Human Settlement Officer)
  - Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and is prepared to ask questions if none are ready)
- 11.15am* Coffee break
- 11.30am* Presentation: "Water Security and the Impact on Women" (20-25 mins)  
Keynote speech by Amy Hart  
Presentation of her film  
Q & A
- 12.00pm* Panel II: Role of the Private Sector and NGOs in Water Challenges and Solutions
- Introduction by Christopher Robertson (Professor, NorthEastern University)
  - Statements by 4 panelists (5- 10 minute statements)
    - Ric Davidge (CEO, AQUEOUS)
    - Michael Washburn (Nestle Waters, North America)
    - Philip Retallick (Clean Harbors)
  - Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and is prepared to ask questions if none are ready)

- 1pm* Lunch AND Breakout sessions for students focusing on awareness and policy proposals
- 2.00pm* Water as a Human Right
- Introduction by a moderator TBD
  - 2 debaters to present their cases and discuss ideas. (approx. 10 mins each)
    - Catarina de Albuquerque (UN Special Rapporteur)
    - Kendra Okonski (author)
  - 10 minutes for Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and be prepared to ask questions if none are ready)
- 2.45pm* Panel III: The Role of Culture, the Arts, and a Plan of Action
- Presentation from students
  - 3 panelists (10 minutes each)
    - Peggy Weil (Director, HeadsUp!)
    - Adam Bly, (CEO, Seed Media Group, Visualizing.org)
  - Presentation of finding from the African Water Forum
  - Q&A led by a student (who should do some research and be prepared to ask questions if none are ready)
- 4pm* Concluding session – Towards a plan of Action (volunteer students taking notes)
- Closing remarks