

Workshop outline

Day 2 (2nd February): IMPLEMENTING RIGHT TO WATER (RTW)

10:30-12:30 Workshops - first round

The general aim of this workshop is to shape some concrete actions to implement right to water at different levels: internationally, nationally and locally

Progress on the issue

These last years have involved all Water Movements in organizing actions to promote right to water.

Although RTW is not recognized as a human right yet, some important steps forward has been done:

- Istanbul World Water Forum 2009 – 24 countries signed a Declaration of Governments calling for the Human Right to Water and 18 countries asking for a UN Global Water Forum
- in 2008 and 2009 two more countries have changes their Constitutional Chart inserting RTW: Ecuador and Bolivia.
- starting from 2006 (Mexico City Statement), water justice movements have produced joint declarations foreseeing common engagements and commitments to achieve RTW.

Challenges

Marseille WWF 2012 is around the corner: don't forget that in 2009 three UN Agencies (UN Habitat, UNESCO and FAO) have joined the World Water Council Board.

We are now facing a violent intervention of transnationals who are using water movements language to promote their interests: we have to give voice to the real meaning of RTW.

After Copenhagen, the idea to join climate justice movements and efforts to promote RTW

Strategies for the network

Strategies have to be thought as network with a strong involvement of local level (think globally and act locally following a common and shared goal, exchanging experiences).

Some strategies we could consider to implement RTW could be

- North and South relationship (Latin America Water Tribunal, International Charter on Water Access)
- Educational Campaigns
- Involvement of Local Authorities...the first step to change National framework

The workshop will be divided into two slots:

- the first to deepen the key issues on human right to water: it seems that sometimes we give it for granted; maybe, also considering some critical facts as climate changes effects and imagined solutions, explicating which are the key principles we consider composing right to water could be useful to plan effective strategies and actions.
- the second is thought to explore which strategies and actions can be taken at international, national and local level.