## 5th WORLD WATER FORUM

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# Second Announcement Summary March 2008

### BRIDGING DIVIDES FOR WATER

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## What will the 5th World Water Forum Bring to the World?

The 5th World Water Forum's overarching theme, *Bridging Divides for Water*, has been conceived to make this Forum a turning point for water management in the world. This Forum must truly be different, and the organizers hope to achieve this by making the preparation of the Forum both open and participatory, and focusing on action.

The 5th World Water Forum organizers will build on many of the achievements and components of the previous Fora, but will also innovate with a fresh new approach. This Forum will more than ever before be focused on priority issues emphasizing multi-stakeholder interaction. Thousands of individuals and organizations from all over the world will take part in the preparatory process.

The Forum's political process will employ a new dynamic of interaction with the thematic and regional processes, the outputs of which will become an essential input into the political component. This political process will involve local and national governments as well as parliamentarians, thus ensuring greater political commitment.



#### Participate and let your Voice be Heard

Opportunities for your organization to substantively contribute to the Forum's topics and sessions have been built into the preparatory process, and are described in the 2nd Announcement. Take this opportunity to ensure your voice

is heard and help broaden the perspectives, ideas, experiences and potential solutions to be discussed at the Forum. We invite you to contribute actively to the 5th World Water Forum's preparatory process to ensure that the event is a success in terms of bringing water and its subsequent benefits to all.

Oktay Tabasaran, Secretary General

#### **Contribute to the Preparatory Process**

An open invitation has been extended to you to take part in the Forum's preparatory process and to contribute your action-oriented solutions to water issues. Your expertise, experience and ideas are needed.

The 5th World Water Forum is unbiased: it is built upon open dialogue, accepts and tackles challenging issues and enables participants to discuss freely and come up with common solutions. Consult the Forum web site and start to contribute: www.worldwaterforum5.org. All proposed contributions will be considered for incorporation into the development of the sessions.

#### **Twelve Ways to get Involved**

#### Dates to Remember May 2008: Opening call for contributions

to the Forum.

- Contribute to the development of a session: indicate what you would bring to the debate
- Get involved in the regional process: contact your regional coordinator
- Organize your involvement through your major group
- Participate in the Youth World Water Forum: share your ideas and experiences with your peers and act together now for the future
- Join the Virtual Meeting Space: find the most upto-date information, exchange ideas, improve the Forum with your input
- Participate in the Water Expo or the Fair: present your achievements to the water world
- Propose an activity in the learning centre: offer training to Forum participants during the Forum
- Contribute to the Global Water Education Village: offer educational activities to children who visit the Forum
- Raise awareness: propose a film or documentary for the International Water and Film Event
- Be a candidate for a Prize: highlight your action, life's work, legislation or awareness-raising contribution
- Inform on water issues: all media are invited to cover the event
- Take part in the Forum week: register your participation

#### www.worldwaterforum5.org

## **Overview of the Major Forum Components**

#### **Themes and Topics**

#### Theme 1 - Global Change & Risk Management

- Topic 1.1 Adapting to Climate Change Topic 1.2 Water-related Migration, Changing Land
  - Use and Human Settlements

#### Theme 2 - Advancing Human Development and the Millennium Development Goals

- Topic 2.1 Ensuring Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All
- Topic 2.2 Water for Energy, Energy for Water
- Topic 2.3 Water and Food for Ending Poverty
- Topic 2.4 Multiple Use and Functions of Water

#### Theme 3: Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems to Meet **Human and Environmental Needs**

- **Cooperation**

- Topic 3.4 Managing and Protecting Surface, Ground, Soil and Rainwater

#### Theme 4: Governance and Management

Topic 4.1	Implementing the Right to Water and	
	Sanitation for Improved Access	

- Regulatory Approaches Ethics, Transparency, and Empowerment
- Topic 4.5 Institutional Arrangements for Efficient and Effective Water Resource Management

#### **Theme 5: Finance**

- Sector
- Topic 5.2 Pricing Strategies as a Tool for a

#### Theme 6: Education, Knowledge and Capacity **Development**

Topic 6.1	Education, Knowledge and Capacity
	Development Strategies
Topic 6.2	Water Science and Technology:
	Appropriate and Innovative Solutions fo
	the 21st Century to Address the Needs
	of Society
Topic 6.3	Using the Assets of Professional
	Associations and Networks to Achieve
	the Millennium Development Goals
Topic 6.4	Data for All
Topic 6.5	Water and Culture

#### **Regional Process**

World Water Forum stakeholders in each region will:

- Identify a number of water-related issues based on the Forum's programme framework:
- Shorten the list to consider the most serious issues;

processes will thus produce a substantive contribution to both the thematic and political processes.

on how to contribute to your regional processes and to Forum website, www.worldwaterforum5.org, or write to

#### **Political Components**

State / government, local elected officials, parliamentarians Changes, including Climate Variability/Change".

A meeting of Heads of State/Government with a limited number of invitees will headline the government segment of the Political Process. The outcome of this meeting will be a short "Appeal" covering general principles and values.

of water, it will also be open to all relevant Ministers. The through a full-fledged preparatory process.

Parliamentarians laws and treaties. These outputs will be used to feed the

Urban Water Consensus;" a non-binding document of to the attention of governing bodies, legislators, and the

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#### **Major Groups of Agenda 21**

The organizers of the 5th World Water Forum will make special efforts to encourage the participation of the Major Groups of Agenda 21 (i.e. women, youth and children, business and industry, local governments, science and technology, workers and trade unions, indigenous people, farmers and NGOs). For more details, please write to majorgroups@worldwaterforum5.org.

#### **Youth World Water Forum**

The Youth World Water Forum, organized by an international group of youth organizations with the support of local counterparts, allows young people to experience the challenges of organizing a Forum. The Youth Forum runs parallel to the Forum itself and its participants, coordinating with their peers from all around the world, keep a constant and dynamic interaction between the sessions of the two Fora. Check the www.worldwaterforum5.org web site for the latest information.

#### World Water Expo

The World Water Expo will be an inclusive space in the 5th World Water Forum venue for the participation of companies related to water that wish to present their services, products, activities and works. This component aims to allow the expression of water entrepreneurship, and effectively bridges the supply with the demand for innovation and new water technologies. More information will be available at www.worldwaterforum5.org or by e-mail: expo@worldwaterforum5.org.

#### Water Fair

The Water Fair will be an open venue for the presentation of different types of cultural, social and educational activities on water-related subjects. Multi-stakeholder activities for the Water Fair which seek to create a festive vet reflective atmosphere at the Forum's main venue include a poster exhibition, the "International Water and Film Event" (www.riec-iwfe.org or www.i-s-w.org), the Global Water Education Village (gwev@worldwaterforum5.org), а Learning Centre. networking spaces, side-events, water-related performances, aphotoexhibition, and ethnic manifestations on water themes, amongst others. More information will be available at www.worldwaterforum5.org or by e-mail: fair@worldwaterforum5.org.

### **Register in the Virtual Meeting Space - Join the Preparatory Process**

The 5th World Water Forum organizers have created the Virtual Meeting Space using the latest innovative technologies to bridge divides between those interested in improving water management in the world. This space will be pivotal to your participation in the Forum, throughout the preparatory process, during the event itself and its follow-up. It will ensure that you are able to find the most up-to-date information on all Forumrelated issues and processes, and help you to exchange ideas with other professionals from around the world.

#### **Exchange & Access**

- Find information on sessions and outputs, organizations involved, preparatory meetings and a "Water - who's who";
- Help improve the 5th World Water Forum by participating in on-line surveys;
- Exchange ideas with others on the Forum's themes, topics and sessions through discussion fora, and find answers to your questions (or answer others' questions) about water-related and Forum-related issues;
- Contribute to or consult the Water-Wiki, a webbased encyclopaedia on the Forum themes;
- Create RSS feeds for the 5th World Water Forum's website to make sure that you have the latest information on Forum related-issues that most interest you.

#### **Register & Update**

- Submit your proposals for contribution to the Forum;
- Book a stand in the Water Expo and Fair, or present your candidature for the various water prizes;
- Register your participation in the 5th World Water Forum week;
- Update your data, including your personal profile, areas of expertise and water-related activities: actions, programmes, events, reports and articles, which would then be searchable by other system users.

#### **Collaborate & Contribute**

For members of working groups involved in preparing the 5th World Water Forum sessions, the Virtual Meeting Space is also the entry point to a password-protected collaborative portal, providing access to a new world of collaboration beyond geographical, time and languages barriers. Some of the functionalities include:

- Access to your personal homepage with related information on your working group's activities;
- A place to produce documents with the other members of your working group and to store them in a joint space;
- A real-time chat to easily communicate with members of your working group;
- An agenda and work planner for your group's collaborative work.

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#### **Registration and Accreditation Process**

To register for the 5th World Water Forum, please complete the registration form, which includes hotel and tourist activities, as well as an on-line payment facility. The form is available through the Virtual Meeting Space of the 5th World Water Forum's website, in the registration section. Online registration and prior payment will mean that on-site accreditation should be fast and efficient. Participants may also register at Atatürk airport and onsite at the Feshane Registration centre.

#### **Visa Information**

The co-organizers of the 5th World Water Forum have facilitated the procedure to obtain a visa in order to attend the Forum. Upon receiving confirmation of their registration, participants, if they wish, can receive a letter of invitation by e-mail. Up-to-date information on the detailed visa process is available on the website of the 5th World Water Forum.

## Journalist accreditation for the 5th World Water Forum

Registration for journalists during the 5th World Water Forum will be open and available in the virtual press room



at www.worldwaterforum5.org.

## What Room Does Water Have in a Changing World?

This is the question to which humankind, in spite of itself, must provide answers in a context of global changes. This 5th Forum is designed to propose, first and foremost, political solutions based on dialogue, on the

capacity to listen and on mutual respect. We call on you to participate in this 5th World Water Forum, a forum of openness and tolerance. You are invited; you will be warmly welcomed.

Loïc Fauchon, World Water Council President

#### Water Prizes

Four prestigious water prizes will be awarded on the occasion of the 5th World Water Forum. These prizes, with differing objectives, scopes, and financial rewards all recompense outstanding contributions to the world of water. For more details on the application procedure and terms of reference for these prizes, please visit: www.worldwaterforum5.org.

#### King Hassan II Great World Water Prize

The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an international award carrying the theme of "Cooperation and solidarity in the fields of management and development of water resources".

#### Kyoto World Water Grand Prize

The Kyoto Grand World Water Prize aims to honour a distinguished individual or organization whose grassroots activities work towards addressing critical water needs of communities and regions.

#### "Compromiso México" Water Prize

This prize rewards the best local public policies that have had a positive impact on the drinking water, sewerage and sanitation services of their constituencies.

#### Turkish Prime Minister's Water Prize

This prize is to be awarded to journalists who make a significant contribution to a better diffusion and global understanding of key water issues..

#### **Green Forum Initiative**

The Green Forum Initiative is one of the innovative processes being implemented for the 5th World Water Forum. This initiative aims to reduce the environmental footprint, including waste and emissions, resulting from the preparation and organization of the event.







