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## WORLD WATER DAY

Saturday, March 22 is internationally-observed World Water Day, as established by the United Nations in 1992. World Water Day is an day of observance and action to draw attention to the plight of the more than 1 billion people who lack access to clean, safe drinking water. Check out this website for the full story.

[www.worldwaterday.net](http://www.worldwaterday.net)

On March 21, The Colbert Report dedicated an entire show to water. (This link will expire shortly.)

[Stephen Colbert on Water](#)



### Basic sanitation goals behind pace

Leaders who adopted the Millennium Development Goals in 2000 envisioned halving the proportion of people living without access to basic sanitation by the year 2015, but we are nowhere near on pace to achieve that goal. Experts predict that, by 2015, 2.1 billion people will still lack basic sanitation. At the present rate, sub-Saharan Africa will not reach the target until 2076. While there have been advances, progress is hampered by population growth, widespread poverty, insufficient investments to address the problem and the biggest culprit: a lack of political will.

