



The UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event (OS98)

Providing Abundant Water to the World: *Accelerating the Implementation of Decade Objectives through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan*

Date, Time, Location:

March 23, 2023, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, at The Living Room @ The Skylark, 200 W 39th St, New York, NY 10018

Organizers: School News Nationwide and the Moses West Foundation

Event Background: The Moses West Foundation and School News Nationwide organized a side event to address global water scarcity and promote sustainable urban agriculture. The event took place in an elegant rooftop private event space, offering a stunning city view, and attracted 87 participants, including distinguished national leaders and representatives from diverse sectors. The discussions focused on the key challenges and opportunities related to achieving water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

During the event, the founders of the Moses West Foundation and School News Nationwide, Moses West and Bill Tinglin, respectively, provided brief introductions. Attendees engaged in conversations aimed at identifying and addressing current challenges and bringing sustainable solutions to the forefront, creating a vibrant and productive atmosphere.

Water Action Agenda: The Moses West Foundation is dedicated to the Water Action Agenda, setting an ambitious goal of producing 40 acre-feet or more of pure atmospheric-generated water by 2030, contributing to the global SDG goals. The foundation's activities encompass addressing food deserts, providing sustainable water sources, developing sustainable agricultural systems, and establishing partnerships with local universities and STEM programs. [Insert the link to your commitment in the Water Action Agenda database]

Key Issues Discussed:

- Global implications of water scarcity
- Addressing food deserts in underserved American communities
- Providing sustainable water sources using atmospheric water generation technology
- Developing sustainable urban agricultural zones
- Establishing partnerships with local universities and STEM programs

- Promoting sustainable irrigation systems for vertically grown food projects
- Expanding resources and sustainable solutions for the African continent

Key Recommendations for Action:

- Collaborate with international partners to address water scarcity challenges
- Increase investment in sustainable urban agricultural zones and infrastructure
- Develop and implement innovative water generation technologies in areas with scarce or contaminated water sources
- Strengthen partnerships with local universities and STEM programs to promote education and sustainable practices
- Encourage the adoption of sustainable irrigation systems in agriculture
- Foster cross-sector collaboration to achieve SDG 6 and other related goals

Notable Guests in Attendance:

- Members of the International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa
- Dr. Sharjil A. Khan, University of Lahore, representing Pakistan
- Chairman Rashid Littlejohn, Green Campaign
- Apollo Mondesir, CEO, Rocksteady Consulting; Executive Consultant, Moses West Foundation
- Nina Ancharski, CFO, Rocksteady Consulting
- Kemar Haughton, President, Jaus Col Inc
- Thomas Mitchener, CEO, MIRC
- Jonathan "FrnCh" Folly, Paradise Records & Familia Pacti
- Travis Ingraham, President, Carver Water Technology
- Clyde Carson, Founder, C Solutions
- Princeps Polycap, President, Poly186
- Benjamin Tomlinson, President, Culture X Media, Our Palate, and Black 2 School
- Adaobe Okoro, Founder, Deep Roots Co-Op