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Media Advisory

Join the Call, Toilets for All!

World Water Day Public Action on Parliament Hill

Event Type: Photo Op and Speakers

When: World Water Day, Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00pm

Where: Parliament Hill front steps

Who: Sanitation and Water Action Network (SWAN) Canada

Join us as we deliver to Canada's seat of power dozens of signed toilet seats.

These toilet seat petitions, sent to Ottawa from all corners of the country, represent the voices of thousands of Canadians calling on the government of Canada do its fair share to bring relief to the global water and sanitation crisis.

Nearly one billion people – almost a seventh of the world's population – do not have access to safe drinking water. A further 2.5 billion people live without access to basic sanitation. This means no toilets, no latrines, and no separation of human waste from daily life.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Paul Dewar, NDP (Foreign Affairs Critic)
- Kate White, Executive Director, United Nations Association of Canada
- George Yap, International Program Director, WaterCan/ Coordinator, SWAN Canada
- Robert Fox, Executive Director, Oxfam Canada
- Chris Dendys, Executive Director, Results Canada

The toilet seat petition campaign, "*Join the Call, Toilets for All!*", was launched by SWAN Canada on World Toilet Day (Nov 19th, 2008) to generate public support in demanding that Canada honor its commitments to address the global water and sanitation crisis.

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