

# COP21 - THE EVENTS OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP

The French Water Partnership undertakes strong advocacy work to encourage action from climate, water and regional decision-makers.

## **Water must be taken into account in the adaptation and mitigation components.**

It is crucial to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the consequences of future changes, especially for water. As a renewable energy source, water has a role to play in **mitigation**. However, we must not forget the pressing need to deploy ambitious **adaptation** strategies to reduce the vulnerability of natural and human systems to projected or actual changes in climate.

## **Water must be taken into account in climate finance.**

Substantial international funding, particularly through the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund, must target water in order to support the poorest and most endangered regions of our planet. Donors should make the development of resilience programmes over the long term an **award criteria** of their official development assistance, **integrating specific "Water" actions**. Countries themselves must integrate water into their domestic financing.

« *Water is part of*

# 92%

*of adaptation actions*

*in the national contributions for COP 21»*

**JEAN-LUC REDAUD,**  
Chair of the working group  
on Water & Climate

## **Climate, water and regional decision-makers must act in a spirit of reciprocity.**

- They must take account of the issue of water in climate change adaptation and mitigation plans and in their risk management policies.
- They must also take account of climate issues in water management, especially in their policies regarding access to water and sanitation.

## **Knowledge must be enhanced and shared.**

It is important to improve knowledge to anticipate better and enhance stakeholders' capacity to act. Studies undertaken by the FWP and its partners support this plea. Uncertainty is not a reason for inaction. Stronger dialogue is needed between politicians and scientists.

## **Existing, concrete and often replicable solutions to be added to the Action Agenda.**

The French Water Partnership encourages decision-makers to take action on the management of water-related risks and harness opportunities to reverse current trends, by promoting a number of existing, concrete solutions. These multi-stakeholder experiences will feed into the Action Agenda that will be presented at COP21. Highlighting positive experiences from the water sector will contribute to this political mobilization and will help advance the reaction to climate change.

# WATER & CLIMATE EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP FOR COP21



## At the Grand Palais, events targetting the general public

### Water & Climate: it's a clear match!

How is climate change impacting water in our everyday life? Natural disasters, water quality, biodiversity... the speakers will review the impacts of climate change and water on populations in the world.

**Speakers:** French Scientific and Technical Association for Water and Environment, French Water Partnership (FWP), La Vigie de l'Eau

**December 5 / 3.30 PM-4.15 PM • Grand Palais / Pavillon des Solutions Comité 21**

### Protecting cities from floods

Rapid urbanization increases the vulnerability of cities to flooding. Because of climate change, floods will become more frequent and more violent; how are cities and water managers preparing to face climate change? How will they protect the populations?

**Speakers:** Agence française de développement (AFD), Water Agency Seine Normandie, EPTB Seine Grands Lacs, Communauté d'Agglomération Seine-Amont and project management (Agence JAM, Mageo...), French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments (ONEMA), Veolia

**December 7 / 4PM-5PM • Grand Palais / Vivapolis booth**

### Water in tomorrow's cities

Urban population is growing, increasing pressure on our resources. In this context, how can cities face the impacts of climate change?

**Speakers:** Bernard Barraqué, Eau de Paris and Paris City, Groupe Eaux de Marseille, International Office for Water, International water resources association (IWRA), SUEZ, Syndicat interdépartemental pour l'assainissement de l'Agglomération parisienne (SIAAP)

**December 8 / 1.35PM-2.45PM • Grand Palais / Vivapolis booth**



## Civil society in Climate Generations Areas

### How French key water players respond to climate change?

Water is the first resource impacted by climate change; consequences will be felt on food supply, access to drinking water and sanitation, energy... Key water players are there to display their solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Speakers:** Xavier Sticker, Ambassador for the Environment of the ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France, Shaddad Attill, Minister and Palestinian Chief Negotiator in charge of Water and Environment, Coalition Eau, Eau de Paris and Paris City, Electricité de France (EDF), French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments (ONEMA), French Water Partnership (FWP), SUEZ, Syndicat interdépartemental pour l'assainissement de l'agglomération parisienne (SIAAP), Veolia, Water Agency of Adour Garonne

**December 2 / 3.15 PM-4.45 PM • Room 2**

## Facing water stresses in francophone countries

Francophone countries are preparing strategies taking resource management and capacity building into account. How much progress has been made about adaptation strategies? What are the difficulties and needs at stake to respond to these modern challenges?

**Speakers:** Annick Girardin, State Secretary for Development and Francophony of France, Agence française de développement (AFD), Aquasure, Eau Vive, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), Office franco-québécois de la Jeunesse (OFQJ), Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS), Ps-Eau, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Solidarités International

December 2 / 3PM-4.30PM • Salle 8

## Facing severe droughts linked to climate change

More frequent and severe droughts are bound to occur with climate change, challenging the populations at risk. Assessments on hydrologic droughts remain rare but solutions exist to save water and strengthen the resilience of the population.

**Speakers:** Electricité de France (EDF), French Association for Natural Disaster Reduction (AFPCN), French Water Partnership (FWP), Ministry in charge of Water of Morocco Global Water Partnership (GWP), Sahara and Sahel Observatory, SHF/AFEID/Académie de l'eau/UISF

December 2 / 5.15PM-6.45PM • Room 10

## Water and oceans: avoiding worst-case scenarios in the light of COP21

Produced in partnership with Green Cross France.

This Comite 21 TV set will confront water and oceans specialists' viewpoints in the context of climate change: What will the water and ocean resource be like in 2050? What are the solutions they can put forward today?

**Participants :** Eau de Paris et Mairie de Paris, ECOSYS, R20, Société des Eaux de Marseille

**Speakers:** Eau de Paris and Paris City Hall, ECOSYS, R20, Water Company of Marseille

December 5 / 1.20PM-2PM • Comite 21 Pavilion of Solutions



## Diplomats meet in the Blue zone at Le Bourget

### Defining water resilient actions to climate change

Water is part of a majority of adaptation actions. The water international community offers to share its experience & know-how in adaptations strategies using water, in this debate involving international development players, international finance organizations, governments from developing countries and associations.

**Speakers:** Juan Carlos Carrera, Deputy Minister of Environment of Guatemala, Charafat El Yedri Afailal, Minister in charge of Water of Morocco, Agence française de développement (AFD), Adaptation Fund, Green Fund, Green bonds, GRET, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Sahara and Sahel Observatory, World business council for a sustainable world (WSBC)

December 4 / 3.15PM-4.45PM • OECD Pavilion

## THE FWP WILL ALSO BE AT...

### International conference #Climateiswater - Water & Climate: Solutions for the Future

Organised by **AGWA** with ARUP, FWP, Stockholm Water Institute (SIWI), International Water Association, European Investment Bank, UNFCCC, Global Water Partnership, World Water Council, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, EDF, SEDIF, International Secretariat for Water, Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation

December 2 / 11AM-2.30PM • Auditorium Nelson Mandela at Le Bourget / Generation Climate Area

### Lima to Paris Action Agenda: Focus on resilience

250 worldwide commitments for water management in basins of river and lakes, to protect water resources and people for climate change. This commitment session is jointly organized by Peru & France.

December 2 / 10.15AM-1PM • Room 12 at Le Bourget / Blue Zone

### Energy and water: 2 complementary ways for development and climate change adaptation

Organised by **Electriciens sans frontières** with CITE, Cités Unies France, Eau Vive, Groupe Eaux de Marseille, GRET, FWP

2 décembre / 1.15PM-2.45PM • Salle 2 au Bourget / Espace Générations Climat



## The French Water Partnership, a platform for actions & ideas

The French Water Partnership (FWP), chaired by Henri Bergorre, is a non-profit organization founded in 2007 on World Water Day.

It is a French platform for discussing and exchanging ideas that help placing water at the top of the global political agenda. It also shares the collective know-how of French water stakeholders throughout the world. The FWP now counts more than 120 public and private members.

The FWP consists of six colleges made up of representatives from the government and its public institutions; NGOs, organizations and foundations, regional authorities and parliamentarians, economic players, research and training establishments and French and foreign private individuals.

Together they develop common, consensus-based messages and communicate them in European and international bodies and networks such as the United Nations, the European Union, the Union for the Mediterranean and at events such as the World Water Forum and the World Water Week in Stockholm. In particular, the FWP advocates for the integration of water in the Sustainable Development Goals and in Climate Conventions. Its participation in the COP21 is part of this process.

The FWP members can be found here:  
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