Water has since long time become a cross-cutting issue in debates concerning development, agriculture, energy... Today we are facing an offensive on water through worldwide privatization efforts. As social movements working especially on water-related issues, we are present at the WSF 2011 in Dakar to present an alternative vision with the following events, to which you are all kindly invited.

**Tue Feb 8**

**Morning**

**Rural water supply: community and public management in three African countries (Senegal, Tanzania and Burkina Faso)**


Community management of rural water supply is widely considered to be a worthwhile management option. However, it is generally agreed that communities cannot do this on their own. We know that, for community management to be a feasible and sustainable management option, communities need to operate in an environment that is supportive. The objective of this workshop is to analyze the institutional balance between community and public sector in water supply management, and to suggest that the role of government is essential to enhance an effective participation of communities in decision-making and operations.

**Part 1: Political analysis**

**Part 2: Technical analysis (financial sustainability)**

**12.30-15.30**

The right to water: local African solutions for public water management

Co-organized by: France Libertes – Fundation Danielle Mitterrand, The Preparatory Committee for the Alternative World Water Forum (FAME 2012) including: Coordination Eau Ile-de-France, ATTAC, Transnational Institute, Council of Canadians; Katossi Women Development Fund (Uganda), GRDR (Mali), Guinée CAG 44 (Guinée Conakry), VEJA (South Africa), Emmaus International (Benin), Association E.A.U (Elus Associations Usagers), CEVI (Italia), Italian Forum of the Water Movements and others.

The workshop aims at promoting the local solutions in action for participative and democratic management of the water services in Africa. The workshop will look at the problems and solutions regarding two themes: rural water supply with the community-based water management experiences; and urban water supply and the issues linked to access to water in urban areas in Africa. The workshops will give a voice to the communities and their representatives in order to promote concrete solutions for effective access to water and sanitation throughout public, democratic and community-based management. The final objective is to show and discuss the African models of access to water and sanitation that are put in action out of all notion of profit, in opposition to the global policy promoted by the World Water Council.

**Part 1: Water management in rural areas: community experiences and solutions (testimonies)**

**Part 2: Issues and challenges of access to water in urban areas**

**Wed Feb 9**

**8.30-7**

Seminar about public water managing and creation of a Local Authorities Network

Co-organized by: FAL – Forum of Local Authorities, FAMSI, Plaine Commune (France), Rete Nuovo Municipio (Italia), AEOPAS (España), Diputación de Málaga (España), COPEVI (México), Alcaldía Iztapalapa (México)

This activity will take place in two different times: first of all, different experiences and studies in public management of water will be showed. The aim is to integrate sustainability and participatory criteria during this exposition. There’s also the discussion that international cooperation supports a real and global access to drinkable water as a right. The way to work in this terms would be encouraging the public management, supporting education and training for local governments and promoting networks of public partners as a key to guarantee economic resources for this area. In second term, the plan is to put in common all the elements that affect local authorities, networks and social movements in the aim of create a Local Authorities Network for Public Management of Water. The objective of this network would be to promote the global right of drinkable water access and to our local forums and partners. In this context, a commitment of participation in the Water Forum of Marseille 2012 will be signed in order to make the agreements public.

**16-19.00**

Marseille 2012: towards an alternative world water policy!


For a worldwide democratic, sustainable and transparent water movement based on the commons, creation of alliances in the perspective of the AlterForum and the World Water Forum in March 2012: convergence of reflective thinking and action to defend a common position in Marseille, challenging the legitimacy of the WWF and promoting alternatives for public and democratic water management. Joint advocacy strategy for 2012.

**Thur Feb 10**

**ASSEMBLY FOR ACTION**

**Water, commons and right for all: towards Marseille 2012**


Expressing firm opposition to the strategy of the World Water Forum (Marseille, March 2012), the Alternative World Water Forum aims at challenging the legitimacy of global policies on water adopted international corporations whose political decisions are profit-oriented. The Alternative Forum, therefore, intends to propose democratic alternatives coming from civil society on every issue concerning water (cultural, economic, social and political). To promote a new policy on water through the re-appropriation of these commons by the people, this general Assembly for Action intends to:

- consolidate a common plaidoyer among local, national and international actors in view of this Alterforum.
- adopt the principles and the contents of the Charte du Forum Alternatif Mondial de l’Eau (FAME)
- develop proposals on a common strategy for action to be taken in Marseille 2012

NB: Please check time & location during the Forum as some events might be subject to change.