

Brainstorming Roundtable on accountability and the human rights to water and sanitation

Organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Mr. Léo Heller

*3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 13 September 2017 (Wednesday)
OHCHR Palais Wilson, Room 1-016 (first floor)*

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVE

Pursuant to the UN Human Rights Council Resolutions 27/7 of 2014 and 33/10 of 2016, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, Mr. Léo Heller, is mandated to work on identifying challenges and obstacles to the full realization of the rights, as well as protection gaps, good practices and enabling factors.

The Special Rapporteur will be elaborating one of his 2018 thematic reports on the subject of accountability and how it can be interpreted in the context of the human rights to water and sanitation. As part of the preparation for his research, the Special Rapporteur is convening a roundtable meeting in order to have a preliminary discussion on the possible scope and content of the report.

DISCUSSION FORMAT & QUESTIONS

Roundtable moderated by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Léo Heller.

Questions:

- What are the roles and responsibilities of your organization in relation to accountability and human rights to water and sanitation?
- How could a framework on accountability be translated into the field of water and sanitation and how should it be interpreted through the human rights lens?
- In order to fully realize the human rights to water and sanitation, which actors should be held accountable, to whom and for what?
- What are examples of good practices where accountability from States and relevant actors (e.g., service providers, regulatory bodies) was effectively demanded?
- What are critical elements and/or principles to hold States and relevant actors accountable?
- How can relevant actors be held accountable? What are good examples of accountability mechanisms? How do those mechanisms work in practice?

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

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