

Local and Regional Authorities Day



Participants of the Local Authorities session posed for a photograph



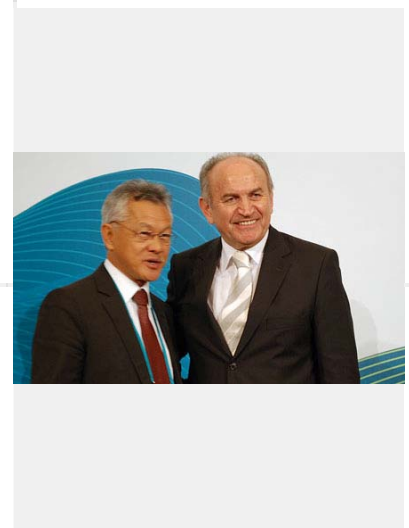
L-R: Nikolaos Papaniagopoulos, Vice-Mayor, Thessaloniki, Greece; Kasségné Adjonou, Mayor, Atakampé, Togo; Reinaldo Asperin Bautista, Mayor, Baguio, Phillipines; Kadir Topbaş, Mayor, Istanbul; Selahattin Yildirim, Secretary General, UCLG MEWA; Jean-Yves Pidoux, Vice-Mayor, Lausanne, Switzerland; and Gaye Dođanođlu, President of the Committee of Sustainable Development, CLRA



L-R: **María Dolores Campos Palacio**, City of Zaragoza, Spain; **Hella Dunger Loepe**, City of Berlin, Germany; and **Walter Kling**, City of Vienna, Austria



The Mayor of Istanbul, **Kadir Topbaş** (right), with a participant from the local authorities forum





L-R: **Kadir Topbaş**, Mayor, Istanbul, Turkey; and **Selahattin Yildirim**, Secretary General, UCLG MEWA



L-R: **Jean-Yves Pidoux**, Vice-Mayor, Lausanne, Switzerland; and **Gaye Doğanoglu**, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Country Group Arab



L-R: **Kevin Cleaver**, Assistant President, International Fund for Agricultural Development; **Al Sadiq Almahdi**, Former Prime Minister, Sudan; **Mona El-Shazli**, Egypt TV; **Mahmoud Abu Zeid**, President of the Arab Water Council (AWC); **Abdulatif Rasheed**, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq; and **Kaoru Ishikawa**, Ambassador of Japan to Egypt



Mona El-Shazli, Egypt TV



Al Sadiq Almahdi, Former Prime Minister, Sudan



L-R: **Mahmoud Abu Zeid**, AWC President; **Abdulatif Rasheed**, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq; and **Kaoru Ishikawa**, Ambassador of Japan to Egypt



Time	Event
14:00 - 14:45	Introduction by Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zeid, AWC President
14:45 - 15:00	Introduction by Ambassador Luis Aguilar, United States Ambassador to Sudan
15:00 - 15:30	Keynote by His Excellency Regional President Dr. Abdelatif Rasheed, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq
15:30 - 16:00	Panel: Panel Discussion of Water and Agricultural Policy: Regional Update and Introduction by Moderator



Mahmoud Abu Zeid, AWC President

Mediterranean Country Group



L-R: **Hachmi Kennou**, Mediterranean Water Institute; **Niraj Shah**, European Investment Bank; **Vangelis Constantianos**, GWP; **Majid Benbiba**, Water and the Environment, Morocco; **Fadi Comair**, Ministry of Energy and Water, Lebanon; **Juan Valero de Palma Manglano**, Euro-Mediterranean Irrigators Community; and **Mohamed Ali Khoudja**, National Water Supply Authority, Tunisia



Henri-Luc Thibault, Blue Plan





Wrap-up Session: Theme 1 on Global Change and Risk Management



Delegates during the wrap-up session



L-R: **Andreas Schild**, ICIMOD, and **Julia Marton-Lefevre**, IUCN



Panelists during the thematic wrap-up



Sara Ahmed, Gender and Water Alliance



L-R: **Victor Duckhovny**, ICWC; **Eugene Stakhiv**, USACE IWR, and **Sara Ahmed**, Gender and Water Alliance



L-R: **Joppe Cramwinckel**, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD); **Alexander Müller**, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); **Pam Yako**, Water South Africa; and **Roberto Lenton**, Global Water Partnership (GWP)



L-R: **Victor Dukhovny**, ICWC; **Eugene Stakhiv**, USACE IWR; **Sara Ahmed**, Gender and Water Alliance; **Lesha Witmer**, Women for Water Partnership; **Festus Luboyera**, UNFCCC; **Robert Mardini**, ICR; and **Ger Bergkamp**, WWC

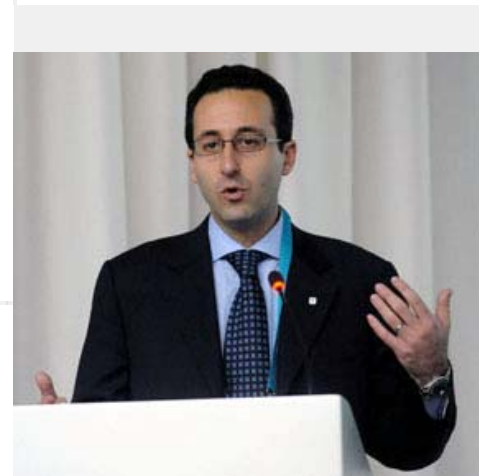
Water Magement During and After Disasters / Conflicts



L-R: **Takeshi Naruse**, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); **Robert Mardini**, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); **Jon Martin Trondalen**, Center for Environmental Studes and Resource Management, Norway; and **Alain Boinet**, Solidarités, France



Members of the panel talking before the session



Robert Mardini, ICRC

Pricing Water Services - Process matters: Overcoming conflicts, building a dialogue



View of the room during Vibhu Nayar's speech



L-R: João Simão Pires, Institute for the Regulation of Water and Solid Waste, Portugal; Robin Simpson, Water Dialogues; David Boys, Public Service International; Perry Rivera, Manila Water, the Philippines; Vibhu Nayar, Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water Bodies REstoration and Management (IAMWARM) Project, India; and Maurice Bernard, French Development Agency



Robin Simpson, Water Dialogues



Perry Rivera, Manila Water, the Philippines



**David Boys,
Public Service
International**



Participants listening to **João Simão Pires's** speech



**João Simão Pires, Institute for the Regulation of
Water and Solid Waste, Portugal**

Dialogue between Local Authorities and Parliamentarians



A bird's eye view of the session



L-R: Moderator **Mohamed Saäd El Alami**, Morocco; **Mustafa Öztürk**, Turkish Grand National Assembly; **Mohammed Abdullah Alguwaihes**, Saudi Arabia; **Louis Le Pensec**, Vice-mayor of Mellac and Council of Municipalities and Regions (AECCRE); **Jean-François Le Grand**, Senator, France; **Maged Abu Ramadan**, Mayor of Gaza and Chair, Association of Palestinian Local Authorities; **Zekai Şen**, Municipality of Istanbul; and **Margaret Pageler**, World Water Council (WWC)



Participants during the session



Mohammed Abdullah Alguwaihes, Saudi Arabia



Maged Abu Ramadan, Mayor of Gaza, and Chair, Association of Palestinian Local Authorities



Moderator **Mohamed Saäd El Alami**, Morocco



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How can better water management reduce poverty and hunger? A synthesis



L-R: Panel's Chair, **Khalid Mohtadullah**, International Water Management Institute (IWMI); **Jonathan Woolley**, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research; **Chandra Madramootoo**, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID); **Annette Huber Lee**, Natural Heritage Institute; **Parviz Koohafkan**, FAO; and **Mohamed Ait-Kadi**, General Council of Agricultural Development, Morocco



Alaa El Abdin, AWC



Delegates during the session

During lunch, participants to the Youth Forum paraded across the pedestrian bridge that joins the 5th World Water Forum's two venues on either side of the Golden Horn. During the evening, the Youth attended a thematic synthesis in preparation for their closing ceremony, which will take place on Friday, 20 March







Around the Forum



