Global Water Solidarity
Promoting local action and territorial approach to improve water supplies and sanitation

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By 2030, nearly half the world’s population could face water scarcity.

More than 780 million people still lack access to safe drinking water.

2.5 billion people live without improved sanitation.
The Global Water Solidarity platform is a key messenger for local voices in the post-2015 development agenda.
Water is a local issue

Local authorities and communities need to be empowered to manage water supplies effectively.
Global solidarity leads to international cooperation

Legislative frameworks allowing local authorities and water suppliers to allocate solidarity funds

International cooperation on water and sanitation

Netherlands (Motje Koppenjan)
Spain (Canon del agua)
France (Oudin-Santini)
Switzerland, Italy and Belgium
Global Water Solidarity is a new approach for improving water supply and sanitation.
Decentralized water solidarity means people working together to solve problems of water supply and sanitation.
Decentralized water solidarity works in many directions:

- Between North and South
- Among countries in the South
- Between local governments and communities
- Among states in a catchment
Global Water Solidarity: local action
Global Water Solidarity is an institutional platform for decentralized water solidarity.
Global Water Solidarity links local stakeholders and actions in water and sanitation to other development sectors, global policy and funds.
GWS promotes integrated and participatory operations with aim to:

• Strengthen operational capacity for water and sanitation management at the local level

• Match financial partners and resources to the local needs identified

• Help provide universal and sustainable access to water and sanitation in specific regions through the global promotion of decentralized water solidarity
Global Water Solidarity works with partners in Central America, the Mediterranean, Africa and the Commonwealth of Independent States.
Global Water Solidarity: global action
In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub, Global Water Solidarity follows the principles of:

Universality, Subsidiarity, Harmonization, Mutual accountability, Leverage, Institutional, environmental and financial sustainability
In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub, Global Water Solidarity:

Globally promotes decentralized water solidarity
In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub, Global Water Solidarity:

Represents more than 100 members in all major global events relating to water and sanitation.
In its role as a global knowledge and communication hub, Global Water Solidarity:

Has produced ‘Practice Guidelines’ for decentralized cooperation in water and sanitation
Provides a virtual community of practice for the exchange of information and knowledge

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Thanks to all our partners

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