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Action et Education Pour Tous (AEPT) and Bridgers Association Cameroon

- **JOINT STATEMENT** -

UN 2023 Water Conference, 22 - 24 March 2023, New York, USA

Action et Education Pour Tous (AEPT) and BRIDGERS ASSOCIATION Cameroon congratulate you on your election as President of the UN 2023 Water Conference and thank:

The secretariat for the good organization of the meeting
UNEP and their committed staff who directly or indirectly have contributed to the success of this meeting and have offered the opportunity to submit a written statement

Parties that have devoted in organizing side events, roundtables, interactive dialogues and general debates in plenaries.

Building on the information of the concept notes as followed:

Concept note (A/CONF. 240/2023/4): Water for Health,

Concept note (A/CONF.240/2023/5): Water for Sustainable Development,

Concept note (A/CONF. 240/2023/6): Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment,

Concept note (A/CONF.240/2023/7): Water for Cooperation,

This statement,

Analyzed by Ir. Menguene Yakouba Phile, hydrogeologist in Action et Education Pour Tous (AEPT), Cameroon , and Emmanuel Abu Bakkar Turay, Coordinator of Global Children Humanitarian Organization (GCHO), Sierra Leone,

Developped by Mike Muamba Ozion, President of Action et Education Pour Tous (AEPT) under the umbrella of Bridgers Association Cameroon as per its UNEP and ECOSOC a creditation,

Points out:

¶ The Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition to be an undeniable action for progress. The team referred to the floods in the Far North region of Cameroon in



2022 including inter-community water related conflicts.

¶ Various benefits including (a) provision of flexible sound legal and regulatory frameworks in the Lake Chad Basin aimed to protect lives and livelihoods sustainably, (b) integrated information systems for monitoring, (c) hydro meteorological forecast aimed at rivers, (d) early warning systems to prevent populations from flood, (e) capacity building to mobilize fundings for the systems. It has been pointed out the relevance of creating flow data and developing flow simulation,

¶ All UN Member States to adhere to the Water Convention, with emphasis on those implicated most especially on transboundary water,

¶ Building an inclusive beneficial environment involving civil society and youth constituencies such as YOUNGO, UN1FY, and like-minded platforms,

The team underlines the devastating impacts of lack of WASH services, considering the number of children dying daily from water borne diseases in Sierra Leone, Internally Displaced People in many places (Ngouache victims, Far North region, North West and South West regions of Cameroon IDPs).

There is a real need for broader partnerships and mutual accountability during humanitarian crisis between governments, civil society organizations and UN entities to encourage open defecation-free mentality within vulnerable and victimized communities by creating WASH infrastructure by the private sectors.

The team advocates for the establishment of a Science-Policy Panel for Water prior to the upcoming World Water Conference.

Thank you

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1. AEPT (Action et Education Pour Tous) - Cameroon
2. Bridgers Association Cameroon - Cameroon
3. GCHO (Global Children Humanitarian Organization) - Sierra Leone

