

The Millennials Movement Written Statement
"Stakeholder consultation on the preparation of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" 2018-2028"
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Data & Capacity Development

From the The Millennials Movement, we salute the efforts of the United Nations and Member States for positioning the Water Agenda conversation and action in this critical moment for humanity and the advancement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Therefore, we forward the following recommendations on the frame of the Data and Capacity Development Round Table:

- Availability on water interlinkages and effects to different communities needs to be available for decision makers at the national and local level. This information needs to consider the inputs of academia, civil society, youth and other relevant stakeholders in order to reflect the water effects in a more accurate and contextualized way.
- It is essential countries should focus on having as much information as possible on their water resources such as groundwater, surface water, availability and quality. Having an up-to-date baseline for impact assessments is necessary not only at the regional and national level, but also at the local level. This should go hand in hand with the recognition of indigenous peoples' ancestral knowledge related to water resources.
- Member states and cooperation need to commit with water related exchange of knowledge referred to the best available technology, infrastructure and good practices to be scaled in different regions and countries considering the particularities of the territory.
- Drinkable water and sanitation is not a reality for million of people in developing countries, enhancing inequalities among communities and affecting the development of people. Making the efforts to keep this as a priority is a must to reflect the advancement of the implementation of the SDG 6 and the 2030 Agenda in the cities and rural areas considering the diverse topography.
- We need a real mobilization of resources for further research and application of water economics, including the recovery and reuse of sanitary waste. As well as develop the required capacities in developing countries to produce potential of byproducts from water treatment plants.