

Water Education for a sustainable future

Closing session of *50 Years, 50 Movies on water* and presentation of the UNESCO-IHP project for schools in Cape Verde

Date and time: 2 December 2015, 13:45-14:30

Venue: UNESCO Pavilion, Climate Generation Area, Le Bourget

Moderators: Blanca Jiménez Cisneros, Director, Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and Alexander Otte, UNESCO-IHP

Time	Description
1 min	Water education: key for water security. Welcoming and introductory words: Blanca Jiménez Cisneros, Director, Division of Water Sciences and IHP Secretary
2 min	An introduction to the new IHP film <i>Giancarlo Grande</i> , Head of production, Cineparallax
7 min	<i>Avant-Première</i> : A cinematographic approach to IHP
13 min	Presentation and video: The experience of water for schools in Cape Verde <i>Igor Tameirão</i> , Journalist and UNESCO-IHP consultant
10 min	The importance of mobilization for water education projects, <i>Cléo Pires</i> , Actress and environmentalist
12 min	Exchange with the audience

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of water programmes at UNESCO, the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) has been organizing a series of 11 events entitled “50 Years, 50 Movies” since June 2015. In all, 50 movies on freshwater and water-related challenges, reflecting IHP programmes and actions, have been screened. The screenings focused on different themes reflecting IHP’s work, introduced by an IHP professional or partnering expert. At COP21, the 12th session will close this educational series on water with the avant-première of an extract from the new film on IHP.

In partnership with the National Commission of Cape Verde to UNESCO and the country’s Ministry of Education, the project “*Água nas Escolas*”, (“Water at Schools”) was born in 2012 with the aim of bringing safe drinking water to schools in the island of Cape Verde. The project does not only provide this basic human right to children, but also has as the objective of educating and raising awareness on sustainable water management to students, parents and teachers. By providing this crucial education at an early stage, the project is helping to create a generation engaged in the world’s environmental challenges, hence willing to address the causes and consequences of climate change in their own country.

During this session Igor Tameirão will share the experience of the project, explaining the goals and importance of providing both water access and education to schools in Cape Verde. A video will show the change of the situation thanks to the project. The presentation will also shed light on the potential of upscaling the project to other Portuguese speaking countries in Africa, looking into future partnerships.

Cléo Pires, the project’s patron, will share her experience and reflect on the role of artistic mobilization for action in the context of the project.