

Let's Talk About Water/Mayors Make Movies

A film and water program in honor of the UN Decade on Water



**A Celebration in Honor of
the UN Decade on Water
New York Water Week**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**French Institute Alliance Française
Florence Gould Hall
55 East 59th Street, New York**



Welcome

Linda Lilienfeld

**Wavemakers United
(The Netherlands)**

Short Films

**The OECD Principles on
Water Governance**

**Water as Leverage: Cartagena
(The Netherlands)**

Mayors Make Movies: Nairobi

**An introduction to the new
World Water Film Festival**

**A Tribute to 30 Years of the
African Film Festival**

Feature Film

**Marcher Sur L'eau (Above Water)
Aïssa Maïga, Niger, 2021**

The African Director Aïssa Maïga tells the story of Tatiste, a village in Niger that is a victim of global warming and fighting for access to water. Every day, Houlaye, 14, walks for miles to fetch water, essential to the life of the village. This daily task prevents her, among other things, from attending school. The lack of water also forces adults to leave their families each year to seek the resources they need for their survival beyond the borders. What's more, this region has an underground aquifer lake covering several thousand square kilometers. Drilling a borehole would bring the much-coveted water to the center of the village, and mean a better life to all. Social cohesion is the solution.



About

Let's Talk About Water is a unique program combining the power of film and the science of water to inform and engage students, faculty and the general public in active discussion about water issues and solutions.

A film and picture researcher for 40 years, specializing in science and history, **Linda Lilienfeld**, founder and director of **Let's Talk About Water**, believes in the power of an image to tell a story and move people. It can electrify our conversation and help us understand our world in new ways. Because with climate change and human activity affecting the world, the lives of many people are at risk. Water knits us all together.

Mayors Make Movies an Initiative by **Let's Talk About Water** that promotes wider engagement and participation in water policy and water science communication through short film production amongst mayors, youth and filmmakers in cities across the African continent and the Globe.

African Film Festival New York is dedicated to advancing an enhanced understanding of African culture through the moving image. It offers diverse platforms for the wide distribution of African media through its flagship annual film festival and complementary year-round programming. AFF is committed to increasing visibility and recognition for African media artists by introducing African film and culture to a broad range of audiences in the United States and abroad—bypassing economic, class and racial barriers.

The World Water Film Festival has been created to bring awareness to World Water Day—March 22—and in this, its inaugural year, celebrate The UN Decade on Water. It brings together all strands of water policy, water science, water activism and creativity. Join us Sunday, **March 19, 2023** at Columbia University's Forum!

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