

10 YEARS OF THE THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER AND SANITATION

2002

The General Comment No. 15: The Right to Water is adopted at the 29th Session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The General Comment outlines that everyone is entitled to **sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible** and **affordable**.

2008

United Nations Human Rights Council appoints **Catarina de Albuquerque** as Independent Expert on the human rights to water and sanitation



2010

United Nations General Assembly **officially recognises** the human right to water and sanitation in resolution 64/292

2011

The United Nations Human Rights Council extends the mandate of the human rights to water and sanitation as a **Special Rapporteur**



In his first report as the new Special Rapporteur, **Léo Heller** sets out guidance on levels of services that comply with the human rights

2015

The human right to safe drinking water and the human right to sanitation are referred to as **separate rights** by the United Nations General Assembly

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is adopted, including **SDG 6** on ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



2018

The Special Rapporteur launches the first initiative to **follow-up** official country visits

2019

The Special Rapporteur is mandated to organise a year-long campaign to celebrate the **10-year anniversary** of the recognition of the human rights to water and sanitation and to raise awareness of the rights

2020

The Special Rapporteur releases monthly materials to promote the human rights to water and sanitation, and to celebrate the work of the mandate

