Water is the connection of two gases and a substance which cannot really exist. Through evaporation it is in a continuous circulation. The usable water resource varies regionally and during the year. There is nothing on earth that lives and does not contain water. All plants, animals and humans depend on access to clean water. Therefore, water is regarded as a common good, which may not be appropriated by individuals for profit-striving.

Disputes over the privatization of water supply and sewage are taking place in this context. The debates about the way of a careful handling with the natural resource water and how it can be protected for future generations are therefore also so vehement. When the water by natural phenomena paves his way, it is suddenly clear how all of us are affected, although the daily use seems self-evident.

The Alliance of public Water Management (AöW) was founded to preserve water as a common good, for securing the municipal task. This includes the legal framework as well as the protection of water. We want to take stock in this event and crystallize the future requirements.

**PROGRAM**

**public event**

**11:00 Uhr**  
Water finds its way every time!  
Musical opening  
Welcome and open speech  
10 years standing up for water in public hands  
Dr. Jochen Stemplewski, President of the AöW

Plea  
The common good water and human rights for water  
Maude Barlow, Winner of the Right Livelihood Award, Canada

**12:00 Uhr**  
Water management in public hands - and everything is alright?  
Isolde Kunkel-Weber, President of the EPSU, Dr. Johann Wackerbauer, ifo Institute, Heide Rühle, Member of the European Parliament 1999 – 2014, Prof. Dr. Erik Gawel, Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research-UFZ and Professor of Economics, University Leipzig  
Moderation: Thomas Böhm

Musical insert and Snack Break

**13:30 Uhr**  
The Water Treasure - challenges from the perspective of the countries Peter Fuhrmann, Head of section of Baden-Württemberg and Chairman of the LAWA

**14:00 Uhr**  
Discussions II  
Guardian of the Water Treasure - do we make no headway?  
Dr. Klaus Lanz, International Water Affairs, Evilard, Franz Jansen-Minßen Landwirtschaftskammer Niedersachsen, Sebastian Schönaue, Speaker of the Water Working Group of the BUND, Dr. Helge Wendenburg, Directorate for 'Water Management an Resource Conservation' of the Federal Ministry for the Environment  
Moderation: Thomas Böhm

**15:10 Uhr**  
Conclusion  
Musical conclusion  
The audience will be involved in the discussions  
Musical inserts Sergey Karamyshev  
Simultaneous Translation English

**15:20 Uhr**  
Get together with beverages and snacks

**16:30 Uhr**  
End of the event
As before, the participants will receive a voucher for admission to the trade fair. For those who plan to spend several days in Berlin, we are looking forward to taking care of the accommodation. At the moment there are also cheap offers on the well-known hotel reservation portals. You can also book in partner hotels, as well as cheap train and flight prices, via the trade fair [http://www.wasser-berlin.de/FuerBesucher/AnreiseAufenthalt/]. From the airport there is also a shuttle bus to the fair.

**You have the possibility to register via our homepage:** [http://www.aoew.de/pages/veranstaltungen/aoew-veranstaltungen/registration-public-event.php](http://www.aoew.de/pages/veranstaltungen/aoew-veranstaltungen/registration-public-event.php)

We look forward to your participation!!!