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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS –2030 Agenda

The Budapest Water Summit, 28 – 30 November 2016, Hungary

The Budapest Water Summit 2016 ended on November 30th after three days of high-level panels, a Youth Forum, a Civil Society Forum, and a Women's Forum. During a special ceremony, participants presented the **Budapest Water Summit Messages and Policy Recommendations** which lay out directions and guidelines needed to ensure the successful implementation of the **Agenda 2030** of sustainable development, the dedicated water goal and all water-related targets.

Several members of the Butterfly Effect network participated in the Summit, which was organized by the Hungarian Government. It was a unique occasion to make the voice of the civil society heard influencing together the Budapest Water Summit 2016 Messages and Policy Recommendations. The Butterfly Effect strongly campaigned to **refer explicitly to the human rights to water & sanitation**, called for a **coherent implementation of the Agenda 2030 as well as of the Paris agreement on climate change** and emphasised that the international community has to support governments and other stakeholders (including civil society) for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda not only at global level but also at **national level**. **Most of the comments and recommendations of the Butterfly Effect members were integrated in the final document by the drafting committee.**



Download the [Budapest Water Summit 2016 Messages and Policy Recommendations](#)

International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028

On 21 December 2016, the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution (A / RES / 71/222) entitled "International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028", which was introduced by the initiative of Tajikistan in co-authorship with 177 UN member countries.

The Decade will contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals in the area of integrated water resources management, implementation and promotion of projects and programs in the field of water resources, strengthening cooperation and covers issues related to the efficient use of water resources and the integration between water, food, energy and the environment.

➡ See the draft of the [UN resolution for the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" \(2018-2028\)](#)

➡ For more information on the International Decade for Action "Water for Life" (2005 - 2015) See [special page of the United Nations](#)

WATER AND CLIMATE

COP22, 7-18 November 2016, Marrakech, Morocco

General conclusions of the event

For the first time in the history of COPs, water has been truly considered and has been an important part of the discussions. A specific day "Water" was held on 9 November 2016 within the framework of the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA), in the blue zone (a closed zone open to participants upon presentation of official accreditation by a member state), and a half day was also devoted to this theme in the green zone (a zone open to all without any special accreditation – the blue and green zones are completely separated). In addition, many events took place regarding water. Indeed, water was a major theme of COP22 and the several actors of the water sector – including members of the Butterfly Effect (Coalition Eau, International Secretariat for Water, Eau Vive) – were present to deliver their messages and report on their actions to address climate issues. Overall, "water and climate" reached a milestone as it was a key issue that was not only presented as a major theme but also as a cross-cutting issue in other themes. There is one shadow in the picture: the maneuvers of the World Water Council to monopolize the "Water" Day and its resulting benefits ...

➡ For more information on COP22, read the full review of Coalition Eau [here](#).

Youth participation

Among the non-state actors, youth were represented at Cop22 through various activities organized by ISW, the Office Franco-Québécois pour la jeunesse (OFQJ) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP). Members of the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW) and the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW), both members of the Butterfly Effect, organised and took part to diverse sessions to make their voices heard on the issues of water and climate.

The White Paper project launched at the COP21 in Paris was also able to move in Marrakesh from ambition to action with the announcement of a platform for youth projects on water and climate.

➡ To read more about some youth involvement at Cop22, see the International Secretariat

for Water's [article](#)

THE WORLD WATER FORUM

World Water Council - Board of Governors, November 2016, Marseille, France

The 8th World Water Forum International Steering Committee (ISC) and Commissions held a series of meetings in Marseille to continue the preparatory process of the Forum. Prior to the Board of Governors meeting, 5 Commissions of the 8th Forum met to further develop preparations towards Brasilia in 2018. The Commissions focused on strengthening linkages and coordination among the various Forum processes in order to optimize coherence in the overall program of the 8th World Water Forum. Several members of the Butterfly Effect attended those meetings and it was an opportunity for our network to advocate for a proper inclusion of civil society representatives in all the processes of the 8th World Water Forum.

On Saturday 26 November, the World Water Council elected the capital city of Dakar and the country of Senegal to host the 9th World Water Forum in 2021.

This Board of Governors was also the occasion to present the 4 Youth Delegates selected from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe (we had published a call for candidates in the previous Newsletter). They have the mandate to represent and connect Youth to the World Water Forum. As the BE's mandate is to facilitate meaningful NGO and CSO contribution, this represents a great opportunity for the BE to boost civil society participation through Youth!

Thematic Process - Theme coordination groups

Good news! Following the submission of an application, the Butterfly Effect was appointed by the Thematic Process Commission of the 8th World Water Forum for the Theme Coordination Group (TCG) of the **Theme PEOPLE**. A two-day **Thematic Kick-off Meeting** will take place in Brasilia in the first week of February 2017, with the purpose to discuss the Forum preparation process. This gives the Butterfly Effect the opportunity to give a voice to the Civil society during the next World Water Forum. However, we are still awaiting news regarding the topic coordination. The Butterfly Effect secretariat will keep you informed about the topic coordination and the possibility to get involved in the thematic process of the 8th World Water Forum.

 To get more information about the 8th World Water Forum, please visit <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org>

Call for contributions for the Citizen Forum

The **call for contributions for the Citizen Forum is officially out!** The process will be divided in two phases: 1) The **first phase** will **review and analyze the submitted proposals** considering the following criteria: coherence, practicability and relevance; 2) The **second phase** will be restricted for the selected proposals in the first phase and **will consider financial and feasibility criteria**. We encourage you to submit proposals!

Members wishing to contribute can do so by filling [the official form](#) (available in English only) and return it by **28th of February 2017** to esecretariat@adasa.df.gov.br

A water governance practice database – OECD

The OECD has launched some months ago a survey “**What do you look for when searching for best practices and case studies on water governance?**”. In all, 164 responses were collected and have proven most useful to pave the way for developing a database on water governance practices that will be launched at the 8th World Water Forum. Among the 164 responses collected, some were from members of the Butterfly Effect.

The Butterfly Effect, member of the OECD water governance initiative, will keep you informed of the next steps in early 2017, with further opportunities to get involved.

➡ To find detailed survey results, please read the following document :



OECD-WGI Survey
on Best Practices.pdf

[Click here](#) to see the full 2017 WASH Calendar!

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

Butterfly Effect steering committee elections

The Steering Committee elections are upcoming! There will be **4 seats** to fill in total (1 for Africa, 1 for Asia and 2 international seats). Members are encouraged to send their applications to the BE secretariat. Further information regarding the voting procedure will be sent to you in the following days.

Creation of 3 working groups

Three working groups have been created through which to implement the Butterfly Effect strategy, with each group focusing on a specific priority – Water and the Climate, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the World Water Forum. The working groups’ first task is to define the **network’s strategic objectives and core activities** for the coming years.

If you would like to join of these groups, please contact the Butterfly Effect Secretariat:
butterflyeffectcoalition@gmail.com

New Butterfly Effect Booklet

In order to promote our network and activities, the Butterfly Effect now has a new **booklet**. Don't hesitate to print and share this document to promote your activities related to the Butterfly Effect.

➡ To download the Butterfly Effect Flyer, please click [here](#).

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You are the Butterfly Effect! Let us know about your Butterfly Effect-related activities so we can publish the information in future issues of the Newsletter!
