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SENEGAL AND THE WORLD WATER COUNCIL POSTPONE THE 9th WORLD WATER FORUM IN DAKAR TO MARCH 2022

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Senegal and the World Water Council have decided to postpone the 9th World Water Forum scheduled in Dakar, to March 21-26, 2022.

The postponement was decided in light of the evolution of the global Covid-19 pandemic, which has slowed down the Forum preparatory process and strained organizations into rescheduling introductory events, and in order to guarantee the best sanitary conditions for stakeholders.

As a reminder, this next Forum, placed under the theme "Water Security for Peace and Development", will be the first to be held in sub-Saharan Africa. It will provide a platform for professionals and decision-makers to respond to the priority of accelerating and expanding access to water and sanitation for all. In an era marked by Covid-19, the Forum will also help build a resilient world where water is a central element that serves the basic needs of humankind and the planet.

The World Water Council expresses its gratitude and thanks the President of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Mr. Macky Sall, for his commitment and continued support for the Forum to be held under the best conditions and to achieve its objectives. This commitment confirms Senegal's engagement in addressing water issues and making water a source of peace and not conflict.

It is also an opportunity to thank the partners and many organizations from around the world who are mobilized in the Forum preparatory process, especially in the development of the thematic content. Remarkable progress has already been achieved and all of those involved are encouraged to continue their work and participation in making the 9th World Water Forum a historic success.

This exceptional mobilization will be punctuated in 2021 by numerous preparatory events on all continents to position water at the center of political decisions.

Senegal and the World Water Council are entirely committed, together with their partners, to ensure the Forum of Dakar - including its Heads of State summit - is held and responds to political priorities for the preservation and management of this major, yet threatened, resource.