



WSF 2011 Dakar, Senegal

## Water as Human Right and Our Common Good

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)**

Co-organized by: ACRA, CICMA (Italian Committee for the World Water Contract), Italian Forum of Water Movements, Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie (France), Ville de Cherbourg-Octeville (France), Africa Water Network, PEPAM (Programme d'Eau Potable et d'Assainissement du Millénaire), FAK (Fédération des Associations des Usagers des Forages Kalounayes), ZAWA (Zanzibar Water Authority), IRTECO (Irrigation Training & Economic Empowerment Organization (Tanzania), ADAE (Association pour le Développement des Adductions d'Eau potable dans la région de Bobo-Dioulasso, 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 I: Political analysis*

*Part II: Technical analysis (financial sustainability)*

#### 12.30-15.30

##### **Reclaiming Public and Community Water in Africa - Improving water supply through democratization and Public-Public Partnerships (PuPs)**

Co-organized by Reclaiming Public Water Network, IRTECO (Tanzania), Pesticide Action Network for Africa, RITIMO (France), Pambazuka (UK), Transnational institute (The Netherlands), African Water Network, Public Services International (PSI), France Libertés – Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, Municipal Services Project, Our Water Commons & Blue Planet Project (Canada)

The workshop aims at sharing experiences with developing genuinely democratic public water management solutions to secure clean water for all, in particular the marginalized in urban and rural communities. The workshop will launch the French edition of the book 'Reclaiming Public Water' and

present a range of experiences from Africa with improving water system through democratization, community control and public-public partnerships (PuPs). The workshop will be an opportunity for African water activists, trade unions, public and community water operators to strengthen links and solidarity within Africa and with international networks.

*Part 1: water in urban areas*

*Part 2: water in rural areas*

#### 12.30-15.30

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

Co-organized by: France Libertés – Fondation 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; Katosi 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-?

##### **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!**

Organized by: France Liberté, The Preparatory Committee for the Alternative World Water Forum 2012, Association E.A.U, Coalition Eau, ATTAC Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Togo, Tunisia, Morocco, CSA syndicate of the "Senegalaise des Eaux" water company, Council of Canadians, ACME Morocco, Transnational Institute, CEVI-Italia, Italian Forum of Water Movements, CICMA-Italian Committee for a World Water Contract and others

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 al: towards Marseille 2012**

Organized by: Comité de Préparation du Forum Alternatif Mondial de l'Eau, France Libertés-Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, Eau Secours Marseille Métropole, Coordination Eau Ile de France, ATTAC France, Mouvement Utopia, Council of Canadians, Food & Water Watch, CeVI-Italia, CICMA-Italian Committee for a World Water Contract, Italian Forum of Water Movements, TNI-Transnational Institute.

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 this 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.**