



Gérard PAYEN

Global Water Practitioner

Gerard PAYEN has been working for more than 20 years to solve water issues in many countries all around the globe.
He has taken part in all recent intergovernmental conferences relating to water

Current assignments

UNITED NATIONS:

Member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

PRIVATE WATER OPERATORS

President of the International Federation of Private Water Operators (AquaFed)

WATER PROFESSIONALS (Academia, Governments, NGOs, Business)

Strategic Council Vice-President and Board member of the International Water Association (IWA), the global association of water professionals.

FRENCH WATER PROFESSIONALS (Academia, Governments, NGOs, Business)

President of the International Committee of ASTEE ("Scientific & Technical Association for Water & Environment"), the association of French water professionals.

Water practitioner

SUEZ (formerly SUEZ-Lyonnaise des Eaux) - Global service group: water, sanitation, energy, waste management

2002 - 2003 **SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - GLOBAL WATER ISSUES** - Member of ExCoM and Management Board.

*Mobilize governments and International Financial Institutions with regards to world water issues
"Historic" Summits : Johannesburg, G8 in Evian.*

1995 - 2002 **SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT - SUEZ** - Member of ExCom and Management Board

CHAIRMAN AND CEO of ONDEO - SUEZ Water Division -

World leader in water services - 50.000 employees - Turnover 10.1 bn euros

→ 120 million people served daily by the company - 9 million of whom live under the poverty line –
in 120 countries throughout the 5 continents in both developing and developed countries

→ Contribution to MDGs : 7 million people have gained access to drinking water via Ondeo during G.Payen's
tenure.

CHAIRMAN / CEO / BOARD MEMBER / Main shareholder representative in 45 water service companies

1985 - 1994 **VP OPERATIONS** then **COO - DEGREMONT** - ExCom and Management Board.

Design & construction of water treatment plants

World Leader in water treatment - 12000 plants / 120 countries - Turnover € 701 m.

Publications

- "The Right to Have Access to Drinking Water,Economic, Institutional and Practical Factors"
IDEF Lausanne, Sept 2005
- "L'Eau : bien social et économique" ("Water : a social and economic good") in "La Houille Blanche, revue internationale de l'eau" n° 1/ 2003.
- "Concrétiser le droit à l'accès à l'eau dans les pays en développement" in Revue Quart Monde n° 180 « L'Eau : un bien commun » November 2001 (published by ATD Quart Monde).
- "Bridging the water Divide" – *with Suez – Nov. 2001*

Contributor to global collective goals

Speaker in multiple international gatherings relating to Water:

2003-2005: Amsterdam, Bruxelles, Casablanca, Lausanne, Libreville, Luxembourg, Marrakech, Okinawa, Palermo, Stavanger, Stockholm, Tokyo, Washington

UN Commission on Sustainable Development. Participation to the session relating to water in April 2005

World Panel for Financing Water Infrastructure "Camdessus Panel" - 2002 - 2003

Active member of the panel, author of several recommendations of the "Financing Water for All" report

International "Water for the Poorest" Ministerial Conference in Stavanger - Norway - Nov. 2003

(Preparatory work to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development 2004 session.)

G.Payen is member of the organizing team and keynote speaker

World Water Forum #3 in Kyoto - March 2003

Member of the CEO Panel. Panellist / speaker in 11 debates.

Only Business representative at the Governments' Conference.

UN World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg - Sept. 2002

G.Payen is elected as the Business representative by all companies present and intervenes as such in the WEHAB debate about water. Publicly advocates for addition of sanitation in the MDGs

UN Summit in Monterrey - Financing for Development - March 2002

G.Payen, as Suez representative, takes part in official roundtables with governments and makes 3 innovative proposals to increase the number of "access to water" projects.

International Freshwater Conference in Berlin - Dec. 2001

G.Payen participates as representative of the "Business segment" in the Multistakeholder dialogue with governments.

Public call to Heads of States for "**Bridging the Water Divide**" - Nov. 2001

World Bank : Presentation and paper "**Urban Water Supply in Emerging Countries**" Feb 2001

World Water Forum #2 in The Hague. Panelist in several roundtables - March 2000

World Water Forum #1 in Marrakech. Participant - March 1997

Contributor to collective goals in France

Permanent assignments

- Founding Chairman of the International Committee of the association of French water professionals (ASTEE ex AGHTM) (researchers, civil servants, public operators, private operators, NGOs) - 2001 - current
- Board Member of Agence de l'Eau Seine-Normandie - 1996 - 2000
- Vice-president of the association of French private water operators (SPDE) - 1995 - 2002

Various recent actions

- Member of the French Partnership for Mexico WWF4
 - Member of the French preparatory committee to the Johannesburg WSSD.
 - Contributor to the "Access to Water" Governance Charter that was proposed by France in Johannesburg WSSD.
 - Contributor to building a national system allowing the social provision of water to the very poor.
 - Contributor to the International component of the French "National Committee for Sustainable Development".
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