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*Chief Executive, Human Right 2 Water*

Amanda is CEO of Human Right 2 Water, and an experienced general manager and business development executive in water, energy and sustainable development, with international experience in Australasia, Europe and North America. Her goal is to provide sustainable solutions based on human rights to improve water governance worldwide. Previously as Director General of WaterLex, she led a team of water governance experts to encourage law and policy reform. Current projects include her leadership of the UNECE People-First PPP Stakeholder Engagement subgroup to realise benchmarks for developing human rights-based approaches. Previously, as CEO of a project management company in New Zealand, Amanda delivered environmental resource consent for a community water infrastructure scheme for irrigation and hydro-generation.

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Environmental Engineer with a master’s degree in basin management, with experience in sustainable water management at policy and strategy development at national and local levels, including the identification and implementation of actions aimed at adaptation to climate change. Experienced in the coordination and elaboration of technical documents related to the impact of climate change on water resources and related sectors, as well as in the design and elaboration of training materials and processes on water and climate change issues. Knowledge of international instruments for adaptation and integrated water resources management.

Géraldine Gené
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Géraldine is the Legal Director at Human Right 2 Water and a former judge in Costa Rica. She has more than 20 years of experience as a private lawyer, litigator, trainer, and consultant. She is a specialist in international business, and a certified conciliator and Mediator, providing her with facilitation and negotiation skills at central and local levels. At WaterLex, her programmes covered the Latin American Region, providing legal advice, municipal and community workshops in many countries. In addition, she is an experienced coordinator of projects and cross-sector multi-level social programmes.