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UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

Water source of life and development

[March 25th 2023, 10.00 – 11.30 EST, [Virtual Event](#)]

Organized by:

New Humanity NGO and AMU Azione per un Mondo Unito ONLUS

Background on the event (one paragraph)

Our event provided patterns and testimonies related to a communitarian development, inspired by the value of Human Fraternity. A network of NGOs and institutional partners, activist and community leaders presented projects giving voice to local beneficiaries and changemakers. The event's aim was to encourage sustainable and participatory solutions to safeguard the precious resource of water.

Water Action Agenda (one paragraph, if possible, please include the link to your commitment in the [Water Action Agenda database](#))

- #SDGAction50270: <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/full-access-safe-drinking-water-and-sanitation-all-mugina-and-rugombo-cibitoke-burundi>

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- **Sharing and celebrating the value of water for life** - Comunidad Omaguaca – Hornaditas, Humahuaca (Argentina)
- **Why water is a source of life and development** – CASOBU, AMU and the Amazi Meza Project (Burundi); Avina Foundation (Brazil) and Testimonies from projects beneficiaries
- **The human right to drinking water and water protection. The commitment of Faiths** - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (Holy See) and FAO's New Humanity NGO representative (Italy)
- **Action Plan to protect water** - New Humanity NGO

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Design water protection projects according to a communitarian mindset able to value local expertise and wisdom.
- Emphasize the centrality of community management of resources in such a way that each person is recognized for his or her inherent dignity, valuing beneficiaries as core partners.
- Building a network of trust among local authorities, NGOs and beneficiaries.
- Increase legal protection for access to clean water sources.
- Maintain the *Water Platform* as a common space to share practices, experiences, policies, common commitments, as well as shortcomings and different approaches to solutions.