

INVITATION

FRIDAY

14 SEPTEMBER
2018

13h30 - 15h00
Palais des Nations, Room XXVII
Geneva, Switzerland

Realizing the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Tackling stigma and discrimination: From menstruation to access to WASH for people on the move

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 - Share evidence, best practice and innovations in programming and policy at the national level
- Build a community of stakeholders committed to promoting and fostering menstrual health
 - Discuss how the agenda for menstrual health and other stigmatized topics can be advanced at the global level
 - Emphasize the impact of stigma, psycho-social stress and lack of body literacy as issues that have thus far received less attention
- Contribute to the dissemination of the recommendations from the most recent report of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation
 - Understand important barriers to and solutions for implementing the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation for all for people on the move
 - Explore the roles and responsibilities for different stakeholders

Expected outcomes

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- Increased attention is given to WASH in global discussions and international forums, as a cross cutting issue

PROGRAMME

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the co-chairs

Keynote speech

Mr. Leo Heller, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Remarks by Mr. Rolf Luyendijk, WSSCC Executive Director

Presentations

Ms. Inga Winker, Human Rights Expert, Columbia University (NY)

Mr. Labo Madougou, Director of Development and Extension of Sanitation Services from the Water and Sanitation Ministry of Niger

Ms. Khadi Sonkho, MHM Trainer for West and Central Africa, Louga (Senegal)

Q/A and Moderated Discussion

Closing remarks

Mr. Rolf Luyendijk, WSSCC Executive Director
Permanent Mission of Niger

Snacks will be provided at 13h00 at the entrance of the room.

Key speakers

- ▶ Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva
- ▶ Permanent Mission of Niger to the United Nations in Geneva
- ▶ Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations in Geneva
- ▶ Leo Heller
Special Rapporteur for the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation
- ▶ Rolf Luyendijk
Executive Director of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)
- ▶ Inga Winker
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CONCEPT NOTE

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Background

In less than ten years, a number of resolutions (14) mentioning gender and WASH have been adopted. Issues linked to menstruation and women's and girl's WASH needs are increasingly discussed globally and menstruation is now a key component in the global realization of human rights agendas and sustainable development goals.

If we consider that only ten years ago, issues like menstruation, psychosocial stress, stigma around fistula, and open defecation were surrounded by secrecy and taboo, there is a significant progress. Who is leading this process? How are these discussions translated into reality? What alliances can be built at the global level to improve regional and national policies and programmes and to enhance standards? What countries are championing progress on gender and WASH?

Given the significant progress and the ever-increasing attention to women and girls health and access to WASH, it is time to solidify these efforts and elevate ongoing national developments to the UN level. The aim is to ensure the reflection of language on issues such as menstrual health in resolutions, reports and other official documents and to use the resulting official language to feed back into national and global policy and monitoring processes.

During the September session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, The Permanent Missions of Germany, Niger and Spain, WSSCC, Columbia University and others have come together to share lessons and approaches to implementing and realizing the human rights to water and sanitation for women and girls everywhere.

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Speakers

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Format

The session will run for 1.30 hour, and will include short presentations and a facilitated discussion. Snacks will be provided at 13.00 at the entrance of the room.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME	
10 minutes	Welcome and Opening Remarks from the co-chairs Permanent Mission of Niger (Moderation) Permanent Mission of Germany Permanent Mission of Spain
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