

DAKAR DECLARATION



9TH WORLD WATER
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A « BLUE DEAL » FOR WATER SECURITY AND SANITATION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

WE, the Stakeholders of the 9th World Water Forum, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 21 to 26 March 2022:

1. **Guided** by the principles and ideals of the Charter of the United Nations;
2. **Recognizing** water as essential for people and nature, and thus the need to renew and further strengthen our commitments to implement immediate actions to address the challenges of water and sanitation for development, improved livelihoods and poverty eradication.
3. **Reaffirming** our determination to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG6 seeking to «ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all»;
4. **Mindful of** our commitments on water and sanitation contained in UN resolution 64/292 (2010), the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sendai Agreement for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Daegu Declaration and the establishment of the International Decade for Action «Water for Sustainable Development» ;
5. **Reaffirming** the relevance of the Africa Agenda 2063 and the Africa Water Vision for 2025 on access to water resources and quality sanitation in Africa and in the world;
6. **Determined** to fulfill our shared vision for a world in which every person has access to safe drinking water and sanitation as a basic human right, including through the respect of related human rights;
7. **Aware** that resilience in the face of climate, demographic, health and food changes and the fight against water stress requires availability of water, in quality and quantity, to ensure the health of populations, the sustainability of ecosystems and inclusive growth;
8. **Recognizing** the urgent need to pay more attention to water issues in the rural world, as a means of reducing inequalities, creating opportunities for youth and women, fostering development, generating employment and optimally tackling the causes of national and international migrations;
9. **Concerned** about the funding gap for investment needs to achieve SDG6 targets.
10. **Aware** of the need to use water as a tool for cooperation for peace, solidarity between countries and peoples and regional integration, through the promotion of dialogue, peace, stability and improved coordination and partnership, especially in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has illustrated our common destiny;

CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO

A. Guarantee the right to water and sanitation for all

11. Speed up the implementation of the right to drinking water and sanitation for all through appropriate legislative frameworks and mobilize all actors through integrated and inclusive strategies;

Promote the effective implementation of international humanitarian law, in particular the additional protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, providing for the protection of water and sanitation systems that are vital in times of conflict;

B. Ensure availability of the resources and Resilience

12. Adopt sustainable and integrated management plans to preserve water resources and ecosystems and ensure resilience to climate change and demographic pressures ;
13. Raise awareness on these issues to induce a shift towards more sustainable and responsible production and consumption practices;
14. Further protect wetlands, promote conservation of traditional water systems, recycling and reuse of treated wastewater;

C. Ensure adequate funding

15. Mobilize adequate public financial resources, as well as those of development partnerships, to invest in water and sanitation infrastructures and to develop «blue» and «green» jobs, in particular for young people, women and the rural world
16. Encourage innovative financing mechanisms and private sector investment in water and sanitation ;
17. Advocate for the effective implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, in particular investment in water and sanitation infrastructure;
18. Advance international financing models to generate more investment in water and sanitation;

D. Ensure inclusive water governance

19. Promote, at the appropriate level, transparent, efficient and inclusive management of water and sanitation services, as well as diversified and concerted management methods;
20. Implement integrated management plans for sound, equitable and sustainable use of water resources,

ensuring a balance between socio-economic development, preservation of the quality of the resource, protection and conservation of ecosystems;

21. Promote greater coherence between policies of water and those on agriculture, rural development, health, biodiversity, energy and industry, among others;
22. Design water-related public policies based on knowledge, support innovations, create and build the capacities of all categories of stakeholders, for a more sustainable management of water resources and environments;

E. Enhance cooperation

23. Pay particular attention to water issues in bilateral and multilateral cooperation, including at sub-regional, regional and international levels;
24. Reinforce basin organizations and support their efforts for inclusive, sustainable and integrated water resources management;
25. To strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation and partnership in the management of transboundary basins, including aquifer basins, in particular by promoting the exchange of information, experience and best practices;
26. Make dialogue, coordination, and cooperation the core of dispute resolution, in the true spirit of hydro-diplomacy.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE HEREBY

RECOMMEND to the Government of the Republic of Senegal and to the World Water Council, in their capacity as co-organizers of the Forum, to submit this Declaration as a contribution to the UN 2023 Water Conference;

CONSIDER the outcomes of the Forum as a Complement to this Declaration;

INVITE the international community and all stakeholders to endorse this «Dakar Declaration on Water and Sanitation Security for Peace and Development» and to contribute to the effective implementation of the outcomes of the Dakar Forum;

EXPRESS OUR THANKS the Head of State, the Government, the People of the Republic of Senegal and the World Water Council for their support in organizing the 9th World Water Forum.

Dakar, 25 March 2022