



GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

WATER

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Introduction

Climate change is a global reality caused mainly by economic activities. Climate change has direct impacts on natural resources, ecosystems and societies, with water being particularly affected.

Following the 2014 United Nations Summit on Climate Change in New York, where a water specific goal was included in the 2030 world agenda for sustainable development, the water issue has gained prominence in the climate agenda.

While water considerations are strongly present within the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), access to financing remains a challenge for water-related projects.

In this context, different initiatives were launched during COP 21, among them:

- The Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers;
- The Business Alliance for Water and Climate;
- The Megacities Alliance for water and climate;
- "Climate Is Water".

To highlight the importance of water and to mobilize all the stakeholders, an international conference on water and climate, was organized in July 2016, entitled: «Water security for a climate justice». This conference was the occasion to launch the call « Water for Africa », which has been widely endorsed by African countries, cooperation agencies and international institutions.

The call "Water for Africa" has served as basis for the new initiative, also "Water for Africa", to be launched in Marrakech during COP 22. This initiative aims to raise awareness among the international community about specific African challenges, which are related to potable water and sanitation services, food security, and water infrastructure deficit. **The voice of Africa** will be highlighted in Marrakech during the water events.

The recommendations and conclusions from this international conference will be presented as the Blue Book during COP 22.

Objective

This water action day will be dedicated to the water sector, to discuss the relationship between water issues and climate change-positioning and to raise its profile in the relevant negotiations.

This conference day aims particularly to:

- Launch new water initiatives: "Water for Africa", "The Parliamentary initiative", and "The Delta Coalition";
- Provide an update on water related initiatives launched earlier;
- Submit a new proposal to the UNFCCC, bringing new engagements and improving the existing financial mechanisms;
- Enable dialogue between the Parties and the Non Parties around various topics related to water and climate change.



SHOWCASE

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10.00-12.30

The Showcase segment will have three panels. The first one will highlight Africa and its concerns in the field of water. Thus, the “**Water for Africa**” initiative will be presented with the participation of African Ministers in charge of water. The second panel will introduce other new water related initiatives, “**The International Network of Parliamentarians for Water**” and “**The Delta coalition**”. The third panel will report on advances and progress achieved in terms of implementation of initiatives already launched at COP 21, in particular “**Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers**”, “**Business Alliance for Water and Climate**”, “**Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate**”, and “**#ClimatelsWater Initiative**”.

10.00-10.35 35 min	Opening
Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdeladim LHAFI, Commissioner of COP22 • Hakima EL HAITE, Morocco’s High Level Champion for the climate, • Charafat AFAILAL, Minister delegate in charge of water, Government of Morocco • Roberto RAMIREZ de la PARRA, World President of INBO • Sylvie LEMMET, Ministry of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, Government of France • Flavia SCHLEGEL, Deputy Director-General of Natural Sciences at UNESCO • Dogan ALTINBILEK, Vice-President of the World Water Council 	
Presentation of the “ Blue Book on Water and Climate ” by Abdeslam ZIYAD , Director of Water Research and Planning, Morocco (10 min)	

10.35-11.05 30 min	Panel 1 Presentation of the Initiative “Water for Africa”
Description This panel will highlight Africa and the water-related challenges the continent is facing in a difficult climate context. Thus, the Initiative "Water for Africa" aims to implement the call made by the African Ministers in charge of Water in July 2016 in Rabat in order to mobilize the water and climate international communities to induce a specific, urgent agenda for water and climate change in Africa and to reserve the necessary financial resources.	
Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charafat AFAILAL, Minister delegate in charge of water, Government of Morocco • Mohamed EL AZIZI, Director of Water and Sanitation, African Development Bank • Ali FASSI Fihri, Director General, National Office Of Electricity and Potable Water 	
With the participation of African Ministers in charge of Water	
Moderator Hynd BOUHIA , Global Nexus Services	

11.05-11.25 20 min	Panel 2 Presentation of new Initiatives
<p>Description</p> <p>This panel aims to present new initiatives to be launched at COP 22 in the field of water:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The International Network of Parliamentarians for Water”, whose objective is to facilitate the exchange of "legislative best practices" on water and to promote the organization of debates and knowledge-sharing about the policies of the water; • “The Delta coalition” is the world’s first international coalition of governments from 12 countries that have formed a partnership to deal with sustainable delta development in the context of climate change. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie AUCONIE, Coordinator of the International Network of Parliamentarians for Water, • Kees RADE, Ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands <p>Moderator</p> <p>Hammou LAMRANI, Adaptation to Climate Change in the Water Sector in the MENA Region Advisor, League of Arab States</p>	
11.25-12.15 50 min	Panel 3 Progress made in the initiatives launched during COP21
<p>Description</p> <p>This panel will be dedicated to the presentation of the progress registered on the implementation of water-related initiatives in Paris.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Paris Pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers” which aims to promote the resilience of basins to climate change through capacity building, adaptation of planning and basin management to climate change, strengthening governance and adequate funding; • “Business Alliance for Water and Climate” launched to ensure the commitment of companies to measure and reduce their water footprint and promote the role of the private sector in the actions of adaptation to climate change; • “Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate” who aims to promote the role of cities and megacities in the adaptation to climate change through the adoption of integrated urban water management measures; • “#ClimatelsWater Initiative” aims to mobilize the international water community in order to consider water at center of the international negotiations on climate change. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrey VASILYEV, Deputy Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe – on behalf of the Paris Pact • Bertrand CAMUS, CEO of Suez Eau France, on behalf of the Business Alliance for Water and Climate • Flavia SCHLEGEL, Deputy Director-General of Natural Sciences at UNESCO on behalf of the Megacities Alliance on Water and Climate • Dogan ALTINBILEK, Vice-President of the World Water Council on behalf of the « Climate is Water » Initiative 	



Testimony

- **Judith ENAW**, General Secretary of International Commission of Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin (CICOS)
- **Paddy PADMANATHAN**, CEO of Acwa Power International and Global Clean Water Desalination Alliance
- **Frederique DENIS**, Syndicat Interdépartemental pour l'Assainissement de l'Agglomération Parisienne

Moderator

Jean-François DONZIER, General Secretary
International Network of Basin Organizations - INBO

12.15-12.30 15 min	Closing wrap-up
Speakers Abdeslam ZIYAD , Director of Water Research and Planning, on behalf of the Facilitators	



DIALOGUE

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The dialogue between the Parties and the non Parties will be divided into four topics: the first one will be dedicated to “**Water and Sustainable Development**”, the second will focus on “**Water and socio-economic development**”, the third will discuss “**Financing mechanism to increase ambitions related to adaptation and mitigation of water field**”, and the fourth will be dedicated to “**Improving knowledge, cooperation and capacity building**”.

13.30-13.35 05 min	Dialogue Opening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdeslam ZIYAD, Director of Water Research and Planning, Ministry delegate in charge of water, Morocco <p>Moderator John MATTHEWS, Coordinator, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation</p>	

13.35-14.10 35 min	Topic 1 Water and Sustainable Development
<p>Description This roundtable will debate the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of management should be adopted to prevent the impact of climate change on biodiversity and natural environment? • What kind of governance should be set up for efficient management of transboundary water and basins and in the context of climate change? • What is the place of water in the implementation of SDGs? • How to plan and manage water infrastructure in the context of climate change? <p>Speakers (20min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuel PULGAR VIDAL, Climate Chief - World Wildlife Fund (WWF) • Torgny HOLMGREN, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute • Michel DEVIVO, General Secretary of the International Commission on Large Dams <p>Discussion (15 min)</p> <p>Moderator John MATTHEWS, Coordinator, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation</p>	

14.05-14.45 35 min	Topic 2 Water and socio-economic development
<p>Description This roundtable will debate the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of water policies should be adopted to meet the requirements of hygiene and fight against waterborne diseases? • How to promote access to education through improving water services and sanitation? • In a context characterized by climate change, how could we converge sectoral policies on water and irrigated agriculture in order to ensure the food safety? • How could we ensure balance between strategies and policies in the energy and water fields for an integrated and sustainable sectoral management? <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loïc FAUCHON, Honorary President, World Water Council • Eduardo MANSUR, Director of Land and Water Division, FAO • Zhang XUEJIN, Division Director, Bureau of Hydropower, Ministry of Water Resources, China <p>Discussion (15 min)</p> <p>Moderator John MATTHEWS, Coordinator of the Alliance for Global Water Adaptation</p>	
14.45-15.20 35 min	Topic 3 Financing mechanism to increase ambitions related to adaptation and mitigation of water field
<p>Description This roundtable will debate the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What financial mechanisms are set for water adaptation and resilience to climate change? what is it for Africa? • How could we promote better integration of water in funding decisions in the other sectors? <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guang CHEN, Senior Director, Global Water Practice, World Bank Group • Monica SCATASTA, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy - European Investment Bank • Houria TAZI-SADEQ, Chairman, Moroccan Coalition for Water <p>Discussion (15 min)</p> <p>Moderator Aziza AKHMOUCH, Head of the OECD Water Governance Programme</p>	
15.20-15.55 35 min	Topic 4 Improving knowledge, cooperation and capacity building
<p>Description This roundtable will debate the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role should be played by the civil society in raising awareness and involvement of users in the participatory management of water resources? • What kind of strategies of management should be adopted to improve access and sharing water knowledge in the current climate context? • What mechanisms should be set in order to develop and strengthen the water stakeholders capacities to face climate change challenges? 	



Speakers

- **Liana ARDILES**, Director of Water in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain
- **Mariet VERHOEF-COHEN**, President of Women for Water Partnership
- **Hachmi KENNOU**, Executive Director, Mediterranean Institute for Water / **Eric MINO**, Manager and Technical Coordinator, EMWIS

Discussion (15 min)

Moderator

Aziza AKHMOUCH, Head of the OECD Water Governance Programme

15.55-16.00 5 min	Closing wrap-up