





Citizens Process

The Citizens Commission

- The Citizens Commission has been mandated to shape, guide and oversee the Citizens Process of World Water Forum 8.

The Citizens Commission

- ***Chair- Vice Chair***

Chair: Mr. Lupercio Antonio Ziroldo

Vice-Chair :Ms. Iman AbdEl Al

- **Committees**

Americas:

Taciana Leme –Water National Agency (ANA)

Suraya Modaelli – Committee of Paranapanema River Basin

Mathilde Saada – Latin America Marketing & Communication

International Committee

Nidal Salim, Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Asma Bachikh, President of the World Youth Parliament for Water

Alice Bouman- Dentener, DiploriA Sustainable Development Solutions, Netherlands, & Honorary Founding President of Women for Water Partnership

Programs' Focal Points

- **Indigenous Program:**

Darlene Sanderson: Indigenous World Forum on Water and Peace

Mona Polacca: Indigenous World Forum on Water and Peace

Ailton Krenak: Nucleo de Cultura Indigena –Brazil

- **Film Festival Event**

Suzana Amado, Diretora, Filmambiente- Rio de Janeiro

The Vision

The Citizens Forum has the valuable and specific role to:

- Reach out to those people that do not know or do not care
- Provide a platform inside (and outside) the Forum arena for those voices that are not yet heard.
- Propose and promote reflection, solutions and knowledge coming from Civil Society on water issues

Objectives

- The Citizens process has the dual function of :
- 1) informing and sensitizing the public at large to create broad **engagement for multi-stakeholder partnerships** to address water provision, management and safeguarding
- 2) to ensure that the **voice and the experience of Civil society** is mainstreamed in the thematic and political deliberations that take place at the Forum and the Regional processes in preparation of the Forum

Programme proposal

• COMPONENT 1

The Citizen Forum is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development *to strive for an all-of-society engagement and partnership.*

The three generic program elements are all in this spirit of diversity and inclusion : joining the different civil society groupings.

- **Voices of the people audio-visuals.** It works two ways:
 - It is an outreach to inform a broad audience outside the forum
 - Inside the forum, it is a medium to integrate the citizens voice in all thematic sessions.
- **The Hydro Café:** a talk show setting with a renowned journalist/moderator.
- **Nature and community based solutions:** A space where grassroots initiatives in this domain can be presented.

Program Proposal -2

- **COMPONENT 2**

- The second programme component is about **specific topics/issues** that the different civil society groups want to address from their specific perspective.
- **Sessions:** selection of session proposals including the ones coming from the call for proposals and the consultation meeting.
- This component will be organised in rooms, and in the Hydro-café space

Program Proposal -3

- **COMPONENT 3**
- Citizen Village, spaces for interaction and exchange that accommodate all citizens and groups Youth, CSOs & NGOs, Indigenous People. Entrance free of charge.
- Spaces for interaction and exchange that accommodate Youth, Women, CSOs and NGOs, Indigenous People
- Open space where people can engage and exchange ideas informally in a relaxed manner
- Exhibition space
- Information stands

Pre forum

- Open Calls
- Integration in other Forum's processes, promoting Civil Society inclusion in all Forum preparatory events
- Participation in major Regional & International Events
- Development of tools for disclosing information & communication