



UN Water Conference Side Event

„How to respond to the most urgent water-related development needs in the developing world? Bankable and sustainable WASH solutions”

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Background of the event

During the event János Áder, a member of the Water and Climate Management Board, consulted with the leaders of 4 pan-continental professional organizations (EWA, ASEM WATER, AfWSA, WEF) about the solutions to the problems of drinking water and wastewater in the developing world. Áder, who is also the chairman of the board of trustees of Kék Bolygó Climate Protection Foundation, called necessary the viability of the recommendations and commitments put forward by the HWP in the UN 2023 Water Conference and advocated their widespread distribution. The former President of the Republic of Hungary, János Áder, in addition to what was said in the plenary message of the UN, emphasized that the technologies developed by HWP member companies - especially by Pureco Kft. - and implemented together with

international partners, are well-functioning. These solutions for the supply of healthy drinking water and wastewater treatment in the developing world are the only realistically affordable approaches. Walter Marlowe, representing the American Water Environment Federation (WEF) and Dr. Károly Kovács, representing the European Water Association (EWA), confirmed that even in the developed world the self-sustaining financing of the water utility infrastructure is not ensured, the state and union or federal (EU, USA) resources fall far short of sustainability needs. The South African water researcher Mendy Shozi, representing the UN's youth and women's section, presented forward-looking examples of individual and social-community involvement in water supply and sanitation. She expressed her hope that the solutions presented at the event will greatly contribute to ensuring a more livable future. Bálint Rózsa, general secretary of the Hungarian Water Association (HWA) - another participant organization of the UN 2023 Water Conference - as the moderator of HWP's panel discussion welcomed the cooperation of the participants. He highlighted the appeal made at the online side event organized by HWA on the topic of water-related solidarity, in the framework of the UN 2023 Water Conference: in order to develop water awareness and the value of water, as well as to promote the correct choice of values, we should be ready to sacrifice at least as much for healthy drinking water and proper sanitation as for telecommunications! HWP was the initiator and developer of the cooperation between AfWASA-EWA. Therefore, it is a great honor that the two pan-continental professional associations - HWP is a member of both associations - signed the framework agreement at HWP's side event.

Water Action agenda

Facing cost recovery constrains in water infrastructure development, apply bankable and sustainable WASH Solutions to overcome affordability barriers limiting the mobilization of private capital.

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/facing-cost-recovery-constrains-water-infrastructure-development-apply-bankable-and>