

Pavilion of Knowledge travels to Expo Dubai with an exhibition and debate on the future of water

Lisbon, March 12th 2022. A condensed version of the interactive exhibition "Water – An unfiltered exhibition", developed by Ciência Viva and the Pavilion of Knowledge, will travel to Expo 2020 Dubai from **13-20 March** to participate in the **Water Week**, promoted by the Portugal Pavilion. Along this week, the Pavilion of Knowledge team will organize activities challenging visitors to the world exhibition to commit to the future of water.

Global inequality in access to water and the need to value this resource now to ensure the future of all are central themes of EXPO DUBAI 2020. "How will water shape our future? The role of Science Centers on Public Engagement with Water Topics" is the theme of the networking session that Ciência Viva promotes in collaboration with the Portugal Pavilion on **17 March**, from **3p.m** to **5 p.m**.

Guest speakers at the session include Abdulaziz Alhegelan, Executive Director of Mishkat, Saudi Arabia Interactive Center, and President of NAMES (Network of Science Centers of North Africa and the Middle East), with the paper on "Education and Public Engagement with Water Topics", and Reem Sabry, Head of Design and Fabrication Section of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina – Planetarium Science Center, Egypt.

"The participation of the Pavilion of Knowledge and Ciência Viva at EXPO DUBAI 2020 is a great opportunity to put the issue of access to water and its scarcity at the centre of the discussion worldwide. We are taking with us a small sample of "Water – An unfiltered exhibition", designed by the Pavilion of Knowledge's multidisciplinary team, which will be available on the international exhibition rental market in the last quarter of this year. We would be delighted if it could head to the Middle East after leaving the Pavilion of Knowledge, where it is being very well received. The contents of the exhibition and its goal of raising awareness about the need to value water in the present to ensure its future are relevant anywhere in the world" says Rosalia Vargas, President of Ciência Viva and Director of the Pavilion of Knowledge.

Comprising about thirty interactive exhibits with an area of over 600 m², "**Water – An unfiltered exhibition**" gives voice to the basic right to drinking water. In a positive and captivating tone, it invites visitors on a journey through the many dimensions of water

availability and its uses, exploring how science and technology, knowledge and imagination are decisive for a future with water.

In Portugal, "Water – An unfiltered exhibition" will be at the Pavilion of Knowledge, Lisbon, until September 2022.

Flyer attached.