Mintails embraces the International Year of Water Cooperation. It is the principles of awareness and cooperation that is being successfully applied to the private-public engagement addressing the unfolding environmental catastrophe affecting our area of operation – Acid Mine Drainage intrusion into the region’s surface and groundwater resources. We believe that it is through collaborative action addressing immediate solutions to halt and reverse this intrusion that will lead to the formation and articulation of a broader-based inclusive groundwater governance framework.”

Mark Brune
Mintails Ltd.

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Water governance is a strategic activity for the coming years. Everything starts by defining a proper boundary to the water system. Engaging proactively with local stakeholders and know their real expectations is absolute key. Support this process with water education will help to increase awareness about this invisible groundwater world. Doing so, keep an open approach and transform threats on water into social and environmental opportunities.

Ronan LeFanic
Nestlé Waters

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Fresh water availability is emerging as a prominent issue for the energy industry as we seek to meet growing global demand. The food-energy-water nexus creates the possibility for unintended consequences and uncertainty from policy decisions. Greater scientific understanding is required particularly toward water accounting and strengthened regulations, that allow harmonising and useful trade-offs that support sustainable use of groundwater. Integration of private sector involvement can be improved if we can bring real clarity to the Problem we are trying to solve, the Strategy and how to Engage. The incentive is for business to participate is clearly connected to opportunities around investment certainty, fairness and sustainability in water use.

Andrew Cameron
Shell Global Solutions

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Groundwater is a slow and vulnerable system, with improving economic (energy) potentials. To solve this upcoming struggle between planet and profit a long term groundwater complex system approach is necessary. Outcomes should be defined in terms of understanding the complexity added with physical and chemical equilibriums.

Rian Kloosterman
Vitens (Drinking Water Company, Netherlands)