



## Press Invitation

# LAUNCH OF THE #CLIMATEISWATER INITIATIVE AT COP21

**2 December - 3:30pm**

**Paris Le Bourget – Press Center Blue Zone**

**WHAT:** The international water community is joining forces to elevate the recognition for water within the climate change discussions during this COP21 and during upcoming international events on climate change, through an initiative coined **#ClimateIsWater**.

The media are invited to be a part of those discussions during an event organized on the occasion of the “Resilience Day” at the Paris Le Bourget site on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**WHY:** Water is not, at present, sufficiently taken into account by political decision-makers. It does not figure prominently in the official COP21 agenda, nor in the negotiated text, despite the fact that impacts of climate variability and change are most often manifested through, by and with water. Indeed, water is critical to successful climate change mitigation and adaptation. By failing to address the relationship between water and climate, we put our future in jeopardy.

**WHO:** The #ClimateIsWater initiative is a collective effort from prominent members of the international water community gathering governmental authorities, IGOs and NGOs: Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA), Business & Professional Women International (BPWI), Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), French Water Partnership (FWP), Green Cross International, Global Water Partnership (GWP), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Kingdom of Morocco, Nile Basin Discourse, International Secretariat for Water (ISW), Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), The Butterfly Effect, UNESCO-IHP, Women for Water Partnership, World Water Council, and more...

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Ségolène Royal - Minister of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy, France**
- **Charafat Afailal el Yedri - Minister delegate in Charge of Water, Morocco**
- **Anna Lindstedt - Climate Ambassador, Sweden**
- **Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council**
- **Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director of the Stockholm International Water Institute**

**WHEN:** Wednesday 2 December 2015 - 3:30 to 4 PM.

**WHERE:** COP21 - Blue Zone - Press Center of the COP International Conference Center - Paris-Le Bourget  
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The live webcast of the Press Conference can be followed here: <http://unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/>

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