March 12, 2012 16:00-18:00 Holiday Inn Marseille, 103 Avenue du Prado, Marseille, France

PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the United Nations formally recognized the human right to water and sanitation at the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council. Civil society organizations from around the world have organized this meeting with governments in Marseille to discuss the next steps in implementing the human right to water and sanitation.

PARTICIPANTS

To date, the following governments have confirmed their participation: Spain, Brazil, Ghana, Uruguay, Bolivia, Tanzania, Nigeria.

UN Agencies will also be present.

The following organizations are convening this meeting: FIVAS, Bread of Life Development Foundation, West Africa WASH Journalists Network, Enginyeria Sense Fronteres, Public Service International, Forum italiano dei movimenti per l'acqua, Umphilo waManzi , Food and Water Watch, National Alliance of People's Movements, Transnational Institute, Focus on the Global South, Obras Sanitarias del Estado, Irrigation Training and Economic Empowerment Organization, 5 de Septiembre S.A., Fondation Danielle Mitterand (France Libertés), KruHa People's Coalition for the Rights to Water, Integrated Social Development Centre, Navdanya International, People's Union for Civil Liberties - Tamil Nadu, Food and Water Watch Europe, The Council of Canadians, Blue Planet Project, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Transnational Institute.

Participants can confirm their registration by sending an email to Meera Karunananthan at meera@canadians.org.

OBJECTIVES

The goal of this meeting is for governments to hear from well known and experienced civil society representatives regarding next steps on working collectively to ensure the human right to water and sanitation are progressively realized.

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Maude Barlow, Senior Advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the UN General Assembly, will chair the session

16.00 – 16.05	OPENING
16.05 – 16.15	WWF6 draft ministerial statement
16.15 – 16.30	Right to water and sanitation in the context of the Green Economy
16.30 – 17.00	Challenges of implementing the right to water and sanitation
17.00 – 17.15	UN engagement
17.15 – 17.55	Statements by governments
17.55 – 18.00	CLOSING