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Bringing together scientists, operators, policy makers and civil society to address water security and global challenges in Megacities

Paris, New York, Beijing, Mumbai, Tokyo, Buenos Aires, Mexico, Lagos... all Megacities - urban centers which accommodate more than 10 million inhabitants -Â are facing "mega-challenges" related to providing water services for their inhabitants, while managing their environment. Climate change effects of intensifying magnitude and global challenges such as sea level rise, increasing temperatures or urbanization, threaten these cities. Now, there is a need for action to achieve resilient cities. A transversal and multidimensional solution is proposed, based on the collaboration among scientists who advance knowledge, operators (in both the public and private sectors) who innovate technically and socio-politically, and local politicians who can support new, fairer and more efficient models of water governance, in constant interaction with civil society.

The Second International Conference on Water, Megacities and Global Change, EauMega 2020, will take place from 1 to 4 December 2020 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, to bring all these actors together, 5 years after its first edition, also known as EauMega 2015. The objectives of the conference are: Produce a scientific and technical overview of water management in Megacities in order to identify and update the most important issues; Strengthen the dialogue between science and policy actors; Officially launch the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate (MAWAC). MAWAC aims to provide a platform for Megacities to share their experiences and challenges, propose solutions, and to obtain access to technical and financial support for programmes and projects, enabling them to successfully overcome the challenges of climate change.

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