



Launch of the International Year of Freshwater

The Challenges of Freshwater: A Dialogue

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon,
Thursday 12 December 2002
Conference Room 4

9:45 a.m. Video: The International Year of Freshwater

10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Opening remarks: **Ms. Louise Fréchette**
Deputy Secretary-General

Response: **H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov**
Foreign Minister of Tajikistan

Discussants: **Mr. Nitin Desai**
Under-Secretary-General for
Economic and Social Affairs

H.E. Ms. June Clarke
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Barbados
Vice President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Milos Alcalay
Deputy Permanent Representative of Venezuela
Chair of G-77 and China

Mr. Gourisankar Ghosh
Executive Director, Water Supply and
Sanitation Collaborative Council

Moderator: **Mr. Shashi Tharoor**
Under-Secretary-General for
Communications and Public Information

Questions From the Floor

11:30 a.m. Water Songs: By Pete Seeger and Bob Reid, and the
Children's Choir of the United Nations
International School