



Press Release

Convening the International Conference on Water and Climate

"Water Security for Climate Justice"

Rabat, 11 - 12 July, 2016

Rabat, 18 April 2016- In order to position water as one of the priorities for the implementation of the Paris Agreement at the next global CoP22 meeting in November 2016 in Marrakech, the Moroccan delegated Minister for Water, in partnership with the French Ministry of Environment, Energy and Oceans, and the World Water Council, will organize an International Conference on Water and Climate on 11 and 12 July 2016 in Rabat under the theme of "water security for climate justice."

To this end, and as part of its preparatory process, Mrs. Charafat Afailal, delegated Minister for Water, Xavier Sticker, French Ambassador for the Environment, and Mr. Loïc Fauchon, Honorary President of the World Water Council, jointly chaired the 2nd meeting of the organizing committee for this international conference on 18 April, 2016.

This conference aims to mobilize and ensure the commitment of political, institutional, technical, financial and civil society actors so that water issues are at the forefront of the agenda of governmental climate negotiators.

This conference will be organized around the following sessions and themes:

Session 1: Vulnerability of water to climate change

Session 2: The place for water in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals

Session 3: The inter-connection between water-energy-food security-health-education

Session 4: How water is positioned within financial mechanisms related to climate change?

In addition, the conference will also feature the African continent through the organization of a Ministerial Round Table on the theme of "Water in Africa for Climate Justice", in order to promote solidarity actions for climate in Africa.