

Panel 1

Dr. Aaron Salzberg

Special Coordinator for Water Resources, U.S. Department of State

Aaron Salzberg serves as the Special Coordinator for Water Resources in the Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. He is responsible for providing overall policy guidance and coordinating bilateral, regional, and global aspects of the State Department's activities on transboundary and freshwater issues. Salzberg also chairs the U.S. Government Interagency Water Team. He has a Ph.D. in genetic toxicology and a M.S. in technology and policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also holds a M.S. in aerospace engineering, and has mediated more than 50 civil disputes as a mediator with the Harvard Law School. He came to the State Department as a fellow at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Panel 2

Catarina de Albuquerque

UN Human Rights Council Independent Expert on the Issue of Human Rights Obligations Related to Access to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation

Catarina de Albuquerque is the first UN Independent Expert on human rights obligations related to Access to safe drinking water and sanitation. She was appointed by the Human Rights Council in September 2008, having started her mandate on 1 November that year. Between 2004 and 2008 she presided over the negotiations of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which the UN General Assembly approved by consensus on 10 December 2008.

De Albuquerque is an invited Professor at the Law Faculties of the Universities of Braga and Coimbra and a Senior Legal Adviser at the Office for Documentation and Comparative Law, an independent institution under the Prosecutor General's Office.

She was awarded the Human Rights Golden Medal by the Portuguese Parliament (10 December 2009) for outstanding work in the area of human rights. Her work in human rights was also honoured by the Portuguese President of the Republic (October 2009) with the Order of Merit, which is a recognition of an individual's personal bravery, achievement, or service to Portugal.

She holds a Law Degree from the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon (Portugal) and a DES from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Geneva, Switzerland).

Panel 3

Rev. William F. Schulz

President and CEO

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

William F. Schulz is the President and CEO of UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, a nonsectarian organization that advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world. Previously, he served for 12 years as executive director of Amnesty International USA, until spring of 2006. An ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, Schulz is a former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

He has appeared frequently on radio and television news and analysis shows and is the author or contributing editor of several books, including *In Our Own Best Interest: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All*; *Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights*; *The Phenomenon of Torture*; and *The Future of Human Rights: US Policy for a New Era*.

The *New York Review of Books* said in June 2002, "William Schulz has done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make human rights issues known in the United States." He graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, received a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Chicago and a doctor of ministry degree from Meadville/Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago, and holds seven honorary degrees.

The Rev. John L. McCullough

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Church World Service

The Rev. John L. McCullough is Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Church World Service, an international humanitarian agency providing disaster relief and mitigation, advocacy, sustainable development and refugee assistance in the United States and some 60 countries. The non-profit agency is supported by public donations, grants and the contributions of its 35 member Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations and communions.

Since joining Church World Service (CWS) in June of 2000, Rev. McCullough has been at the forefront of the organization's expanding role as an advocate for human rights and the empowerment of civil society in developing countries to create their own durable solutions in overcoming hunger and poverty.

Through partnership and collaboration, Rev. McCullough has guided development initiatives and major disaster responses for CWS with a focus on mutual engagement by all those with

vested concerns for the most vulnerable— the beneficiaries of assistance themselves, their communities, local faith and civil society organizations, public sector and governments, other non-governmental organizations, world bodies, and funders.

He has spearheaded the planning, implementation and expansion of innovative development programs in countries from Africa to Southeast Asia, with the ultimate goal of "giving away" those programs-- passing on true ownership to the people who have benefited from them, for their own furtherance. In turn, numerous of those grassroots groups are now empowered to share their programs' methodologies for success with similar populations in other countries.

Dr. Katherine E. Bliss

Director, Project on Global Water Policy

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Katherine E. Bliss is deputy director and senior fellow with the CSIS Global Health Policy Center and directs the CSIS Project on Global Water Policy. She is also senior fellow with the CSIS Americas Program. Before joining CSIS, she was a foreign affairs officer at the U.S. Department of State, where she led work on environmental health for the Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, focusing on water, sanitation, and hygiene; indoor air pollution; and climate change adaptation challenges in developing countries. In 2006, she received the Bureau's Superior Honor Award for her work on environmental health, as well as avian and pandemic influenza preparedness. As a 2003–2004 Council on Foreign Relations international affairs fellow, Bliss served as a member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, covering issues related to global health, international women's issues, Mexico, and the Summit of the Americas. Previously, she served on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she held tenure and was associate professor.

She is currently an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University and teaches courses in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Bliss is the author or coeditor of books, reviews, and articles on global water challenges, public health, gender, and development politics. Her CSIS reports include *Paths Forward for the Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sectors*; *Enhancing U.S. Leadership on Drinking Water and Sanitation: Opportunities within Global Health Programs*; *The Challenge of Chronic Diseases on the U.S.-Mexico Border*; *Health in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenge and Opportunities for U.S. Engagement*; and *Trafficking in the Mesoamerican Corridor: A Threat to Regional and Human Security*. Other publications include "Nuevas direcciones: Sexuality, Politics, and Reproductive Health in Mexico," a special issue of *Sexuality Research and Social Policy Gender* (September 2007), coedited with Héctor Carrillo; *Sexuality and Power in Latin America since Independence* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), coedited with William E. French; and *Compromised Positions: Prostitution, Public Health and Gender Politics in Revolutionary Mexico City* (Penn State Press, 2001). She is a frequent public speaker and contributes regularly to print, radio, and television

media coverage of water, global health, and Latin America issues. Bliss received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago's Division of Social Sciences and was a David E. Bell fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health's Center for Population and Development Studies. She received her A.B. *magna cum laude* and her A.M. from Harvard University and studied at the Colegio de México in Mexico City.

John Oldfield

Managing Director

WASH Advocacy Initiative

John Oldfield is currently Managing Director of the WASH Advocacy Initiative, a nonprofit advocacy collaborative in Washington DC entirely dedicated to helping solve the global safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) challenge. His previous experience in the WASH sector includes founding two implementing nonprofits active in Africa, and his tenure as Executive Vice President with Water Advocates, an advocacy group in Washington DC also dedicated to increasing financial and political support for worldwide access to safe, affordable and sustainable supplies of drinking water and adequate sanitation.

Prior to Water Advocates he was a Vice President at a New York private equity firm specializing in leveraged buyouts and corporate divestitures. John has also been with The Conference Board, a New York-based economic research firm which produces the well-known Leading Economic Indicators and Consumer Confidence Index. While there he launched and managed two innovative online services, including a corporate training business.

Prior to The Conference Board, John was with the National Academy of Sciences, where he researched science, technology and economic policy issues. He also has extensive international management experience with US Agency for International Development contracts, including training programs for election officials, civil society, and foreign media, as well as civil/military communication projects in post-conflict countries.