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PREPARATION

# Sneak preview:

# HRC report on planning and vision

# PLANNING AND VISION, 2020-2023

Sneak peak of the report to the human rights council by the Special Rapporteur on the Human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Pedro Arrojo-Agudo



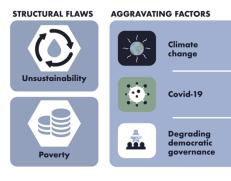
During the month of May (and previous months), I have been working on my first report on the vision and planning for the first three years of my mandate from 2020 to 2023. I will present the report to the September session of the Human Rights Council.

Since I started my role as the Special Rapporteur, I tried to speak to as many people as I can. I held several listening exercises to inform my report on planning.

- Dec consultations
- Bilateral meetings
- Open Dialogue
- Call for input



THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS



In the report, I address the root causes of Global Water Crisis which lie at the confluence of two major structural flaws in our development model: the flaw of unsustainability and the flaw of poverty, inequality and discrimination. Furthermore, I discuss three factors that aggravate and deepen this global crisis.

Building on the first two mandate-holders, my aim is to clarify the close link between the realization of the human rights to drinking water and sanitation and the recovery of the good state of aquatic ecosystems and also to clarify how to promote democratic water governance under a human rights approach in different contexts.

# HISTORICAL PRIORITIES OF THE MANDATE



# Save the date:

# **Upcoming Activities**

I am convening three public consultations to discuss with everyone on my report to the UN General Assembly.

Registration is now open:

- 14 June 4-6 p.m. CEST <u>English</u>
- 15 June 4-6 p.m. CEST Spanish
- 17 June 10-12 p.m. CEST French



#COMMODIFICATION
#FINANCIALIZATION
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#HUMANRIGHTS
#WASH

Risks and impacts on the
human rights to safe drinking
water and sanitation derived
from the commodification and
financialization of water

### COMMODIFICATION
#FINANCIALIZATION
#PRE-DISCUSSION
27 May 2021 - June 2021

Before the public consultations, I invite everyone to participate and share their views in a pre-discussion.

See my 10 questions for the <u>prediscussions</u>.

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# **Activities of the Month**

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# **April Newsletter**

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Forward to New report by UNICEF and WHO – 'Affordability of WASH must be defined and tracked if 2030 Global Goals are to be met'

# Who's who in WASI-!?

PARTNERING WITH ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO
SAFE DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION



# Who's Who in WASH? Partnering with international and regional organizations

<u>See</u> two-pager summaries introduce salient work of these organizations and the way forward for collaboration

# 1 May 2021

Thirst for Justice & Global water Crisis



### 25 May 2021

Valuing Water: The United Nations World Water Development Report 2021

# 28 May 2021

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# 28 May 2021

<u>Video message</u> on Menstrual Hygiene Day

# Communication

# **Letters to States**

<u>Belarus (9 March 2021)</u> Information received regarding the interruption of the water supply to "Novaya Borovaya" district in Minsk for political reasons, as retaliation for residents' participation in anti-Government protests and activities. Response recieved <u>17 May 2021.</u>

<u>Chile, Sweden</u>, and <u>Boliden Mineral AB</u> (23 March 2021) Information received concerning the long term and continuing exposure of residents in the city of Arica in northern Chile, to huge amounts of hazardous waste, containing toxic chemicals produced by a Swedish company called Boliden Mineral AB and deposited in vicinity of the community in 1984-1985. Response recieved: <u>Chile</u>, <u>Boliden Mineral AB</u>

# Follow the mandate!



The <u>website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</u> remains the number one place to discover the mandate's past and upcoming activities.

The mandate is also present on major social media platforms <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Youtube</u> (@SRWatSan), where it actively engages with the global community on issues related to the human rights to water and sanitation.