

World Water Day comes to Cape Town

This year the United Nations World Water Day was celebrated in Cape Town in March. Dignitaries from all over the world, including HRH Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands and Joan Clos, Executive Director

of UN-Habitat, attended festivities at the southern tip of Africa. It was not all fun and games, though. Some serious discussions were held around this year's theme 'Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge'. More than a billion people are

living in Africa's cities – mostly in informal areas – and the continent is urbanising faster than anywhere else in the world. This places huge demands on water supply, with many urban residents having to use unsafe sources.



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Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands addresses the media.



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Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands and South African Minister of Water & Environmental Affairs Edna Molewa address some tough questions.



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UN Messenger of Truth, Rolf Stahlhofen, performing 'Water is Life', a song specially written for the day.



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Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands with Cape Town Mayor Dan Plato and Deputy Minister of Water & Environmental Affairs Rejoice Mabudafasi during World Water Day celebrations.