



Monitoring Water Governance



Strengthening the role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) in monitoring the right to water

27th session of the ICC Annual Meeting | Side Event
13 March 2014 (Thursday) | 18:00-19:00
Palais des Nations, room XXII, Geneva, Switzerland

In 2010, **water was formally recognized as a human right**. Therefore, in the post 2015 era, a fundamentally different approach is required to water governance in which National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI's) have a fundamental role to play. The main tasks of NHRIs are to independently review the implementation of human rights commitments and make recommendations for improvement, as well as to address grievances or complaints from civil society alleging violations of national law. Consequently, **NHRI's can provide a core function in evaluating water governance to improve service provision**. The Hungarian Ombudsman for Future Generations (Hungarian NHRI) and WaterLex are therefore spearheading an **initiative to support NHRI's in the execution of this crucial function** at the side event followed by a reception taking place on 13 March, 2014 in the margins of the 27th session of the ICC Annual Meeting.

AGENDA

18:00	Opening and welcome by Dr. Marcel Szabó, Hungarian Ombudsman for Future Generations, Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
18:10	Message from Mr. Leandro Garcia Silva, Director of Environment and Sustainable Development at the Office of the Ombudsman, Argentina
18:15	Outline of the initiative by Mr Jean-Benoit Charrin, Executive Director, WaterLex International
18:30	Discussion
18:45	Reception