Kick-off Meeting
Introduction to the World Water Forums
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Overarching theme

Water for Shared Prosperity

10th World Water Forum

With a good water management, we can achieve prosperity together, and for all
World Water Council

**International Multi-Stakeholders Platform Organization**

- Mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking.
- Focuses on political dimensions of water security, adaptation, sustainability, and significant water priorities.
- Host and organize the World Water Forum in every three years with selected host country.


[1996] The World Water Council was legally incorporated, and its headquarters established in Marseille, France.
WWC: Water on the global agenda

364
Member Organisations in 59 countries

Geographic Distribution

18% Europe
46% Asia
13% Americas
14% Africa
8% International
1% Oceania

College Distribution

31% Professional and academic organisations
22% Civil society
21% Commercial organisations
22% Governments and government promoted organisations
4% Intergovernmental organisations

36 organizations on the Board represented by a Governor
THE COUNCIL TODAY

A worldwide network with wide-ranging competencies and interests that facilitates important water policy dialogues and motivates actions.
WWC: Water on the global agenda

Activities focused around three main areas

**Mobilize Political action and Hydro-diplomacy**
Securing the right of access to water and sanitation for all and contribute to peace and sustainable development in the world.

**Promote water security**
Promote concrete answers and field responses to improve knowledge, finances and governance.

**Organize every 3 years the World Water Forum**
In order to catalyze collective action for water and gain concrete results.
World Water Forum Overview

• When and Where
  • Every three years in the selected host city/country

• Who
  • CO-HOSTS: World Water Council and Selected host city
  • PARTICIPANTS: International Organizations, Government, Local Authorities, Academia, Civil society, Private sectors

• Why
  • Engage stakeholders in mobilizing debate on and action for water, open to all parties in developing a shared vision;
  • Provide a platform for all stakeholders to exchange, learn, develop partnerships and catalyze concrete actions for improved water resources and services development and management;
  • Engage policy and decision-makers in a dialogue to establish commitments;
  • increase awareness for water issues towards the public-at-large, in particular through the media;
  • encourage innovative ideas and tools outdo contemporary water solutions into action
World Water Forum Overview

WHAT & HOW

• Forum is a more than 2-year process of developing political commitments, Thematic solutions, and Regional responses.
• Three processes are closely interlinked based on the common condition that The water community is facing and shared vision and enablers.
• all stakeholders, including the youth, are highly encouraged to join.

Political Process provides the opportunity for discussion amongst and with elected officials at all levels (head of government, ministerial, parliamentarian, river basin authorities);

Thematic Process provides the substantive underpinning of the World Water Forum;

Regional Process provides perspectives on water from all regions of the world.
World Water Forum Editions

1. Marrakesh, 1997
2. Den Haag, 2000
4. Mexico City, 2006
5. Istanbul, 2009
7. Daegu-Gyeongbuk, 2015
8. Brasilia, 2018
9. Dakar, 2021
10. Bali, 2024
World Water Forum Trajectory

Over 1000 solutions to water challenges

Implementation
Roadmap and Monitoring System

Sharing
know-hows and practices

Blue Deal and Dakar Initiatives

SOLUTIONS   IMPLEMENTATION   SHARING   RESPONSES

18-24 May 2024

World Water Forums

1997 Vision for Water, Life and Environment, Marrakesh, Morocco

2000 From Vision to Action, The Hague, the Netherlands

2003 A Forum with a Difference, Kyoto-Shiga-Osaka, Japan
The World Water Forums report inventoried over 3,000 local water actions.

2006 Local Actions for a Global Challenge, Mexico City, Mexico
The 4th Forum established mechanisms for cooperation and coordination to transform the global vision into concrete action.

2009 Bridging Divides for Water, Istanbul, Turkey
Local and regional authorities pledged the Istanbul Water Consensus.

2012 The Time for Solutions, Marseille, France
A Village of Solutions displayed concrete actions from all around the world.

2015 Water for our Future, Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea
The 7th Forum delivered 18 Implementation Roadmaps to guide and track collective action for water.

2018 Sharing Water, Brasilia, Brazil
The 8th World Water Forum marked the largest edition in history of the event, with more than 10,000 participants and 100,000 visitors.

2021 Water Security for Peace and Development, Diamniadio (Dakar), Senegal
The 9th edition of the World Water Forum will be held for the first time in sub-Saharan Africa.
SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT – PROMOTING DIALOG

The Forum brings together participants from all levels and areas, including politics, government, multilateral institutions, academia, judges and prosecutors, civil society, private sector, among others.
THANK YOU
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