

## Neil Dhot announced as new AquaFed Executive Director as Jack Moss retires

Paris, France, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 - AquaFed confirmed the appointment of Mr Neil Dhot as the Federation's next Executive Director at its Annual General Assembly at the end of September 2017. Mr Dhot takes up his position from Jack Moss who is retiring at the end of the year.



Neil Dhot, incoming AquaFed Executive Director

Commenting on the appointment, AquaFed's president Mamadou Dia said *"Mr Dhot brings a diverse background from both public and private sectors, and proven leadership in water industry associations, including a well-respected and active organisation related to AquaFed. His managerial and cultural experience will be invaluable to shaping AquaFed's future strategy."* He added that *"For AquaFed's success it is important for Mr Dhot to show how we as the International Federation of Private Water Operators can be instrumental in helping to achieve the water-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. Serving the people and providing them with safe drinking water and wastewater services is the vocation of the private water operators."*

Mr Dhot, a British national, is joining AquaFed from Water UK, where he was Head of Corporate Affairs. Prior to that he was Secretary General of EurEau, the European Federation of Water Associations. Before joining the water sector in 2013, Mr. Dhot was Head of Public Affairs at the UK Financial Services Authority during the global financial crash. He started his career as a journalist, and has held senior public relations roles at local municipal authorities in the UK. He has an academic background in politics, and law, with an additional Masters of Business Administration.

Expressing his enthusiasm regarding his appointment at AquaFed, Neil Dhot says he sees that *"AquaFed can help the international water sector to cope with rapid institutional, technological and political change. The Federation's members are well placed to provide both innovative and well-tested solutions. Delivering water and wastewater services is an everyday challenge with a strong demand for reliable and sustainable water management in all corners of this world. I am excited to be joining AquaFed, an organisation that dedicates linking water practitioners with international stakeholders to provide solutions."*

Neil Dhot follows Jack Moss, who is stepping down from his position as AquaFed's Executive Director and is preparing for his retirement at the end of the year. He forms part of the founding staff of the Federation, which he joined in 2005 as senior adviser, contributing to its development, international reach, recognition and reputation. He was its Executive Director from 2015-2017. *"I am confident that Neil Dhot will contribute to a successful continuation of AquaFed as it evolves and adapts to the changing world ahead,"* says Jack Moss, *"he has my full support and best wishes for this new endeavour."*

## 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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