

The International Committee
Presents
The World of Water – Abundance and Scarcity
In Observance of World Water Day



Thursday, March 31

6:30 pm Reception

7 pm Program

“Water, water everywhere, but....”

Safe drinking water and sanitation for all - Sustainable Development Goal #6 – is essential for development and should be attainable - there is enough water in the world...isn't there??

But poor water management and lack of *Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)* result in a range of problems: water-borne diseases that lead to death, or illness and lower productivity; limited educational and livelihood opportunities (usually for females) because of lack of facilities; drought in some areas and flooding in others, which affects agriculture production and food security; increased competition among different water users; pollution of freshwater bodies, coastlines and ocean waters; growing reliance on bottled water with its attendant environmental consequences; and the list goes on. The UN estimates that by 2050, at least one in four persons is likely to live in a country affected by water shortages.

What can be done? Come join the discussion! Our panel of experts will provide unique insights into these challenges in the light of recent developments, such as the Zika pandemic in Latin America, among others. This is an opportunity to examine the importance of water in development and international policy and to reflect on similar issues in our own “backyard.”

Panel Discussion Featuring:

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Senior International Water Advisor
US Environmental Protection Agency

Mauricio Pardón, PhD

Senior Advisor, Water and Sanitation
Pan American Health Organization

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