

Report action to support Waterhumanrighttreaty Campaign

The Optional International Protocol campaign to the PIDESC Pact for the human right to water and basic sanitation, was finalized to adopt a legal instrument of international law capable of defining the ways in which States can guarantee the access to water as a human right.

The campaign aims to create the cultural conditions and to improve the condition of political feasibility for the adoption of a legal instrument of international law signed by a first group of States to concretize the UN resolution of 2010 the recognize waters as a human right.

The objectives to be implemented these Campaign were aimed at:

Objective 1 : Consolidation of the support committees in Italy, Europe and Latin America through the involvement of associations and committees engage to defend water as human right

Objective 2 : Action of advocacy, promotion, presentation and request for support for the Protocol, at Institutions in Italy, in Europe and at some Governments of Central America

The principal results achieved

♣ Objective 1

The Campaign Support Committee is made up of 24 Italian organizations, 1 from North America, 5 from Latin America (El Salvador, Peru, Guatemala), 3 in Africa, 2 in France.

At the Italian level.

Among the most significant adhesions recorded in 2017 is that of the AOI (Association of International Cooperation and Solidarity Organizations) which represents about 300 Italian organizations, and as a result of this adhesion it has been possible to plan some presentation and promotion activities of the Protocol in the world of the Italian cooperation.

Action Aid Italia has submitted to the heads of the Dept. London international campaigns the project and later became associated with Cicma.

The project was also presented to Amnesty International.

During the conference organized on World Water Day of 2015 in Milan was approved a final Declaration with the adherence to the Protocol and advocacy actions supported by the Cariplo Foundation and the Lanza Foundation.

Objective 2 Actions to present and to promote the Protocol proposal

In Italy

♣ World Water Day 2017 - the Italian Committee for the World Water Contract (CICMA) with the contribution of the Cariplo Foundation and the collaboration of Cap Holding has proposed a seminar to compare visions and tools to face the challenge of making the human right to water. The Seminar produced a Declaration signed by all participating organizations (see website www.contrattoacqua.it)

♣ Conference Right to water, to health, to knowledge promoted the Protocol propose at the attention of Council of Milano City

♣ Becoming, Laudato Sì, Milanese Public Water Committee, Italian Forum of Water Movements, World Contract on Water (Milan 11 March 2017 - Palazzo Reale)

♣ May 2017- University of Camerino. Conference with the support of the ASViS Sustainable Development Festival to implement SDG 6 of Agenda 2030 at Italian level . CICMA propose to adopt the Protocol of water human right as legal instrument to improve the national engagement

♣ May 2017 – Rome – Cicma present the Protocol of water human right treaty during the Conference “Global governance of the environment organized by the ICEF Foundation chaired by Prof. Postiglione at SIOI (UN Agencies chaired by ex Min Frattini)

♣ June 2017 - Relaunching the role of the Cities of Milan to guarantee the access to water as the human right through the Milan Food Policy Pact

In Europe

♣ 11 June 2017- Presentation by Cicma the Campaign Water human right treaty during the Seminar "Water Framework Directive & Water Remunicipalisation: What space for the commons in Europe?" organized by the Parliamentarians of the Intergroup on Common Goods

♣ 24 June 2017- Presentation by Cicma the Campaign Water human right treaty during the Forum promoted by the University on the Right to Water and Water Movements in Ireland

Objective 2 - Advocacy actions supporting the the Protocol

Italian Government

♣ April 2016. Presentation of the Protocol at the Seminar held at the Farnesina (Minister of Foreign office) with the support of the CIDI (Interministerial italian Committee for Human Rights). After this presentation during 2017 we continued to solicit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation for an answer to formalize the support of Italian Government thought the UN Agency the proposal to adopt a Protocol Optional to PIDESC for human right.

♣ February 2017 - Presentation of the CICMA contribution to the Ministry of the Environment during the consultation process for the objectives of the National Strategy for sustainable development which it accepted . With reference to difficulty by poor people to access to water service CICMA propose to adopt some proposal of the Protocol to guarantee as human right (free cost) the access at 100 lt/person

♣ January 2017 – Cicma during a public hearing in the Senate proposed to include in the bill "Principles for the protection, government and public management of water" some principles of the Protocol (free minimum vital, solidarity fund) that have been included in the bill, approved by the Senate.

♣ October 2017 - The Report on the Italian Sustainable Development Strategy of ASViS (Alliance for Sustainable Development) reference to objectives 6 and 17, include the CICMA requests to the Government and Parliament at level of "Principles for the protection, governance and public management of water" proposed by the Water human right treaty

♣ December 2018. Contacts have been initiated with the new President of CIDI in order to support the proposal of Protocol as part o on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the entry into force of the Declaration of Rights humans (December 10, 1948).

State of Bolivia

♣ February 2017 - Contact with President Morales, on the occasion of his mission to Italy, following two meetings in Milan with Foreign Minister Choquehananca regarding the Protocol

♣ March 2017 - Meeting and presentation of the Protocol to the Ambassador of Bolivia in Geneva at the Human Rights Council; subsequent speech by the Ambassador at the World Water Day Seminar, who confirmed the commitment of the Government of Bolivia to support the Protocol with an event in Bolivia.

♣ May-June 2017 contacts with former Foreign Minister Coquehuanca, in his capacity as secretary of ALBA, for the promotion of the Protocol in the countries adhering to ALBA and to identify possible support actions that can be implemented during 2018

Vatican State

The sharing of the urgency of promoting the human right to water by Pope Francis and the Secretariat of State, after the presentation of the Protocol by the CICMA, materialized with the involvement of the Justice and Peace Commissions (Card. Turkson) and Culture (Card. Ravasi) and of the Academy of Sciences. Initiatives to deepen the law organized by the Vatican in 2017 and which also saw the involvement of the CICMA were carried out:

♣ February 2017 - Pope Francis in the message sent to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences on the theme of the "Human right to water" invites each State to implement, even with juridical instruments, what is indicated by the Resolutions approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 on the human right to drinking water and hygiene, accepting a report advanced by the CICMA.

♣ March 2017 – CICMA participated in and presented the International Seminar Protocol organized by the Pontifical Commission for Culture in the Vatican on 22 and 23 March

European Parliament

The Campaign promote some action to the Intergroup of Common Goods of Parliament to identified the modality to support the Protocol at the European Parliament

♣ June 28, 2016 BRUSSELS. European Parliament. Seminar promoted by CICMA with the support of the GUE parliamentary group for the presentation of the Protocol for the human right to water.

♣ June 2017 CICMA participated in a seminar organized by the Intergroup on the **common goods** on the framework directives and the Commission's policy (June 2017) to present the proposal of the Protocol to improve the access to water as human right

♣ 2018 . The CICMA has requested a hearing at the Sub-Commission for Human Rights on the implementation of the UN resolution and the ways in which Europe intends to guarantee the universality of the law to European citizens human to water at the minimum vital level.

♣ 2019. Presentation to the promoters of the ICE European citizenship initiatives for the human right to water the proposal for the inclusion of the recognition of the human right to water in the reform of the framework directive 2000/60 and on the quality of water for human use

GENEVA. Palace of the United Nations

♣ 2019- the 7 April, during an event, organized by the Bolivian representation at the United Nations, on the occasion of the International Mother Earth Day, to discuss how to promote the human right in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Cicma present the proposal for the adoption of a Second Optional Protocol to the PIDESC pact for the human right to water. The proposal met the interest of the representatives of some states at the Human Rights Council.