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UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT

TITLE: Portable Water and Healthy Packaging for Sustainable Environment with a sub-theme of Water for Health

Held on the 24 March 2023 in the Conference room – Nigerian House at 2pm, 828 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10017, United States.

ORGANIZING PARTNERS

- 1. STEVENSON HOLISTIC CARE FOUNDATION (SHCF)**
- 2. NIMASA**

BACKGROUND OF THE EVENT

The event focused on portable water, water sanitation, water packaging and disposal of packs for a healthy environment, with an emphasis on innovative, recyclable packaging other than plastics as well as storage. The pollution of waterways by indiscriminate disposal of plastics and its consequences on the environment and health, including potential rise in sea level and other climatic effects were discussed. The need for the provision of portable water with eco-friendly packaging to mitigate these effects was emphasized. Guest speakers like Prof. Akil Kokayi Khalfani emphasized the importance of water to the survival and growth of any economy.

WATER ACTION AGENDA

Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17)

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KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Plastic pollution can alter habitats and natural processes.
- Reduction of ecosystems' ability to adapt to climate change, directly affecting millions of people's livelihoods, food production capabilities and social well-being.
- Plastics don't break down, they break up, becoming a permanent pollutant in our environment.
- Microplastics have been reported in food for human consumption, deposit in organs may lead to Organ and system breakdown.
- Microplastics may also be inhaled and have been found in human organs and in the placentas of unborn babies.
- Toxic chemicals like phthalates and BPA are present in the plastic water packaging.
- Key risk factors in causation of Cancers.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- The summit speakers encouraged individuals to make small changes, such as using reusable cups and water bottles.
- Influencing businesses and governments to act towards a circular economy that promotes recycling and reuse of materials.
- Encourage organizations to move away from the concept of 'take, make and throw away' and towards a circular economy that promotes recycling and the reuse of materials.
- Push businesses to own the product management lifecycle and support ones that do through redesign and innovation.
- Increase our single-use plastic bans to eliminate problematic or unnecessary plastic packaging.

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