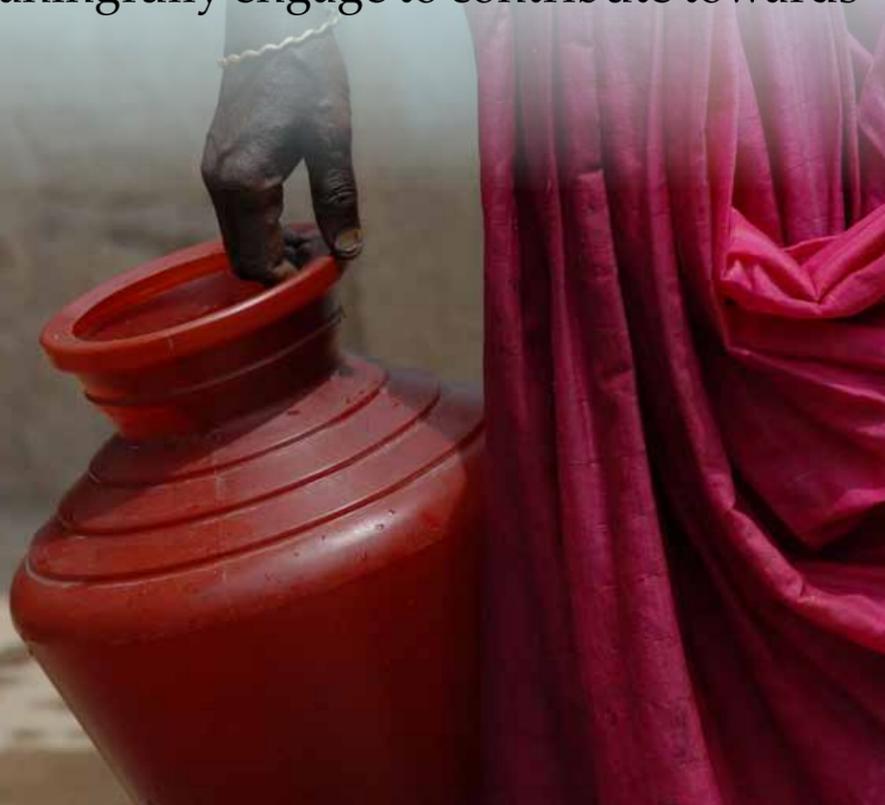


# Why Women? Why Water? Why Me?

Issues of water quality and quantity are of particular importance to women. From childbirth to education, from domestic responsibilities to dignity and safety, access to water and sanitation has very real impacts on women's lives around the world. The MDG target for drinking water has officially been met, but the global picture remains dire. 2.5 billion people lack access to basic sanitation; 1.1 billion defecate in the open; and almost a billion lack access to improved water supplies. Where women's voices are heard, they are strong advocates for potable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene practices. This lecture will explore the role of women in the global water crisis and how the public can meaningfully engage to contribute towards solutions.



Keynote Speaker



**The Honourable Maria Mutagamba**  
**Minister of Water and Environment,**  
**Republic of Uganda (2006 - 2012)**

Minister Mutagamba is a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board for Water and Sanitation, past-president of the African Ministers' Council on Water, coordinator of the Global Women Leaders Forum for Water and Sanitation and a member of the Nile Council of Ministers. Most recently, she was recognized and accorded the title of "Mama Africa for WASH" during the 2012 Africa Water Week. Minister Mutagamba is the inaugural recipient of the UNU-INWEH Water Catalyst award sponsored by Degremont. As the result of recent changes in the Ugandan cabinet, Minister Mutagamba is now the Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities. As a final culmination of her career in water, the Honourable Minister will share her many years of experience in the WASH sector.

## Panelists

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