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## **UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event**

### ***WOMEN 4 OUR WATER***

From the Portuguese Speaking Countries to the World

24 March, 2:00 pm, Conference Room B

Organized by: Business as Nature (BasN); Portuguese Ministry of Environment and Climate Action (MAAC); Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE); Lisbon International Center for Water (LIS-WATER); Portuguese Environment Agency (APA – ARHs); Portuguese Regulatory Entity of Water and Waste Services (ERSAR); Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights (PpDM); Angola's Ministry of Environment; Association of Maritime and Port Women and related activities of Angola; Union of Indigenous Women of the Brazilian Amazon (UMIAB); Platform of NGOs of Cape Verde; Water and Sanitation Institute of Brazil; Women for Water Partnership; Sanitation and Water for All (SWA); International Water Association (IWA); European Energy Network (EnR); Give a Shit; WOMENVAI

## **Background on the event**

As a part of the "Women 4OUR Climate- From the Portuguese speaking countries to the world" movement launched last September by Business as Nature (BasN) and partners, ([www.businessasnature.org](http://www.businessasnature.org)) and in the context of the United Nations Water Conference, the Declaration and Network "Women 4OUR WATER - from Portuguese speaking countries to the World" is born. The aim is to disseminate and highlight the role of Portuguese-speaking women in their relationship with water and the daily action and commitment they put into its preservation, protection, access, management and efficient use and regeneration, actively contributing to each of the five interactive dialogues under discussion in this conference.

## **Water Action Agenda**

Business as Nature and its partners and subscribers declare that they will make their best efforts to fulfil their commitment to Highlight and disseminate initiatives promoted by women from the community of Portuguese-speaking countries, which demonstrate the role of women as "agents of change" and "influencers" in the field of Water and Sanitation

## **Key Issues discussed**

- the role of women as "agents of change" and "influencers" in the field of Water and Sanitation
- empowerment of women and girls to accelerate the implementation of the Decade of Action for Water
- Involvement of women in development and implementation of solutions in the Water - Climate and Water - Energy Nexus
- Participation of women in decision-making, governance, and development of solutions on water
- Creation of transnational cooperation networks

## **Key recommendations for action**

Business as Nature and partners recommend the following actions:

- Disseminate initiatives promoted by women from the community of Portuguese-speaking countries, which demonstrate the role of women as "agents of change" and "influencers" in the field of Water and Sanitation;
- Implementation of initiatives for access to drinking water and decent sanitation, with the involvement of women in the design of solutions, promoting their health and safety;
- Promote the participation and active involvement of young people, in particular girls, by carrying out training actions and raising their awareness on the importance of the protection and conservation of water resources;
- Facilitate the empowerment of women and girls, contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 and the accelerated implementation of the Decade of Action for Water;
- Contribute to the development and implementation of solutions, actively involving women, in the Water - Climate and Water - Energy Nexus;
- Encourage the increased participation of women in decision-making, governance and development of solutions on water;
- Contribute to the communication and dissemination of simple, accessible, and accurate information, of the SDGs related to water and to the creation of transnational cooperation networks.