

Ten principles that are part of the Legacy of the Citizens Forum Process:

PRINCIPLE 1

Water is a communitarian good (local scale) and a right of all the beings and essential for life guaranteed in all its forms.

PRINCIPLE 2

Management of water must be compromised with the eradication of water diseases, conflicts and poverty, prevailing supremacy for life of the people and nature above any other developing interests.

PRINCIPLE 3

Water must be assured in quantity and quality by a sharing management.

PRINCIPLE 4

Decision-making processes in water management must be based in the ecosystem paradigm and in the preventive management of disasters and pollution.

PRINCIPLE 5

The effective participation of the society in water management depends on the access to information, on a qualified education and on the empowerment of the decision making processes/spaces; which must include the implementation of effective environments (ambience) that stimulate this participation.

PRINCIPLE 6

The countries must strengthen and guarantee an effective participation, accountability and social control in water management, developing mechanisms, procedures and policies which includes traditional communities.

PRINCIPLE 7

Water governance must be cooperative, transparent, and integrate groundwater management with surface water in the watershed territory.

PRINCIPLE 8

The shared and integrated water management must be strengthened with the constant articulation between public, private and civil society sectors.

PRINCIPLE 9

Water culture must be preserved by all and must be harmonised with economy, considering the different socioenvironmental contexts.

PRINCIPLE 10

As a seed for the future, water management in all its aspects must consider women and youth in all its plenitude.