



Brasilia Local and Regional Governments Call for Action on Water and Sanitation

Considering the progress achieved by the local authorities present at the 4th Water World Forum in 2006, the Istanbul Water Consensus approved at the Local Authorities Forum during the 5th World Water Forum in 2009, the Message from Local and Regional Authorities at the 6th World Water Forum in 2012 and the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions approved at the 7th World Water Forum in 2015, as well as by the global development agendas, including Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Taking into account that many international agreements recognize the major role that local and regional governments play for the achievement of the established goals;

We, local and regional authorities, call for action to implement the Local and Regional Agenda on Water and Sanitation, adopting a shared vision for a better and more sustainable future in which all people have equal rights and access to water and sanitation, and water is used and managed in a way to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment for future generations.

Gathered in Brasilia for the 5th Conference of Local and Regional Authorities for Water on 20 and 21 March 2018 during the 8th World Water Forum, we made an effort to connect and frame the most relevant recommendations and commitments previously made on the international agreements mentioned above and offer a list of what local and regional governments can do in order to achieve healthier and more prosperous cities and territories and to strengthen the capacities of decision-makers, local leaders, and practitioners to overcome local water and sanitation challenges.

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to apply the following 5 recommendations which resulted from what we have learned and built together over time globally:

1. Promote sensitive integrated water practices, taking into account basic human rights and services and gender approaches, putting sanitation and access to quality water at the top of the water agenda;
2. Bring forward legislation that enables fair, efficient and sustainable use of water resources, promote integrated urban water practices and energy efficiency, making use of technology when possible;
3. Strengthen and increase decentralized funding and innovative finance mechanisms for water and sanitation projects;
4. Promote urban water resilience through planning out risk and climate change adaptation and mitigation and protection of sensitive areas;



5. Strengthen the capacity of local governments and citizens in water sensitive governance.

In order to strengthen the implementation of water-related policy, programmes and initiatives at the local and regional levels, we will seek to develop and implement plans and goals for acting on these recommendations and consequently contributing to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda. We expect to promote a broad engagement with this Call for Action and to have it revisited and its progress evaluated at the Political Process for Local and Regional Authorities at the 9th World Water Forum in Senegal.

This Call for Action has been agreed upon in Brasilia on 21 March 2018.