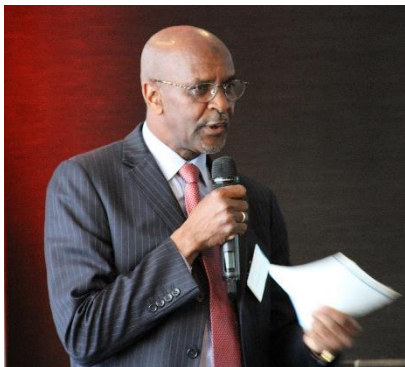


AquaFed – Mamadou Dia re-elected president

Paris, France, 27th September, 2017 - AquaFed at its Annual General Assembly has re-elected Mamadou Dia as the Federation's President of the for a second 3-year term.



Mr Dia, is a Senegalese national and water engineer with forty years practical experience of water service operation in both the public and private sectors. Besides his achievements operating in Senegal, he has a distinguished international career including former President of the African Water Association, a member of the Board of the International Water Association and currently Board member of the World Water Council.

Mr Dia is serving as President of AquaFed, the International Federation of Private Water Operators, at a time when the private sector is called upon to assist local and national governments to meet some of the most critical water issues facing humanity. Solving these challenges is one of his main motivations for working in the water sector, and for serving as AquaFed's President. He is particularly concerned with optimising the performance of water and sanitation services and with solving the lack of access to good water and sanitation services worldwide.

“With the launch of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals last year, there is now political momentum around water. There will be two important international meetings next year – the 8th World Water Forum and the High-Level Political Forum, which should make powerful commitments to ensure universal access to, and the delivery of, sustainable water and sanitation services.” says Mamadou Dia.

“We must also focus strongly on building water resilience for communities and cities that are increasingly impacted by climate change and water scarcity.” He states, that *“today we have both the political will and the professional solutions. The community of private water operators has a vital role to play in delivering both of these agendas.”*

Mr. Dia's re-election is a tribute to his fruitful management of his first term of presidency during which he guided the Federation's work and contributed to major events such as the World Water Forum in Korea, the World Water Weeks of Stockholm and Singapore and the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) meeting in Washington. It is a recognition of his skills and his commitment to ensuring a water-wise world, where water is sustainably managed for all human and environmental needs.

His re-election highlights AquaFed's mission to bring international organisations, decision makers, experts and private water operators from around the world closer together, and to make a significant global contribution to meeting peoples' water needs and protecting ecosystems.

About AquaFed

The International Federation of Private Water Operators is a unique global knowledge hub. Founded in 2005 as a non-profit organisation, it has over 400 members in more than 40 countries. AquaFed links private water and wastewater operators with multilateral organisations and the international water sector. Its goal is to find solutions to the world's water challenges as part of a broader sustainability agenda.

AquaFed connects international organisations and public authorities to practitioners to ensure that practical expertise and best practices supported by technology transfer, training, research and innovation deliver sustainable solutions.

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