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World Water Council and partners launch declaration to put water at centre of nature conservation efforts

Marseille, 4 September 2021 - World leaders are gathering at the **IUCN World Conservation Congress** currently being held in Marseille.

On this occasion, the World Water Council (WWC), the International Office for Water (OiEau), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO) are launching an initiative for signatures of the declaration **“No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security”**.

The declaration calls for a reinforced dialogue between the water and nature communities.

“There is a new emerging obligation to share water between Man and Nature. This initiative will help us respond to the requirements of human development and at the same time to the respect of nature, by maintaining biodiversity and protecting ecosystems,” says Loic Fauchon, President of the World Water Council.

“This initiative aims both to build public policies that better include water management and the preservation of biodiversity and disseminate Nature-Based Solutions as broadly as possible,” adds Eric Tardieu, Secretary General of INBO.

By signing the declaration, organisations commit to working for “a better integration of ecosystems and biodiversity in water sector activities”. Among other actions, they will design and promote integrated projects and public policies at global, national, local, and rivers and lakes basin levels.

The declaration will also be presented together with dozens of on-the-ground activities during the 9th World Water Forum, which will be held in Dakar, Senegal, 21-26 March 2022.

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