

Local and Regional Governments Day 10th World Water Forum

22 May 2024

9:30-18:30 EST - Room Singaraja 2

The 10th World Water Forum: Local and Regional Governments champion transformative action in a pivotal moment of the global political agenda

Local and regional governments stand at the forefront of addressing water-related challenges, serving as frontline implementers of transformative measures aimed at securing access to water and sanitation, mitigating scarcity, protecting aquatic ecosystems, building resilience within communities and fostering care systems.

Our understanding of water's significance has evolved; it's no longer just a commodity but a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of global peace and security. However, challenges persist in ensuring universal access to clean water and sanitation, exacerbated by climate change and population growth.

Local and regional governments have been steadfast in addressing these challenges. Through innovative policies and collaborative partnerships, they've worked tirelessly to safeguard water resources and promote equity and social justice. Their efforts extend beyond mere provision to encompass broader issues like conservation and biodiversity.

Embracing the concept of water as a global common good offers an opportunity to reframe governance models and approaches, moving beyond narrow sectoral perspectives. It demands a paradigm shift from a predominantly technical stance to a political one, emphasizing collective responsibility and action to ensure equitable access for all and overcome the commodification of water.

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The objective of the Local and Regional governments Day in the framework of the 10th World Water Forum is to bring together the delegation of local and regional governments to discuss and agree on the constituency' statement, and to delve into specific aspects of this agenda, ranging from rethinking the value of water as a global common good to financing for water infrastructure and services. Each sequence underscores the urgency and complexity of the task at hand, emphasizing the crucial role of local and regional governments in driving this transformative global agenda forward.

Opening Session

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Facilitated by Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General UCLG

As we convene for the 10th World Water Forum, it is imperative to acknowledge the multifaceted challenges confronting our global water ecosystems and the urgent need for collective political action to address them. This opening sequence provides an opportunity to underscore the pivotal role of organizing the 10th World Water Forum in the global agenda and the upcoming milestones. Furthermore, we will delve into specific aspects, including rethinking the value of water, the importance of fostering cooperation on water through decentralized cooperation and city diplomacy, and protecting water ecosystems and biodiversity.

- **Mr. Uğur İbrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya, Turkey | President of UCLG
- **Mr. Loïc Fauchon**, President of the World Water Council
- **Mr. Nizar Baraka**, Minister of Water of Morocco
- **Ms. Barbara Pompili**, Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic on the One Water Summit | Chair of OECD Water Governance Initiative
- **Mr. Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono**, Minister for Agrarian Affair and Spatial Planning of Indonesia*
- **Mr. Muhammad Tito Karnavian**, Minister of Home Affairs of Indonesia

Signature of the Joint Declaration of the 10th World Water Forum

10:30
12:00

Empowering Water as a Global Common Good: Ensuring Equitable Access and Human Rights through Local and Regional Governance

This segment underscores the urgent need to reevaluate the value of water and integrate it into decision-making processes globally, emphasizing its status as a fundamental human right. It advocates for efficient usage across sectors, equitable distribution among populations, and sustainable practices. By embracing water as a common good, governance models can be reframed, moving beyond narrow sectoral views and recognizing water as a global political issue. Local and regional governments play a pivotal role in ensuring transparent, efficient, and inclusive water management, empowering communities and upholding the right to safe water access. This discussion focuses on preserving water as a common good through various service provisions, including municipalization and prioritizing communal practices.

Moderator: Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC

Panel Discussion:

- **Mr. André Viola**, UCLG Spokesperson on water and sanitation
- **Mr. Nobuhiko Miwa**, Director General of Shiga Prefecture, Japan
- **Mr. Felipe Delpin Aguilar**, Mayor of the Municipality of La Granja, Chile
- **Mr. Atty. Raul R. Corro**, Councilor of Muntinlupa City, National Chairperson of the Philippines Councilors League
- **Mr. Marco Martins**, Mayor of Gondomar, Member of the Executive Bureau of National Association of Portuguese Municipalities, Portugal
- **Mr. Andi Harun**, Mayor of Samarinda, Indonesia
- **Mr. Joko Agus Setyono**, Regional Secretary of Jakarta Provincial Government, Indonesia

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Strong Partnerships for Water – MoU Signing Ceremony between PT. Moya Indonesia and Bangli Regency Government on the development of drinking water supply system in the villages around Lake of Batur (Songan A and Songan B Village, Bangli Regency, Bali Province)

Lunch break

14:00-
-15:00

Management and Financing Strategies for Sustainable Water Infrastructure

This segment focuses on the integrated approach to managing water resources and financing infrastructure to ensure sustainability and universal access. It emphasizes the need for cooperative management strategies to address water challenges effectively. Collaborative efforts across government levels and stakeholders are crucial for managing water ecosystems and implementing comprehensive management plans. Additionally, the discussion will delve into innovative financial mechanisms and fiscal restructuring to meet funding needs for water infrastructure and services. By mobilizing public finances and engaging various funding sources, including philanthropic organizations, this session aims to achieve universal access to water while prioritizing conservation efforts in areas with water scarcity.

Moderator: Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG Africa

Panel Discussion:

- **Ms. Maestra Verónica Polo**, General Manager of the Municipal Drinking Water and Sewerage Company of the Municipality of Cuenca, Ecuador
- **Mr. Rui Santos**, Mayor of Vila Real, Vice-President of National Association of Portuguese Municipalities Portugal
- **Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shresta**, Mayor of Dhulikhel, Nepal | Immediate Past President of UCLG ASPAC
- **Dr. Emil Dardak**, President of Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH) | Vice Governor of East Jawa (Feb 2019-Feb 2024)
- **Mr. Mbaye Dione**, Secretary General of the Association of Mayors of Senegal

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Main expectations regarding the 10th World Water Forum from members, sections, and partners

In this segment, we aim to convey the expectations and contributions of local communities to the 10th World Water Forum regarding governance and stakeholder engagement, with a particular focus on the ASPAC (Asia-Pacific) section. Local and regional governments will highlight the primary challenges and solutions related to water issues within their respective geographical contexts, drawing insights from regional consultations held in anticipation of the forum.

Roundtable Discussion – Regional Perspectives and Partners Insights

Moderator: Mr. Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Policy Coordinator at UCLG

- *Remarks on behalf of Europe:*
Mr. André Viola, Spokesperson of UCLG on water and sanitation
- *Remarks on behalf of the Middle East*
Mr. Hasan KILCA, Mayor of Karatay, Turkey
- *Remarks on behalf of the Mediterranean Area:*
Mr. Oriol Illa Garcia, Area Metropolitana de Barcelona
- *Remarks on behalf of South America:*
Mr. Sergio Arredondo, Secretary General of UCLG - FLACMA
- *Remarks on behalf of Africa:*
Mr. Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen

Special Focus on Asia: Insights from ASPAC

Moderator: Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC

- **Mr. Dakila Carlo Cua**, Governor of Quirino Province | President of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) | President of UCLG ASPAC
- **Mr. Kazufumi Onishi**, Mayor of Kumamoto, Japan
- **Mr. Mohammad Ramdhan Pomanto**, Mayor of Makassar, Indonesia
- **Ms. Azimah Math**, Vice Mayor of Siem Reap, Cambodia
- **Mr. Dewan Kamal Ahmed**, Mayor of Nilphamari Municipality, President of Municipal Association of Bangladesh
- **Mr. Jin Shengli**, Deputy Director of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area Agriculture, Rural Affairs, Ecology and Environment Bureau Changsha City, China

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Multi-Stakeholder Political Dialogue on Water: Forging Sustainable Solutions for Global Agendas

This final segment aims to facilitate a political dialogue between representatives of local and regional authorities and other political stakeholders present at the 10th World Water Forum. Its objective is to bridge the gap and align the political agenda with the solutions and challenges faced by local authorities, particularly in the context of upcoming global agendas, including the preparation for the One Water Summit.

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- **Ms. Megi Marku** - Representative World Youth Parliament for Water
- **Ms. Irène Félix**, Vice-President of the Loire-Bretagne Basin Committee, International Network of Basin organisation, President of Bourges Plus Agglomeration, France.
- **Mr. Dr. Kazushige Endo**, Director of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)
- **Ms. Nathalie Dubler**, Associate Professional Officer, Land and Water Division (NSL), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Mr. Hyung-Jae Jee**, Director General of Environment and Water Resources Bureau of Daegu City, South Korea
- **A representative from the parliamentary segment**
 - Mr. Atty. Elmer O. Datuin**, Councilor, Baguio City, Chairman of Advocacy Committee of Philippine Councilors League
- **A representative from the Ministerial Segment ***
- **A representative from the Indonesian Government**
 - Dr. Maulidya Indah Junica**, Senior Advisor to The Minister of Public Works and Housing of Republic Indonesia on Development Integration, Indonesia

Wrap-up and Closing Session

Facilitated by **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General UCLG

- **Mr. Dakila Carlo Cua**, Governor of Quirino Province | President of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) | President of UCLG ASPAC
- **Mr. Restuardy Daud**, Director General of Regional Development, Ministry of Home Affairs of Indonesia

