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Because of the impact of the climate change on water management and the unsustainable patterns of civil and industrial water usage, social resilience should be increased in which a decisive role is given to civil organisations. These organisations have an emphasised function in a sustainable, water-based, social participation-based management of freshwater resources, as well as national and international socialisation of the case.

Reaping the benefits of an inclusive process

One of the reasons of the wide support behind the SDGs is the process of its birth, when all stakeholder groups were invited and involved into the process. This science based, openly discussed multi-stakeholder concept is the proof that the only way forward is through inclusion. With the organization of the Civil Forum, the Budapest Water Summit 2016 is following the good practices of the milestone conferences on sustainability (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UN CED), World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), Rio+20 – United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD)), knowing that there would be no success without the civil sector.

To this end, the Budapest Water Summit 2016 invites civil society from around the globe to express their views on the issues on the agenda of the Summit to ensure that water and sanitation-related SDGs and targets will be addressed in a bottom up and inclusive approach as well, complementing the top-down political-institutional actions discussed by the plenary sessions.