

Special Rapporteur  
on the human rights  
to safe drinking water  
and sanitation  
Pedro Arrojo-Agudo



Newsletter

November 2020 - February 2021



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Appeal to human rights defenders - letter: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)

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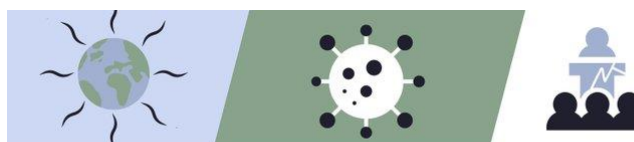


**19 November 2020**

[Color my water and sanitation rights challenge for children](#)

Instructions for joining: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)

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**1-3 December 2020**

Consultation with member States

**PLANNING AND VISION FOR THE MANDATE, 2020-2021**  
in the context of the triple global crisis caused by climate change, the COVID-19 crisis, and threats to democratic governance

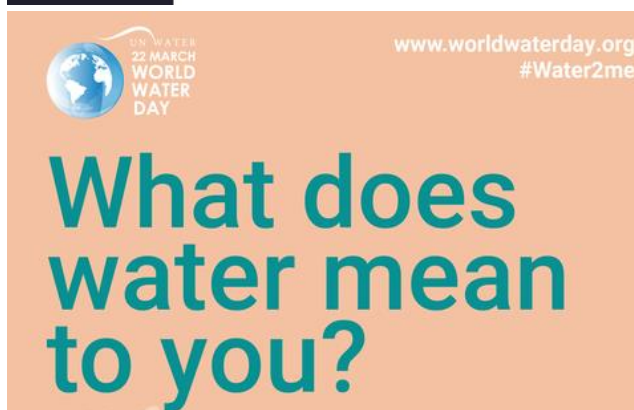
Public consultation with civil society  
(English, Spanish and French)

Consultation convened by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation,  
Mr. Pedro Arrojo-Agudo

**English (1)** 3 December, 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (CET)

[See](#) Concept notes

**English (2)** 3 December, 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. (CET)



**December 2020**

Valuing water: what does water mean to you ?

Video series : [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)



**4 December 2020**

[Open dialogue](#) between UN Special Rapporteurs, civil society organizations and local government on Habitat Rights and the Rights to the City



**7 December 2020**

Meeting with Making Rights Real Consortium



**11 December 2020**

Response to the announcements that water will be traded in the Wall Street futures market - [Press release](#)

Video: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [French](#)  
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**FORO VIRTUAL**  
22 Diciembre 2020

**LAS OCSAS Y EL AGUA EN EL MERCADO DE FUTUROS DE WALL STREET**

UN ENCUENTRO ENTRE **LIDERES DE OCSAS** de Latinoamérica

 COLOMBIA	 PARAGUAY	 BOLIVIA	 HONDURAS
 NICARAGUA	 EL SALVADOR	 COSTA RICA	 ECUADOR

CON   
**PEDRO ARROJO**  
Relator ONU de Derechos Humanos de Agua y Saneamiento

MODERADOR: Marcelo Encalada, LatinWASH

10:15 Centroamérica | 11:15 Colombia, Ecuador, Perú | 12:15 Bolivia | 13:15 Chile, Paraguay

ORGANIZAN:

AUSPICIA:

APOYA:

<https://latinwash.wixsite.com/latinwash>

**22 December 2020**

FORO VIRTUAL  
“LAS OCSAS Y EL AGUA EN LOS MERCADOS FUTURO DE WALL STREET”

Un encuentro de análisis entre Líderes de OCSAS (Acueductos Comunitarios de América Latina) con el Relator Especial ONU sobre el Derecho Humano al Agua Potable y al Saneamiento.



**17 January 2021**

[Roundtable](#) with faith-based organizations including the Ecumenical Water Network convened together with the World Council of Churches



**18 – 21 January 2021**

[Water and Beyond: EU transformative approaches for international partnerships](#)



**21 January 2021**

Roundtable with representatives from Wateraid country offices convened together with Wateraid UK



**3 February 2021**

Opening speech at the [webinar](#): “A Human Rights-Based Approach for Community Adaptation to Climate Change”, organized by Human Right 2 Water



**4 February 2021**

Meeting with AquaFed



**4 February 2021**

Roundtable with Mining Working Group at the UN



**9-11 February 2021**

Seminario derechos humanos en la Escuela Diplomática 2021. Conferencia de D. Pedro Arrojo Agudo sobre *“Los DDHH al Agua Potable y al Saneamiento en la Crisis Global del Agua”*



**XXVII CUMBRE  
IBEROAMERICANA  
ANDORRA 2020**

INNOVACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO  
SOSTENIBLE - OBJETIVO 2030  
IBEROAMÉRICA FRENTE AL RETO  
DEL COVID-19

**XXVII CIMEIRA  
IBERO-AMERICANA  
ANDORRA 2020**

INNOVAÇÃO PARA O DESENVOLVIMENTO  
SUSTENTÁVEL - OBJETIVO 2030  
IBERO-AMÉRICA FACE AO DESAFIO  
DO COVID-19

**10 February 2021**

Seminario de Alto Nivel sobre "Avances y retos en la cooperación en materia de gestión de aguas transfronterizas en el marco de los ODS y del indicador 6.5.2"



**12-17 Febrero 2021**

Ponencia: *“Derecho Humano al Agua Potable y al Saneamiento y Estrategias de Paz”* Conferencia en el I Congreso Mundial por la Paz Chimbote (Perú)

**15-16 February 2021**

Consultation with the network of former OHCHR Indigenous Fellows

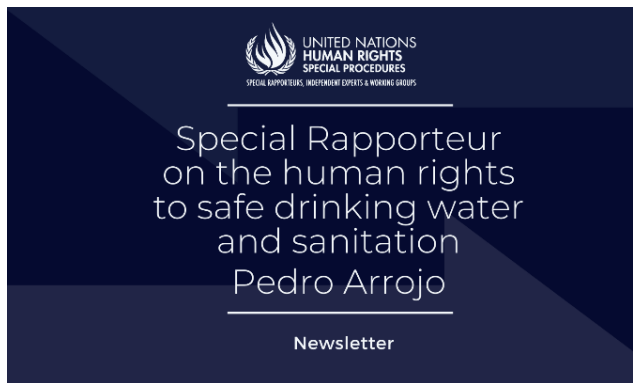


**18 February 2021**

Escuela Paulo Freire de Extremadura

**19-20 February 2021**

Conferencia de apertura: Principios éticos para la gestión de aguas



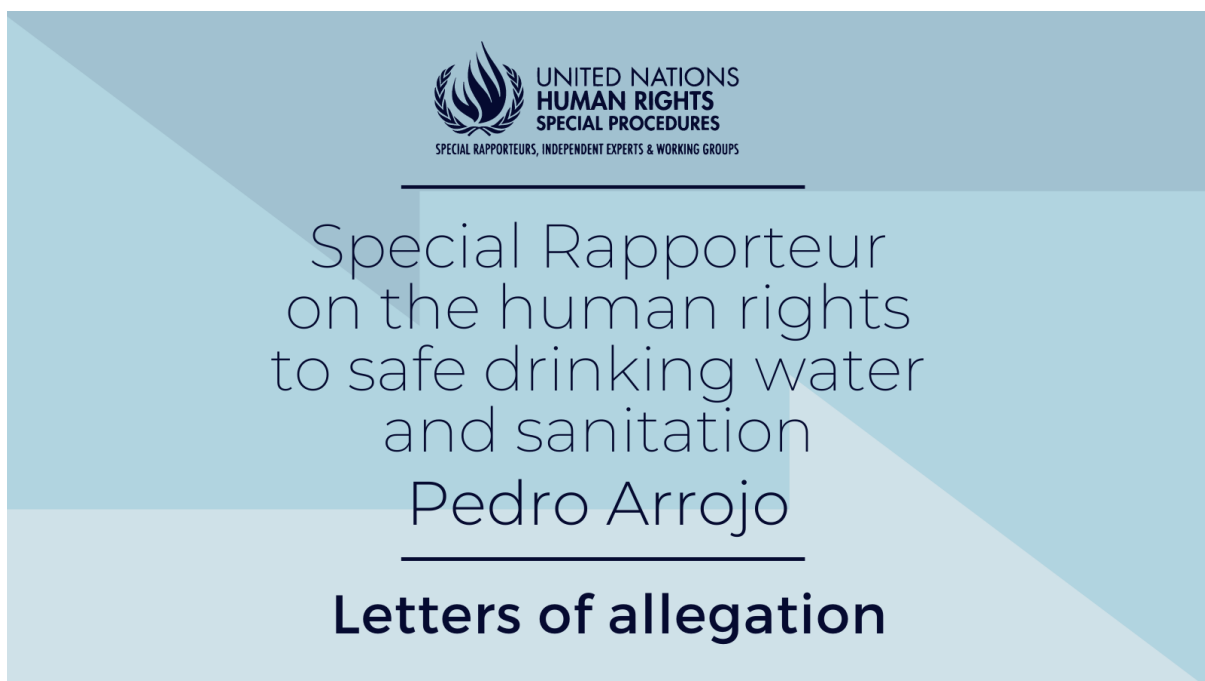
**24 February 2021**

Jornada sobre la Transposición de la Nueva Directiva sobre Agua de Consumo Humano Conferencia P. Arrojo : Claves de la Directiva y los DDHH al Agua Potable y Saneamiento en la UE



**January – February 2021**

Bilateral consultations with international and regional organizations including: UNESCWA, UNDP, UNHCR, UNECE, ILO, IOM, WFP, UNEP, UNICEF, ICRC, OECD, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT, UNECLAC, FAO, UNDRR, UNDESA, and CBD.



[Italy \(8 September 2020\)](#) - Concerning the allegations of imminent eviction of Area F of the Roma settlement Castel Romano “equipped village” in Rome. [Response \(5 November 2020\)](#)

[Colombia](#) and [Cerrejón](#) (9 September 2020) – Concerning allegations of a negative impact on the human rights of members of the Resguardo Provincial Wayúude Indian, located in the municipality of Barrancas, La Guajira by environmental damage with effects on air and water caused by the activities company, Cerrejón, owned by the mining companies BHP, Glencore and Anglo America, and allegations that the government of Colombia has not taken sufficient precautionary and corrective measures to prevent the aforementioned negative impact. [Response from Colombia \(4 November 2020\)](#). [Response from Cerrejón \(6 November 2020\)](#).

[United States of America \(15 September 2020\)](#) – Concerning the alleged failure of the United States of America to protect indigenous tribes who live along the coastal regions of Louisiana and Alaska from the impacts of natural hazards and the adverse effects of climate change, development projects and oil and gas exploration, affecting their rights to life, health, food, water, housing, a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, self-determination, cultural and religious rights, and leading to the displacement of indigenous peoples from their traditional lands.

[Panama \(25 September 2020\)](#) - Information received concerning allegations of deprivation of liberty of migrants in an irregular situation, including children, adolescents and pregnant women.

[Turkey](#) and [Syrian Arab Republic](#) (2 October 2020) - Information received regarding the deprivation of approximately 600,000 persons in northeast Syria including internally displaced persons from the safe access to water due to the repeated interruptions of the work of the Alouk water station, the primary source of water in the region. Responses : [Turkey \(3 December 2020\)](#), [Syrian Arab Republic \(10 November 2020\)](#)

[Guyana](#) (9 November 2020) - Concerning the allegations of the imminent forced eviction of at least 2000 persons living in an informal settlement in Success, East Coast Demerara, including single women and children. [Response \(5 January 2021\)](#)