

Celebrating Water Democracy

Community Speak-out for a Global Treaty on the Human Right to Water

United Nations World Environment Day 2005
June 2nd, 2005, 2:30- 4:30PM @ The Metreon, San Francisco

From Bolivia to Bayview-Hunter's Point, from Ghana to Alpaugh in California's Central Valley, communities are organizing for the right to safe and affordable water. This basic human right is being threatened by privatization, pollution, industrial agriculture and environmental racism, among many other injustices.

Celebrating Water Democracy! seeks to advance World Environment Day 2005 Accord Goal 7 on water, particularly Action 21, by creating a space for open and critical dialogue that encourages collaborative partnerships among those who are working to ensure the right to clean and affordable water. This event will promote participatory and environmentally sustainable models of water management as well as highlight innovative community-led public partnerships.

Community representatives will provide testimony to a panel of water rights experts in support of a new global initiative calling for a UN Convention on the Right to Water. This legally-binding framework promoting the human right to water would take precedence over international trade laws that grant corporations rights to commodify and privatize water/water utilities. It would also give communities a powerful tool to hold their governments accountable for providing safe water for all. For more information on this global effort please see www.bluewaterproject.org and www.wateractivist.org.

COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS: Public Citizen's Water for All, Ghana National Coalition Against Privatization of Water, International Working Group on the Convention on the Right to Water, Communities for A Better Alpaugh, African International Mission, Hesperian Foundation, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Women of Africa, Alliance for Democracy, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, National Wildlife Federation and others.

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