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### "WE NEED WATER AND WATER NEEDS US": LÖIC FAUCHON

The second day of Latin America Water Week commenced with the Declaration on the Water Security Pact, with this message from the President of the Société des Eaux de Marseille, who stressed that water security is the security for human life, the drive for development, that implies the coverage of needs, in quantity and quality

for food, health and environmental protection, making it imperative to find solutions to the problems in the sector. Mr. Fauchon noted that water security is a strategic theme for key agendas around the world as well as for the future we want. "Water needs our help, water needs our ability to protect it. Water needs us and we need water", he concluded. Subsequently the panel on Security for Water and Sanitation for All was carried out. The themes discussed were: Access Coverage and Water Quality, Water Secu-



Lôic Fauchon, President of the Société des Eaux de Marseille, calls a pact for water.



Mr. Jorge Montoya moderates the Panel Safety in Water and Sanitation for all.

rity plans; Rates, and Human Right to Water and Sanitation, with the participation of Diego González Machin, PAHO/WHO; Victor Machado Lens, Sanitary Works of Uruguay; Wilbert Luis Arratia Quisbert, Water and Sewerage of Bolivia; Dr. Steven Stockton USACE, among others.

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### "THERE IS NO SUSTAINABILITY WITHOUT WATER": ANDRÁS SZÖLLÖSI-NAGY

András Szöllösi-Nagy, Rector of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, expressed during his intervention that "There is no sustainability without water", and without addressing political issues, he mentioned the benefits derived from the discussions on water, which indicated a shift in thinking. The aim of 20 years ago was that by 2015 four billion people, who were lacking this service, have access to potable water, today only a year left towards the objective, only 700 million remain without it. Dr. Luis Angel Montenegro from the National Water Authority of Nicaragua said that the benefits on water arise from transforming and mak-

ing public the information through consumption plans, reduction and efficient monitoring of water use. Ney Maranhão, Minister of Water Resources and Urban Environment of Brazil indicated that access to water is a consistent theme that falls between the right to human access to water and governance, which are concepts that should be strengthened since there are still many conflicts on understanding and hence on decision-making and actions.



### LEGISLATION ON WATER IN MEXICO, TOPIC OF INTEREST FOR BENEDITO BRAGA

Under the framework of Water Week Latin America, Dr.

Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council (WWC) met with decision makers at the legislative level and local authorities in Mexico, such as Dr. Esteban Villegas Villareal, Mayor of Durango who commented on the actions being undertaken in the state of Durango in the Agenda towards 2050 on water quality.

The adviser of Senator Ernesto Gándara, Enrique Yepiz Mendivi commented on the public access mechanisms been implemented state wide. Deputy Gerardo Roviro Gaudiano said Tabasco is the most complex State of the country, were increased efforts to reduce flood risks are being carried out, and that the government currently established an agreement on the (ProtAb) registry use to undertake major infrastructure works. Finally, Roberto Olivares, Director General of ANEAS and Governor of the World Water Council representing Mexico, spoke about the WWC global vision and its successful work and efforts, gathering together 350 member organisations from around the world.



### ANEAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF WATER WEEK LATIN AMERICA

The water themes developed during this important forum, have been a direct linkage and interest to water and sanitation utilities groups, members of ANEAS, since its founding 35 years ago. The reason why the Board of Directors Meeting was held under the framework of the Water Week Latin America was in order to make available to the utilities organisations the necessary information on the themes featured in this event, of which ANEAS is part of the organizing committee.

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