



DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING  
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

# Governing a common good: access to drinkable water for all

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A full day Conference organized by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development with the patronage of the Pontifical Urbaniana University

## The purpose of the Conference

1. to review the global situation and assess the progress as well as the impasses and the failures in the fundamental task of supplying water to the thirsty;
2. to reiterate, once more, the vision of water as a common good, essential for life, and meant for the whole human family, and underscoring the necessity of an approach rooted in responsibility;
3. to provide a useful and inspiring contribution to the coming international gatherings and commitments about water.

The Conference will build on previous contributions from the Catholic Church to the international and interdisciplinary discussion and efforts in the field of universal access to drinkable water; it will also benefit from the accurate and up-to-date vision of many experts gathered from different countries. Special attention will be given to the most relevant factors positively influencing the universal access to water and to the challenges related to governance.

## Speakers confirmed

**Card. Peter K.A. Turkson** (Prefect of the Dicastery), **Mons. Bruno-Marie Duffé** (Secretary of the Dicastery), **Prof. Luca Pandolfi** (Urbaniana University), **Prof. George P. Hagan** (former Chairman of the National Commission on Culture of Ghana), **Prof. Léo Heller** (UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to water and sanitation), **Mr. David Douglas** (President of Waterlines), **Dr. Milagros Couchoud** (President of the Mediterranean Water Institute), **Mr. Frédéric Van Heems** (CEO of Veolia France), **Prof. Armando Brath** (University of Bologna), **Mr. Rosario Lembo** (President of the Italian Committee for a World Water Contract), **Prof. Antonio H. Benjamin** (Justice of the National High Court of Brazil), **Mr. Jean-François Donzier** (Secretary General of the International Network of Basin Organizations), **Mr. Alessandro Russo** (Chairman of Cap Holding), **Mrs. Lucia M.M. Adamo** (Coordinator of the O Viveiro Project).

Simultaneous translation (Italian-English) will be provided. The participation will be free of charge but the pre-registration is mandatory (participants will be accepted within the limits of available places).

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