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# Call for participation

Together Against Coronavirus

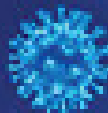
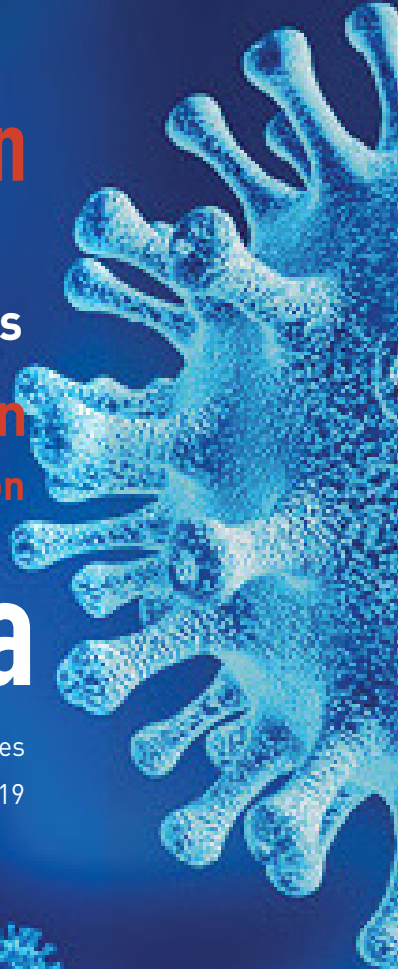
**Handwashing Campaign**

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To install water fountains in african cities public spaces

To strengthen measures against the spread of Covid-19



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# Act for Africa Against Coronavirus

Call for participation – Paris, 10 avril 2020

The Coronavirus in its Covid-19 version gradually hit our world from December 2019. Starting with China and Asia, it has gained ground in Europe and the United States. He is now headed for Africa.

Yes, Africa which already has multiple challenges to face. This Africa where, in the majority of countries, 80% of the population lives in the informal system in urban and economic terms.

This Africa, where the majority of the population lives day to day, cannot bear any Lockdown exceeding more than a week.

This Africa to which we are attached and for which we wish the best, offers us the right time to act together to curb the ravages of Covid-19.

Together, we can contribute to the implementation of the WHO recommendation to strengthen the barrier gestures to Coronavirus: «Hand washing»!

Who says «hand washing» says «water»: «Water» which is lacking in Africa. «Water» that we can make accessible to the population through our joint and partnership action.

Our action consists of installing water fountains in public spaces in African cities. The water fountain will be installed in a strategic location (near a market or a school ...) where hundreds of people pass by a day and will be able to benefit from this service «access to water and hygienic soap « The whole will be mounted on a functional and aesthetic structure. The water used will also be recovered and recycled with specific treatments.

Our joint action will be managed in community, with local elected officials and associations. While the local authority will authorize the installation of the water fountains and facilitate the supply of water, civil society will take over part of the logistics and monitoring of the installations.

You will probably ask the question: «Who will finance this installation?»

The local authority will be asked to take over part of the funding for which it can call on specific donors. The budget will be supplemented, in particular, thanks to patronage and corporate donations.

This action, initiated by the International Coalition for Sustainable Cities and Territories (ICOSCAT\_CIVTED), is coordinated by the NGO Urbanistes Sans Frontières (USF) which will also have a facilitating role in bringing together African local authorities and French companies .

USF's short-term goal is to help install water fountains in public spaces to fight Coronavirus. The ambition of USF and its partners, in the medium and long term, is to create real public spaces around these water fountains.

The water fountain installed temporarily in these times of Coronavirus, will therefore become permanent equipment centralizing public space in each district. Its location will be a landmark for the gathering and distribution of other services.

The urban dimension is intrinsically linked to health security, hence also the cross-cutting nature of the Sustainable Development Goals: SDG3 (Health), SDG6 (Water), SDG11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and ODD17 (Partnership) which guides this action.

In this regard, we thank ODDIM (International and Multidisciplinary Sustainable Development Organization) for its contribution and for its efforts to communicate this action.

ODDIM, member of our ICOSCAT\_CIVTED Coalition, provides essential support for the implementation of this action. An online questionnaire is managed by ODDIM to offer you the opportunity to participate in this action. We thank you in advance for your commitment and for your answers to this questionnaire via the link <https://oddim.typeform.com/to/iv3LY9>

Considering the urgency of this action, the goal is to identify the participants from April 10 to 19 and to set up the manufacturing of structures from April 20 to 26. The KIT of the structure is being designed. The installations are expected from April 27, 2020.

The Coronavirus is ahead of us, we must accelerate our efforts to make health and life triumph, thanks to this action of Africa-France partnership.

Thank you very much to all the contributors who with their participation will save lives both in Africa and in the World.

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