



World Water Assembly for Elected Representatives and Citizens (AMECE)

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Madam, Sir,

We are proud to invite you to the World Water Assembly for Elected Representatives and Citizens (AMECE), which will be held between the 18th and the 20th March 2007 at the European Parliament in Brussels. Thirty Belgian organisations and an International Committee composed of more than forty associations promote this event.

The idea of a World Water Assembly for Elected representatives and Citizens finds its roots in the AWWF in Florence, in 2003, and was presented during the AWWF in Geneva in 2005. The resolutions adopted during the World Social Forums of Bamako and Caracas, but also the resolution of the European Parliament (16th March 2006) provided strong support to this project.

Seeing the results of these events, the promoters of the AMECE think that priority must not be given to the description of existing situations, but rather to the development of concrete commitments, in order to realise the right to water for all, and the valorisation of water as a common good at all levels.

The objective of the AMECE is to permit to elected representatives, local communities, trade unions, public companies and representatives of the civil society to state the commitments they have taken or will take, and to identify the best way to develop and realise these common actions.

Thus, the AMECE will focus on four main topics:

1. Access to clean water and sanitary services for all as a human right;
2. The promotion of water as a common good, a heritage of humankind;
3. The funding of activities and services referring to "water as life", and "water as a condition for a secure collective existence" by the public sector.
4. The implementation of participatory and democratic structures inherent to a public government of water resources.

Your attendance to this event is necessary in order to attain its objectives, and to promote and reinforce the role of water-related institutions. There is indeed an emergency: the current trends show a growing merchandising of all common goods and public services, and therefore of Life itself. The future of all public services is at stake.

Sincerely,

Pierre Galand,
For the Belgian Committee for the AMECE

N.B: Please make sure that you will post the form back before the 14th of February (see the registration form enclosed).



With the support of the Minister for the Environment of the
Area of Brussels-Capital, Evelyne Huytebroeck