

# PURSUING *THE HUMAN* *RIGHT* TO WATER

*Italy Pavilion - Amphitheatre - Expo 2020 Dubai*

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**Expo 2020 Dubai Water Week**  
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**Amphitheatre**  
**Republic of Italy Pavilion**  
**at Expo 2020 Dubai**

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The right to water as a human right, according to which clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to every person's life, has strengthened enormously over the last few decades. While the essential value of access to water sources is universally acknowledged from a legal point of view, many difficulties remain in ensuring it in an equitable and widespread manner. Addressing the causes of these obstacles in a systematic manner requires international cooperation that takes into account how to tackle the possible consequences of reduced water availability both from a legal perspective and from a technological point of view.

On 28 July 2010, through **Resolution 64/292**, the United Nations General Assembly explicitly recognized the human right to water and sanitation and acknowledged that clean drinking water and sanitation are essential to the realisation of all human rights. The Resolution calls upon States and international organisations to provide financial resources, help capacity-building and technology transfer to help countries, in particular developing countries, to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all.

In the week dedicated to water at Expo 2020 Dubai, the forum organised by the Italian pavilion and the Italian National Bar Association (Consiglio Nazionale Forense) aims to highlight the true value of the right to water, as well as the progress and best practices in ensuring clean and adequate water for people, industry and the planet through the creation of ecocentric legislation.

During the forum, Italy will launch on the global stage of Expo 2020 Dubai the "Right to Water Decalogue" promoted by Consiglio Nazionale Forense intending to promote legislation inspired by an "ecocentric" vision, with the recognition of the right to water as a legal subject.

The Right to Water Decalogue aims to become a leading legacy of Expo 2020 Dubai for international dialogue around the human right to water focusing on 10 guiding principles for promoting:

- Water as an essential resource
- Diffuse supply of water resource
- Functional regulation of the water sector
- Limited autonomy
- Regulatory and financial instruments ensuring efficient use of water resources
- Transparency and participation
- Sustainability parameters
- Solidarity
- Fairness and equity
- Enforceability and judicial protection

# Agenda

## INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

**Paolo Glisenti**, General Commissioner for Italy at Expo 2020 Dubai

*Message by*

**H.E. Card. Pietro Parolin**, Secretary of State, Holy See

### Launch of the Decalogue on the Human Right to Water

**Maria Masi**, President, Consiglio Nazionale Forense, Italy

### Towards a global perspective on the Human Right to Water

**Rio Hada**, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

### The Glocal dimension of the Human Right to Water

**Stefania Proietti**, Mayor of Assisi, Italy

## PANEL DISCUSSION

*The panel shall cast light on the promotion of an eco-centric legislation to favour the right of water in Italy, the UAE, and the respective macro-regions.*

**Francesco Greco**, Consiglio Nazionale Forense Commission for Expo 2020 Dubai

**Mohamed Dawoud**, Senior Water Resources Advisor, Environment Agency, Abu Dhabi, UAE [tbc]

**Panagiotis Perakis**, Vice President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) [virtual]

**Koffi Sylvain Mensah Attoh**, Member of the Togo Bar Association, Deputy Secretary -

General of the Pan - African Union of Lawyers

**Claire Atangana Bikouna**, President of the Camerun Association