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HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER AND SANITATION

**Commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the
recognition of the human rights to water and sanitation
on the margins of the High Level Political Forum 2020**

Objectives

- To highlight the importance and impact of the recognition of the human rights to water and sanitation in 2010.
- To take stock of the 10-year progress made in relation to the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation.
- To identify a possible roadmap to further promote human rights to water and sanitation, strengthening collaboration between the Special Rapporteur and the UN-Water community.

Co-organizers: Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation; Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Co-sponsors: Permanent Missions of Germany and Spain to the United Nations, UN-Water

Background

The year 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of the landmark resolution adopted by the General Assembly in July 2010, which “recognized the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights” (GA res 64/292). Since then, a number of subsequent resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly gave further affirmation and clarified the human rights to water and sanitation as fundamental human rights. Furthermore, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, included a specific reference to the human right to water and sanitation.

Given that 2020 is also the last year of the mandate of the current Special Rapporteur (Mr. Léo Heller), this is an opportune moment to take stock of the impact of the recognition of water and sanitation as human rights in the WASH sector and beyond, and to reflect together how these rights could be better promoted and integrated in the overall efforts by UN and other partners to accelerate the human rights-based implementation of SDG6 and other related goals.



Closing remarks

**JULY 7, 2020
8AM - NEW YORK TIME**

Schedule

Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations	Welcoming remarks	5 mins
Mr. Léo Heller , Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation	10 years after General Assembly resolution 64/292: impact and shortcomings of efforts for the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation.	7 mins
Mr. Olcay Ünver , Vice-Chair of UN-Water	Multilateral cooperation and the rights to water and sanitation: current challenges and roadmap for the 2020-2030 decade.	7 mins
Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque , CEO of Sanitation and Water for All, former Special Rapporteur on the human rights to water and sanitation	The mandate of the Special Rapporteur vis-à-vis the water and sanitation sector: proposals for increased cooperation.	7 mins
Ms. Peggy Hicks , Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	The impact of General Assembly resolution 64/292: 10 years promoting a human-rights based approach to water and sanitation.	7 mins
Ms. Amanda Klasing , acting Co-Director, Women's Rights Division	Water and sanitation as human rights: a critical assessment of international efforts for the implementation of SDG 6.	7 mins
Questions from audience		3 mins
Responses from panel		10 mins
Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations	Closing remarks	5 mins

How to participate:

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