

Water Action Event of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MPGCA):

**“The power of water:
the unexplored potential for climate resilience”**

Monday 14th of November, 10 am – 12 pm

Organisers: SIWI, WRI, IWMI and High-Level Climate Champions

Co-organizers: TNC, INBO, FWP, FDCO, AGWA, SWA

SEGMENT #1 - Setting the scene Opening statement - Vision statement and call for urgency

- **Introduction by Henk Ovink** Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for The Kingdom of Netherlands

An appeal to our common humanity:

- **Colette Pichon-Battle**, Vision and Narratives Partner, Taproot Earth

The state of the world’s water resources and its importance for climate resilience and the future state

- **Jyotsna Puri**, Associate Vice-President - Strategy and Knowledge Department (SKD) at IFAD.
- **Youth perspective: Togonon Severin Togo**, Founder and Principal coordinator, Environmental Education and Youth Empowerment

SEGMENT #2 - Cross-sectoral aspects of climate change adaptation and mitigation, successful examples

Fireside chat

- **Mathieu Tolian**, Deputy Director Sustainable Development, Veolia
- **Ruth Mathews**, Senior Manager / Coordinator, Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management (S2S Platform)
- **Agnes Yobterik**, OGW is the Director for Programs, Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives at the Ministry of Environment and Forestry in Kenya.
- **Coletha Ruhamy**, Deputy Executive Secretary, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)

Panel #1 Solutions that are delivering climate outcomes

- **Julie Mulonga**, Director of Eastern Africa Wetlands International
- **Dario Soto Abril**, Executive Secretary and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- **Bianca Dager Jervis**, CEO, Premios Verdes

INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT:

The OECD Water Governance Initiative

- **Barbara Pompili**, Chair of OECD Water Governance Initiative, Former Minister of Ecological Transition of France

Nature 4 water facility

- **Fredrick Kihara**, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

SEGMENT #3 - Building a business case for water action and the role of the private sector

Panel #2 Access to finance

- **Dr Frannie Leautier**, CEO Southbridge
- **Dr. Alisher Mamadzhonov**, Climate Policy and Governance Specialist, Green Climate Fund

INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT:

Fair Water footprint

ANNOUNCEMENT: International Finance Institution Commitment Goal

CLOSING

Statement for the future:

- Mina Guli, Water Activist, CEO of Thirst Foundation and Run Blue campaign

Closing remarks:

- Nigel Topping, High level champion

Closing words:

- Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for The Kingdom of Netherlands