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4th anniversary of the adoption of the SDGs

THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2030 AGENDA

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On the occasion of the 4th Anniversary of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the 17 SDGs at its core by all UN Member states (*UN Sustainable Development Summit, September 2015*), **the French Water Partnership (FWP), its members, and key partners including the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the French Development Agency (AFD), will participate on September 20, 2019, in the festivities hosted by the French Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition.**

This celebratory event will also serve to mobilize the national SDG community in the lead up to the 2019 *High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly (SDG Summit)*, taking place in New York City on 24 and 25 September 2019.

During the event, and in close coordination with CNRS and AFD, the FWP will highlight a Manifest presenting successful approaches towards **accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by placing water ‘at the heart of change’**. This Manifest, which is the **result of a collective effort and of the agreement of a multi-stakeholder working group (‘EauDD’ Collective)**, encompasses best practices and lessons learned through successful scientific approaches in initiatives taking place across more than 60 locations in France, French Overseas Territories, and abroad. The EauDD Collective brings together representatives of the French state and of its public establishments (AFD, CNRS, Water Agencies).

Pass by and meet us at the French Water Partnership’s booth (9am-2pm on Friday 20, 2019), follow us on [Twitter](#) (@PFE_FWP) and [LinkedIn](#), and stay tuned for our filmed interview (FWP, CNRS, AFD) on ‘*water at the heart of change: accelerating action for the achievement of the SDGs*’!

Our advocacy: *Water and the SDGs*

The French Water Partnership coordinates a **[multi-stakeholder Working Group](#)** (presided by Mr Gérard Payen, international water expert and former adviser on water-related matters to the UN Secretary-General) dedicated to accelerating action towards the attainment of SDG 6 and water-related SDG targets. The FWP’s co-constructed priorities in this area focus on four main priorities:

- 1. Advocating for accelerated action towards the achievement of SDG 6 and all water-related SDG targets*
- 2. Advocating for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda*
- 3. Contributing to improved visibility and public-awareness on the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda*
- 4. Promoting, at the international level, French expertise and know-how at the service of the SDGs*

*The French Water Partnership (FWP) is the only multi-stakeholder platform for all French public and private water stakeholders operating at the international level. For more than 10 years, the FWP has been advocating for water to be considered as a key priority in sustainable development policies worldwide. The FWP also facilitates the exchange of knowledge and know-how between French and international actors. **Learn more at:** www.partenariat-francais-eau.fr/en*

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