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**SIDE EVENT outside the UN Headquarters UN 2023 Water Conference
in connection with the UN 2023 Water Conference
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**Submitted by: WOMENVAI
Partners during the Conference:**



Water, Ports and Historic Cities



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Special Event

Women & Men with SDG6 – Training and Gender Action Plan in leadership will improve Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management

When: Tuesday 21 March

Time: 16h00 – 17h00

Local: French Institute Alliance Française _ 22 E 60th St #1077, New York, NY 10022, United States

SDG6 – Women & Men Training Program and Gender Action Plan in leadership will improve Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management.

Nothing about us , without us !

Round Table in 3 parts

Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17);

Welcome / Moderator address by Lylian Coelho, Cofounder WOMENVAI, Representative OISAT/WASAT, France, Water for All Chair AgroParisTech-SUEZ

Introduction by Yvette Ramos, President WOMENVAI



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- Speakers/Participants

- Ms. Elisabetta Venezia, Director, ApERLAB, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
- Ms. Marie-Laure Vercambre/ Mr.Gerard Payen, Working Group SDG6 PfE -Partenariat-francais-eau
- Ms. Aura Maria Bustillo / MS. Beatriz Brandão, Education Lisbon / Womenvai
- Ms. Ruth A. RichardsonInternational Network of Liberal Women/ Dutch Water Authority
- Ms. Carole Hein UNESCO Chair Water Ports and Historic Cities
- Li An Phoa; Drinkable Rivers,
- Mr. Marcel Sanches – SABESP - WWC and Public agent of Sao Paulo
- Ms. Lylian COELHO FERREIRA, AgroParisTech-SUEZ Water for All Chair
- Ms. Geraldine M’Pouma-Longo/ Leticia Ackun Africa Water and Sanitation Academy (AWSA)
- Ms. Mara Ruth Hercelin ; Caese Education, University of Campinas; São Paulo, Brazil
- Ms. Fleur Newman UNFCCC;

Topic:

More than 3 billion people live in agricultural areas with high to extremely high-water shortages scarcity. 1,2 billion of these people live in severely water contaminated agricultural areas. Agricultural land per capita is now less than 0,64ha. This is due to global population growth, reduced available agricultural land use per capita for crops and livestock. After our presence at COP27 in Egypt and following the COP15 Biodiversity in Canada, the Water sector becomes a key challenge. Working together, we believe we can deliver on the ambition of a fairer water and climate future that the world needs and expects. We need to move from working in silos to working collectively across energy and other sectors and scales (national, regional, etc..), making sure that the entire SDG6 included in the “ Water and Climate” theme of the UN2023 Water Conference will discuss important Recommendations and action to COP28:

- 📄 **Nothing about us, without us**
- 📄 **Maintain financing for inclusion**
- 📄 **Local youth-led action around the world is making a difference**
- 📄 **Women experience climate consequences disproportionately and are agents of change in their communities**
- 📄 **Indigenous knowledge needs to be recognized as science**

Ensuring community resilience through resilient water and sanitation services is a key priority for all countries – especially those that experience both insufficient access to water and sanitation and have high exposure to climate risks. Recognizing the draft COP27 cover decision calling transformational approaches to enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change:



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- ❑ **COMMIT** to advancing holistic, inclusive water solutions from both the public and private sectors.
- ❑ **SUPPORT** Parties in the formulation of the Global Goal on Adaptation at COP28 through the development of water related resilience indicators, prioritizing the production and restoration of freshwater- dependent
- ❑ **EXPAND** capacity building networks and programmes – such as the resilient cities network, the UNFCCC Adaptation Academy, and the water resilient Coalition – to co-create inclusive, resilient futures for all
- ❑ **ADVANCE** – scientific understanding, research, and implementation of systemic approaches to water management -incorporating land, oceans, energy, food systems, human health & wellbeing – with local communities at the center
- ❑ **JOIN** the Fair Water Footprint at UN Water 2023! Fair Water Footprints harnesses the power of enterprise, finance, international trade and citizen voices to trigger the systemic change needed now to secure a liveable

There needs to be a strong combination of capacity development and financing as they are of mutual importance. Financial investments can't pay off when you don't have the absorptive capacities. Now we need YOU !

During this event our priority actions is improve Capacity Building aligned with the SDG6, and we will submit a commitment during the Conference for a better future worldwide through our Engineering and Scientific societies, including men and women's participation in ICTs for Capacity Building in SDG6.

The fundamental contribution of women to the fight against climate change and demonstrates the relevance of integrating gender equality in all climate policies. These solutions play a significant role in ensuring the climate resilience of communities and territories while also showing the way to a fair and inclusive implementation of the Paris Agreement and keeping to the collective 1.5°C warming limit above pre-industrial levels.

With our international partners, we will develop questions of biodiversity, industry, energy, non-human actors, etc. from diverse solutions around the world.

Closing side event with:

- a. Submit a commitment during the Conference
- b. Develop a platform
- c. Share SDG6 Tolls

Link to the goals: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/about>