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MISSION STATEMENT

The growing inability of the ecosystems to generate life-giving water and the belief that this situation is irreversible, compels UNANIMA International to promote a water ethic which fosters an awareness of the grave necessity to restore the natural filtering capacity of the ecosystems and which declares that access to life-giving water is an essential right for all life forms.

To this end, UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL collaborates with individuals, groups, organizations and especially with the United Nations to protect this right through education, advocacy, networking and dissemination of materials.



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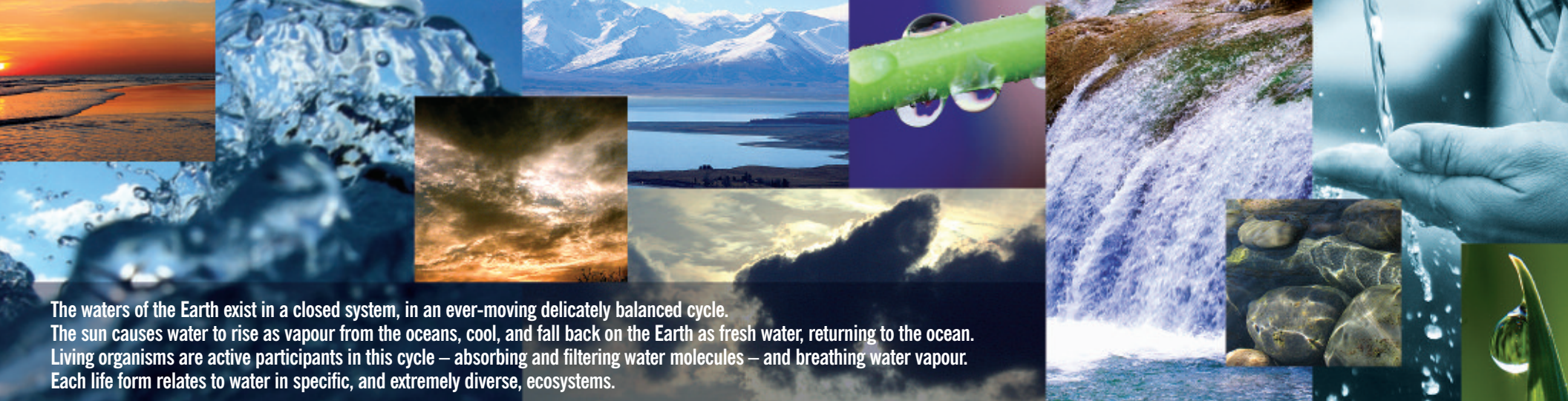
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**Access to life-giving
water is an essential
right for all life forms**

and the foundation for sustainable
development in transport, chemicals,
waste management, mining, and
patterns of consumption and production.


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The waters of the Earth exist in a closed system, in an ever-moving delicately balanced cycle. The sun causes water to rise as vapour from the oceans, cool, and fall back on the Earth as fresh water, returning to the ocean. Living organisms are active participants in this cycle – absorbing and filtering water molecules – and breathing water vapour. Each life form relates to water in specific, and extremely diverse, ecosystems.

Guarantee access to life-giving water for all life forms now!



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Our present levels of water pollution harm the hydrological system, are unsustainable and put all life forms on the planet in peril.

Consider water in the debate:

Transport: Factor the effects of CO2 emissions on the air pollution that affects the water cycle into standards and pricing

Chemicals: Guarantee ecosystems and the environment adequate clean/life-giving water flows, free of toxic materials

Waste Management: Make explicit reference to water in ISWM (integrated and sustainable waste management). Water quality is frequently a casualty in waste management.

Mining: Implement legislation to protect water quality in zones of mining exploitation

Sustainable Consumption and Production: Address water in the sectoral priorities of Europe and North America to make a shift to a more sustainable and fair economy.

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