

The United Nations presents:

## Mr Toilet: The World's #2 Man



### **Ellie Chowns, Green Party Member of the European Parliament (MEP)**

Ms Eleanor Chowns is a British politician, who has been the Green Party Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for the West Midlands since June 2019. She spent 20 years working in the field of international development before becoming an MEP. Immediately before the May 2019 election, Ms Chowns was working as a lecturer in the International Development Department at the University of Birmingham, teaching Masters-level students from all over the world. Ms Chowns has also worked for charities including Voluntary Service Overseas, Christian Aid, Concern Universal, and Quaker Peace and Social Witness, specialising in monitoring and evaluation.



### **Sophie Aujean, EU Representative, WaterAid**

Ms Sophie Aujean is WaterAid EU Representative. She joined the organisation in September 2018. Her role is to raise the profile of water, sanitation and hygiene at EU level. For instance, she led on the StandUp4Water campaign as part of the EU elections in May 2019. Previously, Ms Aujean was Senior Policy and Programmes Officer within ILGA-Europe, a Brussels-based NGO focusing on the rights of LGBTI people. She also worked within the EU institutions (European Commission and European Parliament) and has volunteered for more than 10 years for Amnesty International Belgium as Tunisia, Syria and Lebanon coordinator.



### **Carlos Garriga, Project Manager, We Are Water Foundation**

Since gaining a BA in Business and Management from the Universitat de Barcelona, Mr Carlos Garriga has developed his professional experience in a number of different communication fields. He became the Project Manager for the We Are Water Foundation in 2010 and has been responsible for the development of projects with international organisations such as Unicef, Oxfam Intermón and the World Vision International. Mr Garriga has also created various initiatives to promote worldwide awareness of sanitation issues, most notably, the We Are Water Film Festival, an international contest of short films raising awareness of global water issues.



### **Carolien Van der Voorden, Head of Technical Support, WSSCC (UNOPS hosted)**


Ms Carolien Van der Voorden serves as Head of WSSCC's Technical Support Unit. She has been with WSSCC since 2003. Between 2014 and 2017, she was the Senior Programme Officer for Learning and Documentation. Prior to that, she was the focal point for the Council's national and regional level engagement, networking and knowledge management. Before joining the Council she held positions at The Mvula Trust, a South African water and sanitation NGO, and at IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre in the Netherlands. Ms Van der Voorden is a Dutch national, and has a Master's Degree in Development Studies.



### **Carlos Jimenez, Moderator, Spanish Desk Officer, UNRIC**

Mr Carlos Jimenez is the Desk Officer for Spain and Andorra at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre in Brussels. Mr Jimenez started his career at the United Nations in 1984 and has since worked at UN offices in New York, Madrid and Geneva. He studied journalism at the School of Communications of American University in Washington and was a correspondent at EFE, Spanish News Agency.

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## World Toilet Day

World Toilet Day, celebrated on 19th November every year, is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030. Established by the World Toilet Organization in 2001, World Toilet Day was made an official UN day in 2013. The World Toilet Organisation, featured in the documentary, is a global non-profit founded on 19 November 2001 which aims to break the silence on the sanitation crisis. They are committed to empowering individuals through education, training and building local marketplace opportunities to advocate for clean and safe sanitation facilities within communities.

*"A clean and safe toilet ensures health, dignity and well-being - yet 40% of the world's population does not have access to toilets" (World Toilet Organisation)*



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 6:**  
**Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**



## WaterAid

WaterAid is the leading NGO fighting for clean water and sanitation founded in 1981. It has empowered 25.8 million people with clean water and 25.1 million people with reliable toilets. WaterAid work together with communities to build a local workforce that can install and maintain toilets. *"Toilets really are incredible. And the best thing about them is they do more than you could ever imagine: they help people have better health, dignity and safety."*

## We Are Water

We Are Water is a non-profit organisation, set up in 2010 with the aim of contributing to the resolution of problems derived from the lack of water and sanitation in the world. It has collaborated with NGOs, foundations and UN agencies specialising in developing aid programs and it has launched 50 projects in 24 countries that have helped more than 675,000 people.

## UNOPS

The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) is the operational arm of the United Nations, dedicated to implementing development and humanitarian projects for the UN, international institutions, governments and other partners around the world. UNOPS works on a broad range of projects around the globe, from the construction of large-scale infrastructure (roads, hospitals, waste management system, renewable energy, etc.) to the promotion of efficient and transparent use of public finances. UNOPS implements each year around 1,000 projects across more than 80 countries, contributing to enhance the livelihood of millions of people.

## WSSCC

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) is a global, multi-stakeholder membership and partnership organization that works with poor people, organizations, governments and local entrepreneurs to improve sanitation and hygiene at scale. Founded in 1990, WSSCC's work contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6, target 2, with far-reaching impacts on related SDG targets for health, education, women's empowerment, reducing inequality, improved urban spaces and climate change mitigation.