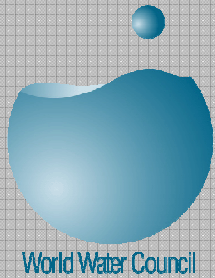


Make the right to water and sanitation a reality

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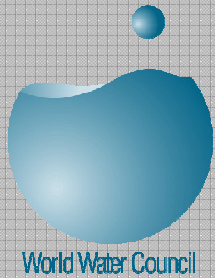
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Access to water and sanitation: the big picture

- approximately 884 million people lack access to improved water sources
 - over 2.6 billion people do not have access to basic sanitation
 - MDGs will come to an end in 2015. But, delays in Africa, etc.
- = The RTWS is a tool to achieve access to basic services



2010: a successful year for the RTW&S

- **July 28: UN General Assembly recognises the RTWS**

“the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights”

- **September 24: Human Rights Council proclaimed that the RTWS**

“is derived from the right to an adequate standard of living and inextricably related to the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, as well as the right to life and human dignity.”

This resolution confirms that:

- **RTWS is part of existing international law and confirms**
- **RTWS is legally binding upon States.**
- **It also calls upon States to develop appropriate tools and mechanisms to achieve progressively the full realization of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation, including in currently unserved and underserved areas.**

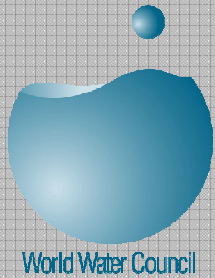
2011: the RTWS on the right way

- **April 2011:** Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/RES/16/2

the HRC decides “to extend the mandate of the current mandate holder as a special rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation for a period of three years”

and

“Encourages the Special Rapporteur, in fulfilling his or her mandate... to promote the full realization of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation by, inter alia, continuing to give particular emphasis to practical solutions with regard to its implementation, in particular in the context of country missions, and following the criteria of availability, quality, physical accessibility, affordability and acceptability”.

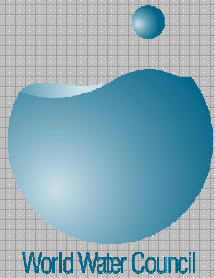


What's about 2012?

- **Almost ten years long to get the RTWS recognised from UN ECOSOC recommendation (General Observation n° 15) in 2002**
- **Today we do need to go further**
- **Emphasis on implementation & concrete solutions**
- **The WWF 6 is a good opportunity to make the right to water and sanitation a reality!**
- **RTWS is a priority in the:**
 - Thematic process
 - Political process
 - Regional process

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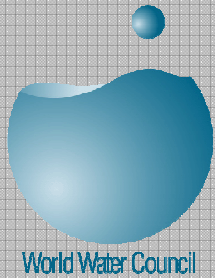
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The RTWS: a priority at the WWF6

RIGHT TO WATER

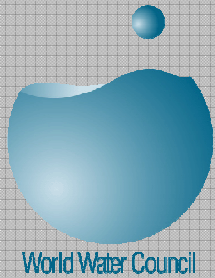
- **Priority for Action 1: “Guarantee access to water for all and the Right to Water”**
- **1 Target directly related to the RTW:**
 - « For 2012, highlight the practical implications of the Right to Water for practitioners by collecting and disseminating at least one example per category in each region of national policies targeting and delivering effectively better water quality, availability, accessibility, affordability at country level, all major components of the human right to drinking water. »



The RTWS: a priority at the WWF6

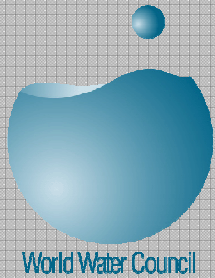
RIGHT TO SANITATION

- **Priority for Action 1.2: “Improve access to integrated sanitation services for all”**
- **1 Target directly related to the RTS:**
- **Target 4: For 2012, clarify the scope of the internationally-recognised Human Right to Sanitation taking into account national experiences, and publish 1 document highlighting the practical implications of the Right to Sanitation for practitioners**



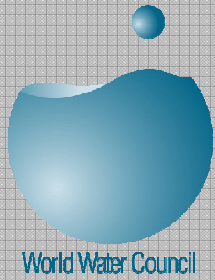
What is the RTWS?

- *Definition of the RTW is clear*
- *« The human right to water entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses. » (GC 15)*
- *4 key aspects: quality, quantity, physical accessibility, affordability*
- *Solutions already exist but need to be highlighted = **get involved in the WWF6 and let us know your solutions!***



What is the RTWS?

- Right to Sanitation definition is not as clear as the right to water
- Key questions still need to be addressed:
 - **basic sanitation (toilets) for the less developed countries?**
 - **a better sewerage equipment for the other countries in the urban areas?**
 - **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**
 - **WHO WILL PAY?**



What can we do before the WWF6 ?

- **Get involved in the thematic process**
- **Let us know your solutions regarding the RTWS**



Thank you !

**Help us make the right to water and
sanitation a reality!**