



Kyoto World Water Grand Prize Winner Announced

Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse (CCPD) **awarded Kyoto World Water Grand Prize, to be presented** **during the 8th World Water Forum in Brazil**

- CCPD will receive 2,000,000 JPY (approx. 18,000 USD) at the closing ceremony of the 8th World Water Forum in Brasilia (18-23 March 2018)
- The 8th World Water Forum welcomes tens of thousands of global experts and leaders under the theme “Sharing Water”
- Journalist registration is now [open](#)

World Water Council, Marseille, 12 February 2018 – The Japan Water Forum and the World Water Council are pleased to announce the winner of the **5th Kyoto World Water Grand Prize: Charité Chrétienne pour Personnes en Détresse (CCPD - Christian Charity for People in Distress)**, from Togo.

Presented during the World Water Forum since 2003, and organised by the Japan Water Forum in cooperation with the World Water Council, the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize grass-roots organizations of developing countries for their outstanding accomplishment in solving water issues which serves as a model for other grass-roots organizations.

This edition received 144 applications from 46 countries.

The prize of 2,000,000 JPY (approx. 18,000 USD) will be awarded to CCPD for implementing their proposed project addressing water issues.

CCPD's winning initiative will be presented at the closing ceremony of the 8th World Water Forum. The organization based in Togo will be recognized for the work it has accomplished in empowering individuals and community groups to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation through construction and refurbishment of drinking water and sanitation facilities, clean-up of sites, and the organization of awareness and educational campaigns and workshops. These efforts have contributed to a noticeable decrease in water- and sanitation-related diseases and deaths in the community of Togo.

From 2013 to 2016, CCPD have received JWF Fund which is operated JWF and provides small grant to grass-roots organizations.

The 8th World Water Forum is set to welcome tens of thousands of water sector experts, decision makers, businesses, and civil society to what has become the world's biggest water-related event. Held in the southern hemisphere for the first



time, the Government of Brazil will host the event in its capital, Brasilia, between the 18th and the 23rd of March 2018.

The over-arching theme of “Sharing Water” will inform thematic, regional and political processes, underscored by sustainability and citizen’s participation. As water is an issue that concerns everyone, the World Water Forum opens its doors to the public through an interactive Citizen’s Village, accessible to all. In parallel, the **Thematic Process** organizes discussions and debates on a variety of themes relating to water security challenges and lessons. High-level panels will analyse adherence to and fulfilment of international agreements, including the 7th World Water Forum Implementation Roadmaps, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement, among others. The **Regional Process** catalyses knowledge sharing by collectively identifying key issues in specific continents through a solutions-based approach. High-level political commitments, stakeholder engagement combined with local perspectives provide a crucible for reaching realistic targets. The **Political Process** invites ministers, parliamentarians, mayors, governors, judges and prosecutors to talk about water in their communities. Water management solutions require firm political commitments from governments, and are therefore central to the World Water Forum. The **Sustainability Focus Group** engages with all three of the processes, aiming to ensure sustainable development is an underlying component.

“The purpose of the World Water Forum is to bring water experts and professionals closer to the decision-makers. We want ministers, heads of state, parliamentarians, mayors and presidents of municipal chambers to participate in the Forum, to exchange knowledge and to mobilize themselves around the rational use of water and global water security,” explains World Water Council President, Benedito Braga.

The World Water Forum is designed to maximize interaction at all levels, from grassroots to heads of state, to better manage our most vital resource. It also provides a platform to recognize valuable advancements on the ground, such as those undertaken by CCPD, contributing to a more water-secure world.

The Kyoto World Water Grand Prize is awarded every three years at the World Water Forum.

Previous editions of the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize winners

2006 Prize Winner - Awarded at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico City, Mexico: **Gram Vikas** (India) - <http://gramvikas.org/>

2009 Prize Winner - Awarded at the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey: **Watershed Organization Trust** (India) - <http://www.wotr.org/>



2012 Prize Winner - Awarded at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille, France:
Katosi Women Development Trust (Uganda) - <http://www.katosi.org/>

2015 Prize Winner – Awarded at the 7th World Water Forum in Daegu, Republic of Korea: **Environment and Public Health Organization** (Nepal) - <http://enpho.org/>

Registration to attend the 8th World Water Forum is open through the 8th Forum website (<http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/en>), along with information about rates.

About the World Water Council:

The World Water Council (WWC) is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, the founder and co-organizer of the World Water Forum. The World Water Council’s mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking. The Council focuses on the political dimensions of water security, adaptation, and sustainability, and works to position water at the top of the global political agenda. Headquartered in Marseille, France, and created in 1996, the World Water Council brings together over 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries. More on www.worldwatercouncil.org @wwatercouncil #wwatercouncil

About the Japan Water Forum (JWF)

Created in 2004, the Japan Water Forum makes a substantial contribution of global water issues, by engaging people and societies through dynamic movement, innovative ideas and resolute actions. It has taken over the knowledge and experiences that were achieved at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka in 2003. It has developed its networks between Japanese society and the international community, for example, it has served as the secretariat of the Asia- Pacific Water Forum (APWF), the Northern Water Network (NoWNET) and the Water Security Council of Japan. In December 2017, the APWF co-organized the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit with The Republic of the Union of Myanmar under the overarching theme, “Water Security for Sustainable Development”. The Japan Water Forum, as Secretariat of APWF, has contributed to the World Water Forum since 2009 as the coordinator of Asia-Pacific region. More on www.waterforum.jp/en and <http://apwf.org/summit/myanmar2017/>

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