

Let us save our forests to safeguard our waters!



*Macky Sall, President of Senegal, and Loïc Fauchon on 23 September 2019 in New York.
Senegal will host the 9th World Water Forum in 2021.*



Sebastian Pinera, President of Chile, Ivan Duque, President of Colombia, Emmanuel Macron, President of France, Evo Morales, President of Bolivia, and Harrison Ford (from left to right), launching the Alliance for Rainforest on 23 September 2019 in New York.

New York, 23 September 2019 - The international community is meeting today at the United Nations to fight against deforestation, for preservation of biodiversity and the protection of local populations.

Today:

- No country can ignore that securing water resources is essential for equitable, responsible and sustainable development;
- No government can ignore that water is a fundamental human right;
- No international organization can ignore that managing water is one of the concrete responses to climate evolution.

We all must remember that we are facing a climate and energy transition, but also an international crisis due to unbridled demographic growth.

The climate crisis and the demographic crisis represent the same danger for the future of humanity.

But these impending catastrophes are not a fatality.

The world needs water for energy, water for food, water for health, water for Humankind and water for Nature.

This is why the World Water Council, present in New York on 24 September 2019, is asking through the voice of its President:

- That greater political priority be given to water and to sanitation through National Pacts for water;
- That each State commit to enshrining the rights to water and to sanitation in its Constitution;
- That financing dedicated to water and sanitation reach by 2025 the same level as that dedicated to telecommunications development;
- That priority be given to establishing aquatic reserves to respond to future water needs as well as for the preservation of biodiversity.

All these questions will be at the heart of the next World Water Forum co-organized by Senegal and the World Water Council.

Its preparation was central to the meetings between President Macky Sall and Loïc Fauchon on 23 September in New York.

About the World Water Council

The World Water Council (WWC) is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, co-organizer of the World Water Forum, whose mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking on water security. The Council focuses on the political dimensions of water security, sustainability, and resilience. For more information: www.worldwatercouncil.org @wwatercouncil

About the World Water Forum

The World Water Forum is the world's largest event on water. Organized every three years with a host country, the Forum provides a unique platform where the water community and key decision makers can collaborate and make long-term progress on global water challenges. The Forum brings together



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participants from all levels and areas, including politics, multilateral institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector, among others. The 8th edition of the Forum was held in 2018 in Brazil and gathered more than 10,000 participants under the theme “Sharing Water”. The next edition will take place in Dakar, Senegal, in March 2021 under the theme of “Water for Peace and Development”.
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