

5th WORLD WATER FORUM
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BRIDGING
DIVIDES
FOR WATER

Forum Programme



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WELCOME NOTE

The long anticipated week of the 5th World Water Forum has finally arrived. The world's largest water event, is taking place for the first time in a city, which is blended with water, in a waterway venue. The 5th World Water Forum, a product of a three-year of process, has come into being through hundreds of meetings, thousands of phone calls and millions of e-mails, with the coordination of the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry, State Hydraulic Works, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration, the ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, and the World Water Council.

The Forum, which aims to bring sustainable solutions to water related problems of modernity, will be held at the Istanbul Stlce Culture and Congress Centre and at the surrounding venues. Besides thematic and regional sessions, cultural and artistic activities, side events, Children's Forum, Youth Forum and Learning Centre will serve by providing an environment where everyone may express their opinions freely, regardless of their profession, geographical background or age. Political process of the Forum will produce outputs, which will deeply affect the water agenda of the world in the upcoming months and years.

5th World Water Forum will be a first in the 15 years of history of World Water Fora, in many senses. The Heads of States Summit will gather governments' highest authorities for the sake of water to create practical and achievable solutions. The Green Forum Initiative will make the Forum as environmentally friendly as possible. The prime ministry of the Republic of Turkey will recognise the water media by awarding them for published awareness raising articles with the general theme of "Bridging Divides for Water".

This a relay race; every Forum adds more steps to the water agenda, brings further solutions to water problems, and speeds up the processes of cooperation for water. Turkey is building on to the knowledge of previous 12 years of World Water For a held in Morocco (1997), Netherlands (2000), Japan (2003) and Mexico (2006). We believe that, the 5th World Water Forum will mark a major milestone for international water policies by opening a new chapter for long-lasting cooperation.

Thank you all for your participation.

5th World Water Forum Secretariat



OVERALL PROCESS OF THE 5TH WORLD WATER FORUM

From the outset, 5th World Water Forum was based on several basic principles.

- Its preparatory process was to be an open, multi-stakeholder effort;
- More diverse participation mechanisms were to be used, including web-based ones;
- It was to focus on a limited number of key issues;
- Its aim was to produce concrete and high-impact outcomes; and
- It was to promote sound environmental practices, for which the organizers would lead by example.

The 5th World Water Forum's preparatory process has four main components: thematic, regional, political and the major groups. To ensure strong interaction in the preparation of these four processes, their common starting point was the thematic structure. This thematic framework was defined at the Forum's Kick-Off Meeting in March 2007, with the participation of representatives of over 300 organizations from all over the world.

In the year that ensued, several dynamic means for stakeholders to contribute to the thematic process were created. First of all, two thematic coordination meetings were held to build a common understanding of stakeholders and to identify the key questions related to the Forum's 23 topics, which were identified through an online questionnaire. An open contribution process to the topics was organized through the Forum's Virtual Meeting Space (VMS) and website, through which over 700 contributions were received. These contributions were considered by the topic coordinators for inclusion in sessions. Helped by the diversity of these contributions, thematic sessions at the Forum will seek to provide concrete answers to these key questions.

Four regional and three sub-regional processes have worked extensively to identify the regional priority issues and the manifold solutions that may be applied to face them. These regional positions are condensed into the reports to be presented by each respective region at dedicated sessions during the Forum. These documents are also included in the USB stick given to you at registration.

Thematic structure

Themes: *The six main water-related challenges the Forum will address, each covering between three and five topics*

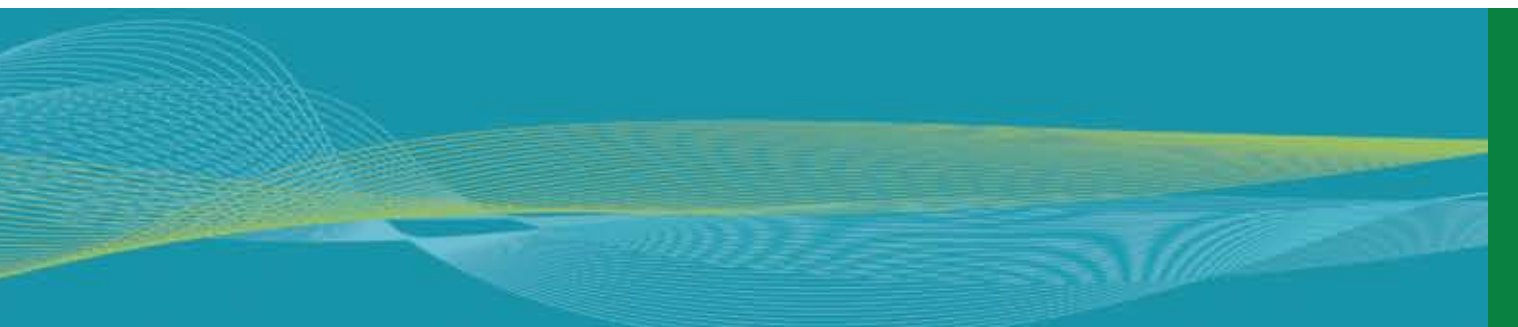
Topics: *23 specific issues on which the Forum should contribute to achieving greater understanding. There are between three and five sessions per topic.*

Sessions: *Multi-stakeholder dialogue focusing on one of the key questions on which progress is to be made through the Forum. There are approximately 115 sessions at the Forum.*

The Forum's political processes have blended together the three levels of political power, namely national governments, local authorities and parliaments, to thus facilitate the reaching of common understanding with their peers, as well as developing specific end products: the Ministerial Statement for national governments, the Istanbul Water Consensus for local authorities, and the Parliamentarian Helpdesk. The three government levels will also converge in a specially organized 'trialogue' to be held on March 20th. For the first time at a World Water Forum, a Heads of State Summit will also be convened, with the participation of around 20 heads of state expected.

Bridging Divides for Water

Bridging divides means creating enhanced understanding and improved information exchange between water users, decision makers and water practitioners, at local, regional and global levels. It implies creating new or reinforcing existing connections and nexuses between water and health, water and energy, water and climate, freshwater and seawater. The theme also pertains to the bridging of gaps in water technology, financing, capacity and management, with shared knowledge and experience.



In order to ensure the diversity of stakeholders in the substantive debate throughout the preparatory process, during the event, and in the follow up, the major group framework as defined by Agenda 21 has been implemented in line with the 5th World Water Forum. The nine major groups have been invited to take part in the Forum's various processes, as well as organizing their own particular programmes, which will take place during the Forum week.

Through these four main components of the preparatory process, in total thousands of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals have worked over a two-year period, both through physical meetings and virtual consultation, to prepare the debate that will take place this week in Istanbul. The consensus and understanding reached as a result of this process, and the resulting commitments that will be made during the Forum week, are expected to be pivotal in helping mankind face some of its greatest challenges at the dawn of this 21st century. However, the 5th World Water Forum is not an end in itself, but more a means to an end. As such, the debate at the Forum will continue long after the Forum in Istanbul, actively engaging other international dialogues and processes such as the G8, UN-CSD or UNFCCC.

Virtual Meeting Space (VMS)

The VMS is the open collaborative platform for the water community, with thousands of users from different geographical areas, sectors and disciplines. It has been used to prepare the debate at the Forum, and will be utilized throughout the Forum week and follow-up period to facilitate the multi-stakeholder consensus-reaching on the key water-related issues. Log on today!

<http://portal.worldwaterforum5.org>

By choosing to attend the 5th World Water Forum, you have demonstrated your commitment to making a difference. Let us not forget why we are organizing and participating in this Forum. Billions of people around the world are expecting the 5th World Water Forum to help improve their living conditions, wellbeing and livelihoods, by providing innovative means of supplying them with the most basic of elements for their survival. These people, more than anyone else, wish you a successful 5th World Water Forum.

Green Forum Initiative (GFI)

Big conferences require a sufficient amount of goods and services to be successful. They also generate waste and emissions. Because of this, they also have an environmental impact, both locally and globally.

Since February 2008, the Green Forum Initiative (GFI) has been working to identify the main environmental impacts of the 5th World Water Forum and has attempted to address them. Within the Turkish context, with the assistance of the co-organizers and local partners, the GFI has led the way to reducing many of the predictable impacts.

Reducing printed publications where possible and specifying recycled or FSC paper for materials that are printed; reducing plastic waste in the Secretariat and at meetings; suggesting green products and transport; informing hotels on greening measures – these are some of the ways that the GFI has been involved. More information on GFI activities and projects with our partners will be available at GFI stands and on the Forum website.

FORUM WEEK PROGRAMME

BLOCK NAME	ROOM NAME	Day 1 Monday - March 16						Day 2 Tuesday - March 17						Day 3 Wednesday - March 18					
		09:30-11:00	11:00-12:00	LUNCH	14:30-16:30	17:00-19:00	19:00-22:00	08:30-10:30	11:00-13:00	LUNCH	14:30-16:30	17:00-19:00	19:00-22:00	08:30-10:30	11:00-13:00	LUNCH	14:30-16:30	17:00-19:00	19:00-22:00
REGIONAL BLOCK	MAIN BLOCK HALIÇ	Opening Ceremony		Thematic Openings		Concert Melody of Water	Keynote Lecture by HRH the Crown Prince of Japan	Panel Water and Disasters		Panel on Finance		Istanbul ECC 2010 Concert	Panel Water, Food and Energy		Panel Sanitation	From Mexico to Istanbul Session			
	SADA BAD	Opening Ceremony Video		Heads of State Summit (Video)	World Water Development Report	Youth Forum Opening	Region Americas		Region Europe		Region Africa		Country Group Turkey+		Turkey and Around Event				
THEMATIC BLOCK	KAĞIT HANE			Water Issues of Small Islands			Launch of the OECD Report on Pricing and Financing	Technical Experts Panel Water and Financial Crisis	Side Event	Session on Water Management 2020		Side Event	Parliamentarians		Parliamentarians		Side Event		
	EYÜP	Side Event		Running Dry!			Session 4.1.1		Side Event	Session 4.1.2	Session 4.1.3		Session 4.1.4	Session 4.1.5	Side Event	Session 2.2.0	Session 2.2.3	Side Event	
	AYVAN SARAY			Session on Health, Dignity and Economic Progress			Session 4.2.1		Speakers' Corner	Session 4.2.3			Session 4.2.2	Session 4.2.5	Speakers' Corner	Session 2.3.1			
CARPARK BLOCK	AYNALI KAVAK I			Session 4.4.1			Session 4.3.1			Session 4.3.2		Youth Theme 2 Coordination	Session 4.3.3	Session 4.3.4		Session 2.1.1	Session 2.1.2	Youth Theme 3 Coordination	
	AYNALI KAVAK II			Partnership Session						Session 4.4.2		Youth Theme 5 Coordination	Session 4.4.3	Session 4.4.4		Session 2.4.1		Youth Theme 5 Coordination	
FESHANE BLOCK	FESHANE I						Session 1.1.2			Session 1.1.3			Session 5.1.1	Session 5.1.2		Session 1.1.4			
	FESHANE II						Session 1.2.1			Session 1.2.2			Session 1.2.3	Session 1.2.4		Session 5.1.3	Session 5.1.4		
	FESHANE III						Session 4.2.4			Inland Waterborne Transport			Local Authorities			Local Authorities			
	FESHANE IV	Youth Theme 1 Coordination			Youth Theme 2 Coordination	Youth Theme 5 Coordination	Drop for Crops (Joint Venture 2.3&5.2)			Session 1.3.0	Session 1.3.3		Session 1.3.1	Session 1.3.2	Side Event	Session 5.3.1		Side Event	
	FESHANE V	Youth Theme 4 Coordination			Youth Theme 3 Coordination	Youth Theme 6 Coordination	Side Event						Side Event						
	BEDESTEN I-VI			Major Groups				Major Groups						Major Groups					
	BEDESTEN VII							Youth Theme 6 Coordination	Youth Workshops				Youth Theme Coordination Meeting	Youth Workshops					
VIP BLOCK	HASKÖY							Side Event						Side Event					
	KASIM PAŞA							Side Event						Side Event					
HOTEL				Heads of State Summit	Heads of State Closed Meeting	Senior Officials Meeting						Senior Officials Meeting							
FAIR AREA FESHANE II. MAHMUD HALL			Fair Opening	Water Fair				Water Fair						Water Fair					
SÜTLÜCE EXPO TENTE			EXPO Opening	EXPO				EXPO						EXPO					

- Ceremony
- Political Process
- Regional
- Theme I
- Theme II
- Theme III
- Theme IV
- Theme V
- Theme VI
- Panels
- Side Event*
- Major Groups
- Youth Forum
- Art & Culture**

Day 4 Thursday - March 19						Day 5 Friday - March 20						Day 6 Saturday - March 21						Day 7 Sunday March 22		ROOM NAME	BLOCK NAME								
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Panel Adaptation (Regional part)			Thematic Warp-up 4	Thematic Warp-up 1		Thematic Warp-up 5	High Level Triologue		Ministerial Conference Opening		Panel Adaptation (High Level part)		Thematic Warp-up 2		Thematic Warp-up 3	Thematic Warp-up 6	Invitation Event Istanbul ECC 2010	Ministerial Conference Closing	Closing Ceremony			HALIÇ	MAIN BLOCK						
Dialogue between Local Authorities and Parliamentarians			Country Group Arab			Region Asia-Pacific					Closing of Youth Forum		3 Way Dialogue			Irrigation: Efficient Use of Water in Agriculture						SADA BAD	REGIONAL BLOCK						
Country Group Mediterranean			Parliamentarians	Side Event		Session 3.1.1	Session 3.1.2	Major Group Events	Session 3.1.3		Side Event	Session 3.1.4	Session 3.1.5	Major Group Events	Climate Related Disasters			UN-Water Day				KAĞIT HANE	THEMATIC BLOCK						
Session 2.2.2	Side Event		Session 2.2.1	Session 2.2.4	Side Event	Session 6.5.1	Session 6.5.2	Side Event	Session 6.5.2	Session 6.5.3	Side Event	Session 6.5.4	Session 6.5.5	Side Event	Side Event							EVÜP							
Session 2.3.2	Speakers' Corner		Session 2.3.4			Session 3.4.1		Speakers' Corner	Session 3.4.2			Session 3.4.3	Session 3.4.4	Speakers' Corner									AYVAN SARAY						
Session 2.1.3			Session 2.1.4	Session 2.1.5	Youth Forum Thematic Synthesis	Session 3.2.1	Session 3.2.5		Session 3.2.2			Session 3.2.4	Session 3.2.5		Partnership Session			Partnership Session					AYNALI KAVAK I	CARPARK BLOCK					
Session 2.4.2			Session 2.4.3	Country Group Arab Ministerial Meeting		Session 3.3.1			Session 3.3.2			Session 3.3.3	Session 3.3.4										AYNALI KAVAK II						
Session 4.2.6	Session 1.3.4		Mega Natural Disasters			Session 6.2.1			Session 6.2.2			Session 6.2.3	Session 6.2.4											FESHANE I	FESHANE BLOCK				
Session 5.2.1	Session 5.2.2		Session 5.3.4	Session 5.3.5		Session 6.3.1			Session 6.3.2			Session 6.3.3	Session 6.3.4													FESHANE II			
Session 2.3.3			Local Authorities			Session 6.4.1			Session 6.4.2			Session 6.4.3	Session 6.4.4													FESHANE III			
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Major Groups						Major Groups						Major Groups						Major Groups										BEDESTEN I-VI	
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												Ministerial Roundtables																	HOTEL
Water Fair						Water Fair						Water Fair						Water Fair										FAIR AREA FESHANE II. MAHMUD HALL	
EXPO						EXPO						EXPO						EXPO										SÜTLÜCE EXPO TENTE	

* Please refer to daily programme pages for the detailed schedule.

** Please refer to Art & Culture Booklet for the detailed schedule.

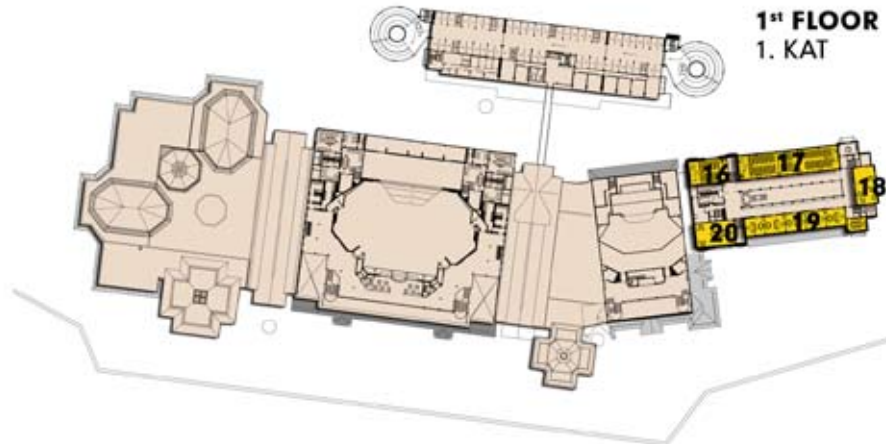
FORUM VENUE LAYOUT

Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Center Sütlüce Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi

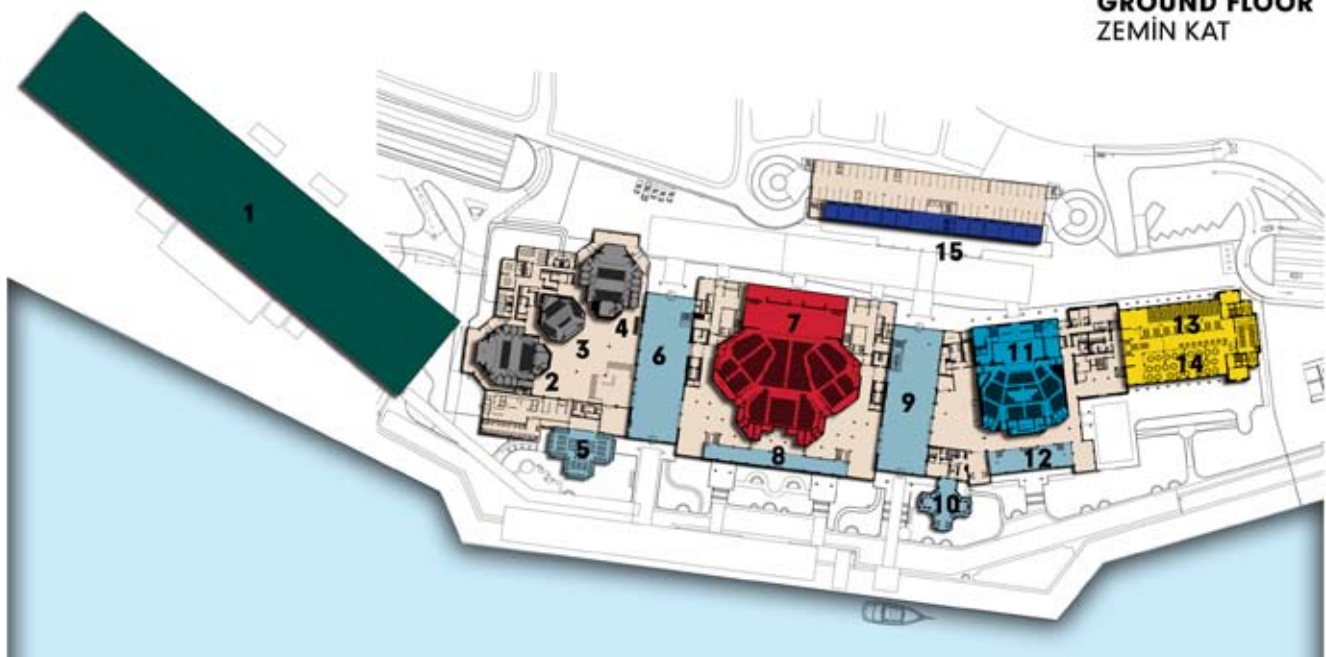
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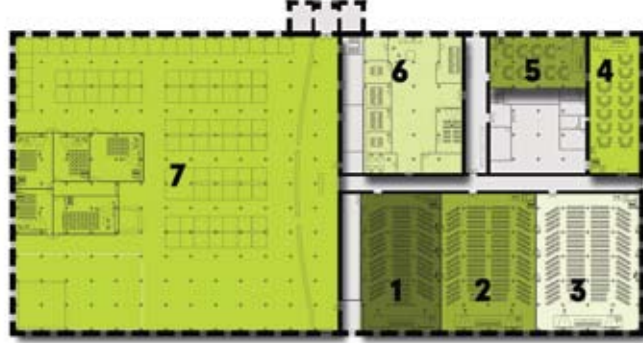


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FORUM VENUE LAYOUT

Feshane



Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Center **Sütlüce Kongre ve Kültür Merkezi**

Ground Floor Zemin Kat

1 Expo Tent Expo Çadırı

Thematic Block Tematik Blok

2 Eyüp Hall Eyüp Salonu
3 Ayvansaray Hall Ayvansaray Salonu
4 Kağıthane Hall Kağıthane Salonu
5 Lale Restaurant Lale Restoran

6 Foyer 4 Fuaye 4

Main Block Ana Blok

7 Haliç Hall Haliç Salonu
8 Foyer 3 Fuaye 3

9 Foyer 2 Fuaye 2

Regions Block Bölgesel Blok

10 Erguvan Restaurant Erguvan Restoran
11 Sadabad Hall Sadabad Salonu
12 Foyer 1 Fuaye 1

VIP Block VIP Bloğu

13 Press Basın
14 VIP Restaurant VIP Restoran

Car Park Block Otopark Bloğu 15 Shops Dükkanlar

1st Floor 1. Kat

VIP Block VIP Bloğu

Press Basın
16 Hasköy Hall Hasköy Salonu
17 Kasımpaşa Hall Kasımpaşa Salonu
VIP Area VIP Alanı
18 Taşkızak Hall Taşkızak Salonu
19 Cibali Hall Cibali Salonu
20 Balat Hall Balat Salonu

2nd Floor 2. Kat

Car Park Block Otopark Bloğu

21 Aynalıkavak 1 Hall Aynalıkavak 1 Salonu
22 Aynalıkavak 2 Hall Aynalıkavak 2 Salonu

Feshane

1 Feshane 1 Hall Feshane 1 Salonu
2 Feshane 2 Hall Feshane 2 Salonu
3 Feshane 3 Hall Feshane 3 Salonu
4 Feshane 4 Hall Feshane 4 Salonu
5 Feshane 5 Hall Feshane 5 Salonu
6 Bedesten Halls Bedesten Salonları
7 Water Fair Su Fuarı

16 March Monday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Opening Ceremony

Room :Haliç

Time :09.30-12.00

Heads of State Summit

Room :Çırağan Kempinsky Hotel

Time :14.30-16.30

Opening of the Thematic Session

Room :Haliç

Time :14.30-16.30

Special Focus Sessions

Water Issues of Small Islands

Room :Kağıthane

Time :14.30-17.30

Running Dry! How to turn Droughts into Opportunities for better Management

Room :Eyüp

Time :14.30-19.00

Special Session on Health Dignity and Economic Progress: Way Forward for Gender Equity

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :14.30-19.00

Theme IV Session

4.4.1. - Towards a vibrant Local Marketplace - Opportunities and Trends , Experience to Date, and Policy Options for the Future

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :17.00-19.00

Opening of the Youth Forum

Room :Sadabad

Time :19.00-20.00

Opening of Water Fair

Room :Water Fair - Mahmut II Hall

Time :12.00-14.30

Opening of the Expo

Room :EXPO Tent

Time :12.00-14.30

World Water Development Report Launch

Room :Sadabad

Time :17.00-19.00

Side Events

Launching of IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :12.00-13:30

CEO Water Mandate Transparency Framework Seminar

Room :Hasköy

Time :18:00-20:00

Partnership Session

Room :Aynalıkavak II

Time :14.30-19.00

17 March Tuesday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Senior Officials' Meeting

Room :Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

Time :10.00-18.00

Region Americas Meeting

Room :Sadabad

Time :08.30-13.00

Region Europe Meeting

Room :Sadabad

Time :14.30-19.00

Theme I Sessions

1.1.2. - Can We Plan Our Way to Adaptation?

Room :Feshane I

Time :08:30 -13:00

1.1.3. - Local Actions: Thinking Beyond the Water Box: What Adaptation to Global and Climate Change?

Room :Feshane I

Time :14:30-19:00

1.2.1. - Rural-Rural Migration

Room :Feshane II

Time :08:30-13:00

1.2.2. - Rural-Urban Migration

Room :Feshane II

Time :14.30-19.00

1.3.0. - Opening of Topic 1.3

Room :Feshane IV

Time :14.30-15.00

1.3.3. - Managing Water Related Risks in Changing Climate

Room :Feshane IV

Time :15.00-19.00

Theme IV Sessions

4.1.1. - From right to reality - good government practices for implementing the human right to water and sanitation

Room :Eyüp

Time :09.30-13.00

4.1.2. - Rights in Action: Sharing experiences on how civil society utilizes the RTWS as a tool to improve access for the poor and the marginalized

Room :Eyüp

Time :14.30-16.30

4.1.3. - Making the right to sanitation work

Room :Eyüp

Time :17.00-19.00

4.2.1. - The Big Picture: How to make institutions and plans deliver progress?

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :08.30-13.00

4.2.3. - River basin management in federated countries: Is this realistic?

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :14.30-19.00

4.2.4. - Water Safety Plans (WSPs) and Safe Water Re-use

Room :Feshane III

Time :08.30-13.00

4.3.1. - It's up to YOU! Can public participation lead to better water management?

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :08.30-13.00

17 March Tuesday

4.3.2. - Keeping a Close Watch: On Transparency and Accountability in the Water Sector

Room :Aynalikavak I
Time :14.30-19.00

4.4.2. - Options for Delivery of Water and Sanitation Services in a Rapidly Changing Environment

Room :Aynalikavak II
Time :14.30-19.00

Joint Venture Between Topics 2.3 and 5.2 Drops and Crops :Water Demand Management in Agriculture

Room :Feshane IV
Time :08.30-13.00

Special Focus Sessions

Water Management Beyond 2020 for a Changing World

Room :Kağıthane
Time :14.30-19.00

Inland Waterborne Transport: Is Inland Waterborne Transport the sustainable future?

Room :Feshane III
Time :15.00-17.30

Keynote Lecture by HIH the Crown Prince of Japan

Room :Haliç
Time :08.30-09.30

High Level Panel on Water and Disasters

Room :Haliç
Time :09.30-13.00

High Level Panel on Finance

Room :Haliç
Time :14.30-19.00

Launch of the OECD Report on Pricing and Financing

Room :Kağıthane
Time :08.30-10.30

Technical Experts Panel: Water and Financial Crisis

Room :Kağıthane
Time :11.00-13.00

Side Events

The Role of Women in Irrigated Agriculture: Experiences from Turkey and Sri Lanka

Room :Hasköy
Time :08.30-10.30

Implementing the Right to Water: Democratisation and Public-Public Partnerships

Room :Kasımpaşa I-II
Time :08.30-10.30

Cooperation on Environment Protection for Sustainable Development in the Black Sea and Caspian

Room :Feshane V
Time :09.30-12.30

Integrated Water Resource Management Under Climate Change: The Needed Capacity Building in the Mediterranean Region

Room :Kasımpaşa I-II
Time :11.00-13.00

WWAP Case Studies: "Facing the Challenges"

Room :Hasköy
Time :11.30-13.00

17 March Tuesday

- **Supporting African Efforts Towards an African Water Observation System: The TIGER Initiative 2nd Phase**
Room :Hasköy
Time :13:15-14:15
- **Women and Water**
Room :Kağıthane
Time :13:15-14:15
- **Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation: Projects and Initiatives Within the Fields of Integrated and Sustainable Water Resource Management**
Room :Eyüp
Time :13:15-14:15
- **Business Case for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Groundwater Management Institute 2nd Phase**
Room :Feshane V
Time :13:15-14:15
- **Ensuring Water For All**
Room :Kasimpaşa I
Time :14:30-15:30
- **EU Funded Capacity Building and Integrated River Basin Management**
Room :Hasköy
Time :14:30-16:30
- **Presentation of the Book "Water Culture" towards an efficient Use of the Water Resources in the State of Mexico**
Room :Kasimpaşa II
Time :14:30-15:30
- **Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water**
Room :Feshane V
Time :14:30-18:30
- **Water Commons: Global Experiences in Progressive Water Management**
Room :Kasimpaşa I-II
Time :16:30-18:30
- **Novel Approaches from European Water Research on Water Supply and Sanitation**
Room :Kasimpaşa I-II
Time :19:00-21:00
- **Responding to Climate Variability and Climate Change: Recent Experiences in Water Reform from Australia and the OECD**
Room :Hasköy
Time :19:30-21:00
- **Go with the Flow: IWRM Works**
Room :Kağıthane
Time :19:30-21:00
- **Join in Building the Alliance for Water Stewardship**
Room :Feshane V
Time :19:30-21:00

18 March Wednesday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Political Process Sessions

Senior Officials' Meeting

Room :Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel

Time :10.00-18.00

Parliamentarians

Room :Kagithane

Time :10.00-13.00 & 14.30-19.00

Local Authorities

Room :Feshane III

Time :09.00-13.00 & 14.30-19.00

Regional Sessions

Region Africa

Room :Sadabad

Time :08.30-13.00

Country Group Turkey

Room :Sadabad

Time :14.30-19.00

Theme I Sessions

1.1.4. - Can Climate Change Adaptation be adequately financed?

Room :Feshane I

Time :14.30-19.00

1.2.3. - Crossing Borders/Seas

Room :Feshane II

Time :08.30-10.30

1.2.4. - Wrap-up

Room :Feshane II

Time :11.00-13.00

1.3.1. - Triologue Session: Building bridges between government, science and civic society

Room :Feshane IV

Time :08.30-10.30

1.3.2. - Technologies for Water-Related Disaster Management

Room :Feshane IV

Time :11.00-13.00

Theme II Sessions

2.1.1. - Consistent Monitoring to Track Progress Towards the MDGs and Beyond

Room :Aynalikavak I

Time :14.30-16.30

2.1.2. - Accelerating WASH Sector Reform and Improving Governance

Room :Aynalikavak I

Time :17.00-19.00

2.2.0. - Opening session

Room :Eyüp

Time :14.30-15.30

2.2.3. - Taming Bigfoot: What technologies can reduce the water and energy footprint?

Room :Eyüp

Time :15.30-19.00

2.3.1. - How to achieve the required food production to meet the growing demand?

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :14.30-19.00

18 March Wednesday

- **2.4.1. - Water Multi-Tasking : How to obtain more benefits per drop from multiple uses and functions?**

Room :Aynalikavak II

Time :14.30-19.00

Theme IV Sessions

- **4.1.4. - Water Right in Emergency: Be principled or get practical?**

Room :Eyüp

Time :08.30-10.30

- **4.1.5. - Wrap-up and Synthesis**

Room :Eyüp

Time :11.00-13.00

- **4.2.2. - Optimizing and improving water services: regulation and transparency as key issues for the water sector.**

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :08.30-10.30

- **4.2.5. - Opening Glass Doors: What regulation can improve openness and transparency?**

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :11.00-13.00

- **4.3.3. - Beyond Water bribes: How to build a corruption-resistant water sector?**

Room :Aynalikavak I

Time :08.30-12.00

- **4.3.4. - Wrap-up and Synthesis**

Room :Aynalikavak I

Time :12.00-13.00

- **4.4.3. - Building Sustainable Water Supply Chains With Strong Regional and Local Contribution - Experience and Potential Policies**

Room :Aynalikavak II

Time :08.30-10.30

- **4.4.4. - Wrap-up and Synthesis, Including a Discussion of Policy Options**

Room :Aynalikavak II

Time :11.00-13.00

Theme V Sessions

- **5.1.1. - Show Me the Money! Financial Sustainability: Importance, progress and emerging issues**

Room :Feshane I

Time :08.30-10.30

- **5.1.2. - Get Real! A Strategic Approach for Financing Water and Sanitation Services**

Room :Feshane I

Time :11.00-13.00

- **5.1.3. - Unlocking the demand for finance: how to enhance the "bankability" of the sector?**

Room :Feshane II

Time :14.30-16.30

- **5.1.4. - Pooling Resources to Close the Financing Gap: how can financing for the sector be optimized?**

Room :Feshane II

Time :17.00-19.00

18 March Wednesday

5.3.1. - Overcoming obstacles to serving the urban poor

Room :Feshane IV
Time :14:30-19:00

Side Events

Third Working Conference of the CEO Water Mandate: Engaging in Public Policy to Advance Sustainable Water Management by Business

Room :Hasköy
Time :08:30-13:00

Climate Change, Water Resources Management, Governance and Capacity Building Issues in Central Asia and Caucasus

Room :Kasimpaşa I-II
Time :09:30-13:00

Water Footprint and Virtual Water Trade: Do These Concepts Promote Sustainable Use of Water Globally?

Room :Feshane V
Time :11:00-13:00

Climate Migrants in Bangladesh: Estimates and Solutions

Room :Hasköy
Time :13:15-14:15

Integrated Participatory Approach in Water Basin Rehabilitation: Turkey as a Case Study

Room :Eyüp
Time :13:15-14:15

Advancing Human Development and the MDGs in Africa

Room :Feshane V
Time :13:15-14:15

Great Man Made River Project

Room :Feshane IV
Time :13:15-14:15

Women for Water Works

Room :Hasköy
Time :14:30-16:30

Regional Experiences in Water Management and Sanitation Towards the Targets of the Millennium

Room :Kasimpaşa I
Time :14:30-16:30

Africa's Experiences in Regional Cooperation from the North Western Sahara and Iullemeden Aquifer Systems

Room :Kasimpaşa II
Time :14:30-16:30

Villes et Multipartenariats dans le Montage de Projets d'eau et d'assainissement

Room :IGDAŞ Building
Time :15:00-16:00

WWDR-3: Findings and Key Messages

Room :Feshane V
Time :15:00-16:30

WWDR-3 Side Publications Series

Room :Feshane V
Time :16:30-18:00

Addressing Water Scarcity in Rural and Marginal Areas of Arab Countries: Innovative Solutions

Room :Hasköy
Time :17:00-18:30

18 March Wednesday

- **Water Resource Management and Water Use Efficiency Across Europe**
Room :Kasımpaşa I
Time :17:00-18:30
- **Water and Energy in Agriculture**
Room :Kasımpaşa II
Time :17:00-18:30
- **Grundfos Side Events**
Room :Hasköy
Time :19:00-21:00
- **A Conversation With Grantees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**
Room :Feshane V
Time :19:00-21:00
- **General Assembly Meeting of Gender and Water Alliance (closed-door meeting)**
Room :Kasımpaşa I-II
Time :19:30-21:00
- **Managing and Protecting Water Resources: The Po River Basin Encounters and Compares with other Important River Basins**
Room :Kağıthane
Time :19:30-21:00
- **Blue Gold: World Water Wars**
Room :Eyüp
Time :19:30-21:00
- **Ensuring Access to Water Through Community-Led Initiatives Utilizing Payment for Ecosystem Services**
Room :Feshane IV
Time :19:30-21:00

19 March Thursday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Political Process Sessions

Dialogue between Local Authorities and Parliamentarians

Room :Sadabad

Time :08.30-13.00

Parliamentarians

Room :Kağıthane

Time :14.30-19.00

Local Authorities

Room :Feshane III

Time :14.30-19.00

Regional Sessions

Country Group Mediterranean

Room :Kağıthane

Time :08.30-13.00

Country Group Arab

Room :Sadabad

Time :14.30-19.00

Theme I Sessions

Panel on Adaptation

Room :Haliç

Time :11.00-13.00

1.3.4. - Water Management During and After Disasters / Conflicts

Room :Feshane I

Time :11.00-13.00

1.3.5. - Wrap-up

Room :Feshane IV

Time :14:30-16:30

Theme I Wrap-up

Room :Haliç

Time :17:00-19:00

Theme II Sessions

2.1.3. - Taking WASH to Scale

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :08.30-13.00

2.1.4. - Keeping Sanitation High on the Agenda

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :14.30-16.30

2.1.5. - Wrap-up and Synthesis : Global Framework for Action and Closing Plenary

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :17.00-19.00

2.2.2. - Embedding Sustainability Principles in Water and Energy Development

Room :Eyüp

Time :08.30-13.00

2.2.1. - Voltage and Volume: Can water and energy policies work hand in hand?

Room :Eyüp

Time :14.30-18.00

2.2.4. - Wrap-up and Synthesis

Room :Eyüp

Time :18.00-19.00

2.3.2. - How can food market measures boost rural development and poverty alleviation?

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :08.30-13.00

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■ 2.3.3. - Water for bioenergy or food?

Room :Feshane III
Time :08.30-13.00

■ 2.3.4. - How can better water management reduce poverty and hunger? A synthesis.

Room :Ayvansaray
Time :14.30-16.30

■ 2.4.2. - Bridging sectors to strengthen multiple uses and functions of water services

Room :Aynalikavak II
Time :08.30-13.00

■ 2.4.3. - Multiple-use services for more MDGs per drop; how to make it happen?

Room :Aynalikavak II
Time :14.30-16.30

■ Theme IV Session

■ 4.2.6. - Wrap-up and Synthesis

Room :Feshane I
Time :08.30-10.30

■ Theme IV Wrap-up

Room :Haliç
Time :14.30-16.30

■ Theme V Sessions

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

Room :Feshane II
Time :08.30-10.30

■ 5.2.2. - Affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services: The role of tariffs and other instruments

Room :Feshane II
Time :11.00-13.00

■ 5.2.3. - Pricing sanitation and wastewater management: The special challenges

Room :Feshane IV
Time :17.00-19.00

■ 5.3.2. - Microfinance

Room :Feshane IV
Time :08.30-10.30

■ 5.3.3. - Pro-Poor Regulation

Room :Feshane IV
Time :11.00-13.00

■ 5.3.4. - Consumer Voice

Room :Feshane II
Time :14.30-16.30

■ 5.3.5. - Wrap-up

Room :Feshane II
Time :17.00-19.00

■ Side Events

■ Hydro Basin, Case for Systemic and Participative Management

Room :Hasköy
Time :08:30-10:30

■ Water Research Funding in 7th Framework Programme and EUREKA

Room :Kasimpaşa I-II
Time :08:30-10:30

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■ **Special Capacity Building Opportunities for Women in the Water Sector**

Room :Feshane V

Time :08:30-10:30

■ **Endless Dilemma: Matching Food Security and Access to Water and Sanitation**

Room :Hasköy

Time :11:00-13:00

■ **Water Bridging Civilizations of Four Millennia in Turkey**

Room :Kasimpaga I-II

Time :11:00-13:00

■ **Innovation and Technology of Water and Cities: World City Water Forum 2009**

Room :Feshane V

Time :11:00-13:00

■ **Afghanistan: Water, Human Development and Communities Participation**

Room :Learning Centre 1

Time :11:00-13:00

■ **Key Performance Indicators within African Transboundary River Basin Organisations (closed-door meeting)**

Room :IGDAŞ Building

Time :11:30-13:00

■ **Regional Solution to National Challenges: REC Experience at CEE Region and Turkey**

Room :Hasköy

Time :13:15-14:15

■ **Dialogue on Climate Change Adaptation for Land and Water Management**

Room :Feshane V

Time :13:15-14:15

■ **Bridging the Gap: Emergency Water and Sanitation Interventions in Azad and Jammu Kashmir (AJK) of Support to Life**

Room :Learning Centre 1

Time :13:15-14:15

■ **Strengthening the Scientific Network on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Partners for Water**

Room :Kasimpaga I-II

Time :14:30-16:15

■ **Bridging Divides Between North and South Through Partnership and Knowledge Sharing**

Room :Feshane V

Time :14:30-16:30

■ **Strengthening Governance on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Water Partners for Water**

Room :Kasimpaga I-II

Time :16:45-18:30

■ **Various Presentations on Climate Models and Natural Hazards**

Room :Hasköy

Time :14:30-16:30

■ **Czech Water Roof from the Past to the Future**

Room :Eyüp

Time :19:30-21:00

■ **Natural Disaster Risk Management Program: Vulnerability Reduction through Community Management and Control of Water in the Drought-prone Areas of the Marwar Region**

Room :Hasköy

Time :17:00-19:00

■ **Power of Spirit: Sustaining Watersheds Ecosystems through Music, Art and Stories**

Room :Feshane V

Time :17:00-18:30

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■ **Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum
Consultation Session**

Room : Feshane V
Time : 19:00-21:00

■ **Sustainable Functioning of International Institutions
Managing International Water Bodies**

Room : Kasimpaga I
Time : 19:30-21:00

■ **Campaigning Together to End Water Poverty**

Room : Kasimpaga II
Time : 19:30-21:00

■ **The Effects of Agricultural Contaminations on
Water Resources and Solution Policy from the
Institutions to Farmers**

Room : Kagithane
Time : 19:30-21:00

■ **Where next for Water and Climate Change?:
Exploring Global Multi-stakeholder Initiatives on
Water and Climate**

Room : Learning Centre 1
Time : 19:30-21:00

■ **Towards Sustainable Water Tariffs in Latin America**

Room : Feshane IV
Time : 20:00-21:00

20 March Friday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Political Processes

High-Level Dialogue

Room :Haliç

Time :11.00-13.00

Ministerial Conference Opening

Room :Haliç

Time :14.30-16.30

Region Asia Pacific

Room :Sadabad

Time :08.30-13.00

Theme III Sessions

3.1.1. - Boundless Basins: What are the successes and failures of hydro-solidarity?

Room :Kağıthane

Time :08.30-10.30

3.1.2. - How can stakeholder be involved in basin management and Transboundary water cooperation?

Room :Kağıthane

Time :11.00-13.00

3.1.3. - How can cooperation over transboundary surface and groundwater resources be achieved in a sustainable and equitable manner?

Room :Kağıthane

Time :14.30-19.00

3.4.1. - A hidden resource: Sustainably managing groundwater for the future

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :08.30-13.00

3.4.2. - Strategic Framework for Effective and Sustainable Water Resources Management and Protection

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :14.30-19.00

3.2.1. - Ensuring Adequate Water Resources Development and Management (Quantity and Quality) for Sustainable Development

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :08.30-10.30

3.2.3. - Behind a Wall or Beneath the soil: How to meet our storage needs?

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :11.00-13.00

3.2.2. - A Step Ahead: Improving water management by anticipating change? Meeting human and environmental needs through Integrated Water Resources management?

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :14.30-19.00

3.3.1. - Ecosystems for Water, Water for People, Ecosystems for People

Room :Aynalıkavak II

Time :08.30-13.00

3.3.2. - Spreading the wealth: How to share the benefits of nature?

Room :Aynalıkavak II

Time :14.30-19.00

Thematic V Wrap-up

Room :Haliç

Time :08.30-10.30

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Theme VI Sessions

6.1.0. - Opening Plenary

Room :Feshane IV

Time :09.00-10.30

6.1.1. - Knowledge for All, All for Knowledge

Room :Feshane IV

Time :11.00-13.00

6.1.2. - Institutional Capacity Development: Getting the Balance Right for Equitable Water Allocation

Room :Feshane IV

Time :14.30-16.30

6.1.3. - Get involved! Whose and What Empowerment Will Ensure the Provision of Sustainable Water Services?

Room :Feshane IV

Time :17.00-19.00

6.2.1. - Thinking Outside the Water Box

Room :Feshane I

Time :08.30-13.00

6.2.2. - Decision Making in an Uncertain World (Achieving Greater Use and Impact of Research through the Learning Alliance Approach and Other Multi-stakeholder Approaches)

Room :Feshane I

Time :14.00-18.00

6.3.1. - Connecting the Dots: How to get to the MDGs with the Help of Professional Associations?

Room :Feshane II

Time :08.30-13.00

6.3.2. - Showcasing Success: How Professional Networks and Associations are Making an Impact?

Room :Feshane II

Time :14.30-19.00

6.4.1. - Data Needs and Data Acquisition

Room :Feshane III

Time :08.30-13.00

6.4.2. - Data Integration and Dissemination: From Data to Information

Room :Feshane III

Time :14.30-19.00

6.5.1. - Cultural Diversity: Key to Water Sustainability

Room :Eyüp

Time :08.30-12.00

6.5.2. - Water and History: Understanding the Water Cultures of Past Civilizations and Deriving Lessons for the Present

Room :Eyüp

Time :12.00-13.00 & 14.30-16.00

6.5.3. - Fostering Socio-cultural Perspectives in Water Sciences and Management: Identifying Bridges and Barriers

Room :Eyüp

Time :16.00-19.00

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Side Events

- **Safe Water for Family Welfare in Uvira City (closed-door meeting)**
Room : Learning Center 1
Time : 08:30-10:30
- **Global Water Crisis, Food and Agriculture in an Era of Climate Change**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 08:30-10:30
- **Climate Change and Water Management (Water Can Change the World)**
Room : Kasimpaşa I
Time : 08:30-10:30
- **From the Ground Up: How Water and Sanitation Programs Are Improving Children's Health**
Room : Feshane V
Time : 08:30-10:00
- **GEF Consultation For the Fourth Overall Performance Study (OPS4)**
Room : Kasimpaşa II
Time : 08:30-10:30
- **Desalination**
Room : Feshane V
Time : 10:30-12:30
- **Prize Ceremony of the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2009**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 11:00-13:00
- **Progress of the Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA) (closed-door meeting)**
Room : İGDAŞ Building
Time : 11:00-13:00
- **Presentation of the book on 'Water and Ethics' (Fundacion FMB Botin Workshop June 2007; Pub Taylor and Francis, London)**
Room : Kasimpaşa I
Time : 11:00-13:00
- **Water Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean**
Room : Kasimpaşa II
Time : 11:00-13:00
- **Water Supply Project from Turkey to Northern Cyprus by Suspended Pipeline in the Mediterranean Sea**
Room : Eyüp
Time : 13:15-14:15
- **At the Water's Edge**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 13:15-14:15
- **China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Tripartite Meeting (closed-door meeting)**
Room : Feshane V
Time : 13:15-14:15
- **Drought Assessment Based on the Future Climate Projections and Making Drought Management Plans as Part of Integrated Water Resources Management**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 14:30-16:30
- **Water Treatment and Reuse in Spain**
Room : Kasimpaşa I-II
Time : 14:30-16:30
- **Ibero-American Institutes Network of Engineering and Hydraulic Investigation**
Room : Feshane V
Time : 14:30-16:30

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- **UNESCO HELP in Action: Delivering Water Solutions to the Needs Society**
Room : Learning Centre I
Time : 14:30-16:30
- **Mountains of the World: Water Towers for the 21st Century?**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 17:00-19:00
- **Exploring “Key for Success” of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) at River Basin Level**
Room : Kasımpaşa I-II
Time : 17:00-19:00
- **The Role of the Groundwater Silent Revolution for Achieving the Motto “More Cash and Nature per Drop”: Re-thinking Global Water Scarcity and Security**
Room : Feshane V
Time : 17:00-19:00
- **A GWP/INBO Handbook for Integrated Water Resources Management at the Basin Level**
Room : Kağıthane
Time : 19:00-21:00
- **Asia’s Next Challenge: Advancing Security through Water Cooperation**
Room : Hasköy
Time : 19:30-21:00
- **Transboundary Cooperation on the Jordan River Basin: A Regional ‘Positive-Sum Outcome’**
Room : Eyüp
Time : 19:30-21:00

21 March Saturday

SESSIONS OF THE DAY

Ministerial Roundtables

Room :Hotel

Time :09.00-18.30

3 Way Dialogue

Room :Sadabad

Time :08.30-10.30

Theme II Wrap-up

Room :Haliç

Time :08.30-10.30

Theme III Sessions

3.1.4. - Which are the operational tools that allow achieving transboundary cooperation and sound basin management?

Room :Kağıthane

Time :08.30-10.30

3.1.5. - Wrap-up and Synthesis: How can we bridge the divide between various users whose lives depend on common water resources? And how should we just do it!

Room :Kağıthane

Time :11.00-13.00

3.4.3. - Contemporary issues, public awareness and stakeholder participation for sustainable water resource management

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :08.30-10.30

3.4.4. - The need for better management and protection of surface, ground, soil and rain water

Room :Ayvansaray

Time :11.00-13.00

3.2.4. - Greening Infrastructure: How engineering can protect ecosystems and ensure livelihoods

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :08.30-10.30

3.2.5. - Wrap-up and Synthesis

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :11.00-13.00

3.3.3. - Acting locally, thinking globally: what actions help preserve ecosystems?

Room :Aynalıkavak II

Time :08.30-10.30

3.3.4. - Wrap-up and Synthesis: Putting nature first: How to install change to ensure water and environmental security?

Room :Aynalıkavak II

Time :11.00-13.00

Theme III Wrap-up

Room :Haliç

Time :14.30-16.30

Theme VI Sessions

6.5.4. - Traditional Water Management and Global Environmental Change: Charting Sustainable Paths for the Future

Room :Eyüp

Time :08.30-11.30

6.5.5. - Wrap-up and Synthesis

Room :Eyüp

Time :11.30-13.00

6.2.3. - Integrated Water Management- Can we get there?

Room :Feshane I

Time :08.30-10.30

21 March Saturday

6.2.4. - Wrap-up and Synthesis

Room :Feshane I

Time :11.00-13.00

6.3.3. - No More Money Down the Drain: Should Investments Be Linked to Professional Associations' Backstopping?

Room :Feshane II

Time :08.30-10.30

6.3.4. - The Road Less Travelled (No More)? Summing It All Up

Room :Feshane II

Time :11.00-13.00

6.4.3. - Barriers to Data Availability

Room :Feshane III

Time :08.30-10.30

6.4.4. - Action to Ensure Data for All

Room :Feshane III

Time :11.00-13.00

6.1.4. - Water Education and Schools: Bridging Divides for Future Generations

Room :Feshane IV

Time :08.30-10.30

6.1.5. - Closing Plenary

Room :Feshane IV

Time :11.00-13.00

Theme VI Wrap-up

Room :Haliç

Time :17.00-19.00

Special Focus Session

Irrigation or Urban Water Supply: the Dilemma

Room :Sadabad

Time :14.30-19.00

Special Focus Session

Climate Related Disasters and Their Management

Room :Kağıthane

Time :14.30-19.00

Side Events

Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources in Turkey and Water Quality Management in Turkey: Responsibilities and Works of Directorate

Room :Hasköy

Time :08:30-13:00 - 14:30-19:00

Virtual Constellation for Water

Room :Kasımpaşa I

Time :08:30-10:30

Corruption and Water Related Disasters in Sri Lanka

Room :Kasımpaşa I

Time :11:00-13:00

Impacts of Climate Change on Water Related Disasters in South Asia and Finding Solutions

Room :Kasımpaşa II

Time :11:00-13:00

Up-Scaling IWRM Education in South Asia: Which Boundaries to Cross?

Room :Feshane V

Time :11:00-13:00

Promoting Local Actions Through Multilevel Water Partnerships

Room :Eyüp

Time :13:15-14:15

Water Value Impacts on the Mediterranean Water Policies

Room :Kasımpaşa I-II

Time :14:30-19:00

21 March Saturday

■ Aral and Caspian Seas

Room :Eyüp

Time :14:30-17:00

■ Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water: Projects for a Mediterranean Cooperation

Room :Feshane V

Time :14:30-16:30

■ Groundwater Resources in a Climate - Changing World

Room :Feshane IV

Time :14:30-16:30

■ Charting a Global Agenda for Meeting Today's Flood Management

Room :Feshane IV

Time :17:00-19:00

■ Challenges and Opportunities of the New Brazilian Regulatory Framework for Water and Sanitation

Room :Feshane V

Time :17:30-18:30

■ SIGN UP: Sharing Water for People and Planet

Room :Feshane V

Time :19:00-21:00

22 March Sunday

■ Ministerial Conference Closing

Room :Haliç

Time :08.30-10.30

■ Partnership Session

Room :Aynalıkavak I

Time :08.30-13.00

■ UN Water Day

Room :Kağıthane

Time :08.30-11.00

■ Closing Ceremony

Room :Haliç

Time :11.00-13.00

POLITICAL PROCESS

Heads of State Summit

The Political Process of the 5th World Water Forum will involve four political groups, namely Heads of States, national governments, local authorities and elected parliamentarians. A meeting with the participation of a limited number of Heads of State will headline the government segment of the political process. The outcome of this meeting will be a high-level appeal for action to governments around the world citing the importance of water and the role it plays in development and society.

The Ministerial Conference aims to adopt a Ministerial Statement. We expect a participation of more than a hundred Ministers from all over the world who will adopt the Istanbul Water Guide with a clear message on the importance of the matter. The process has evolved through meetings in Geneva, Rome and Paris to prepare and agree on the Ministerial Statement and Istanbul Water Guide, which are envisaged to be concluded during the Senior Officials Meeting.

The Parliamentarians' portion of the 5th World Water Forum will be a dynamic interaction among members of national assemblies

from around the world including discussions on the definition of minimal national legislation for water and sanitation, and sensitive issues to discuss, such as right to access to water and sanitation, transboundary waters, global changes and decentralization policies.

Global changes have led Mayors and local leaders around the world to become increasingly concerned about and committed to ensuring water and sanitation services. Following an inclusive process, in which assistance has been provided by the organizers of the 5th World Water Forum and its partners, the Istanbul Water Consensus (IWC) - an agreement among local authorities across the globe - will bring urban and rural water challenges to the local, national and global agenda to improve actions. The High-Level Dialogue on 20 March will be a way for Parliamentarians and the local authorities to interact with Ministers and Local Authorities in sharing what they have achieved in working towards the 5th World Water Forum, as well as listen to what their counterparts have developed.

The Heads of State Summit will take place in 16th March 2009 at Çırağan Kempinski Hotel with the participation of a limited number of Heads of State.

Monday, 16th March 2009

Programme	Time	Place
Opening Ceremony of the 5 th World Water Forum	9:00-12:00	Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Centre
Official Lunch	12:30-14:30	
Heads of State Summit	15:00-17:00	Çırağan Kempinski Hotel
Official Dinner	20:30-23:00	

The Heads of State Summit will be transmitted live for interested participants in the Sadabad room (Regional block).

Local Authorities and Istanbul Water Consensus

Two days will be dedicated to Local Authorities during the 5th World Water Forum on 18-19 March 2009.

Wednesday, 18th March 2009, 09:00-19:00, Feshane III
Local and Regional Authorities Meeting

Programme	Time
Opening Plenary	9:00
Session 1: Governance for water and sanitation	
Lunch	13:00-14:30
Session 2: Local strategies for water and sanitation	
Session 3: Water and Sanitation in rapidly growing cities	
Closing	19:00

Thursday, 19th March 2009, 08:30-18:00, Sütluce Congress and Cultural Center
"Local and Regional Authorities Meeting"

Programme	Time	Place
Dialogue with the Local Authorities Right to water Decentralization policies	8:30	Sadabad Room
Lunch	13:00-14:30	
Local and Regional Authorities General Assembly		
Closing Ceremony	18:00	

Parliamentarians Meeting

The Parliamentarians Days on 18-19 March 2009 will have a major focus on discussions on these issues as well as conduct a workshop to further develop the "Water Legislation Helpdesk" proposal.

Wednesday, 18th March 2009, 10:00-19:00, Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Center, "Parliamentarians for Water" Meeting

Programme	Time	Place
Opening Ceremony	10:00	Kağıthane Room
Keynote Speech		Kağıthane Room
Lunch	13:00-14:30	
Session I – Global Changes Session II – Transboundary waters Session III – Right to Water Session IV – Decentralisation policies		Kağıthane Room
Closing Ceremony		Kağıthane Room
Synthesis of the day	19:00	Kağıthane Room

Thursday, 19th March 2009, 08:30-19:00, Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Center "Parliamentarians for Water" Meeting

Programme	Time	Place
Dialogue with the Local Authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to water • Decentralization policies 	8:30	Sadabad Room
Lunch	13:00-14:30	
Session V – Helpdesk		Kağıthane Room
Synthesis		Kağıthane Room
Closing Ceremony	19:00	Kağıthane Room

Ministerial Conference

The Ministerial Conference of the 5th World Water Forum will take place between 20- 22 March, 2009, and we expect a participation of around two hundred Ministers from all over the world who will adopt the Istanbul Water Guide with a clear message on the importance of the matter on the overall theme "Water Management Adaptation Strategies for Global Changes,

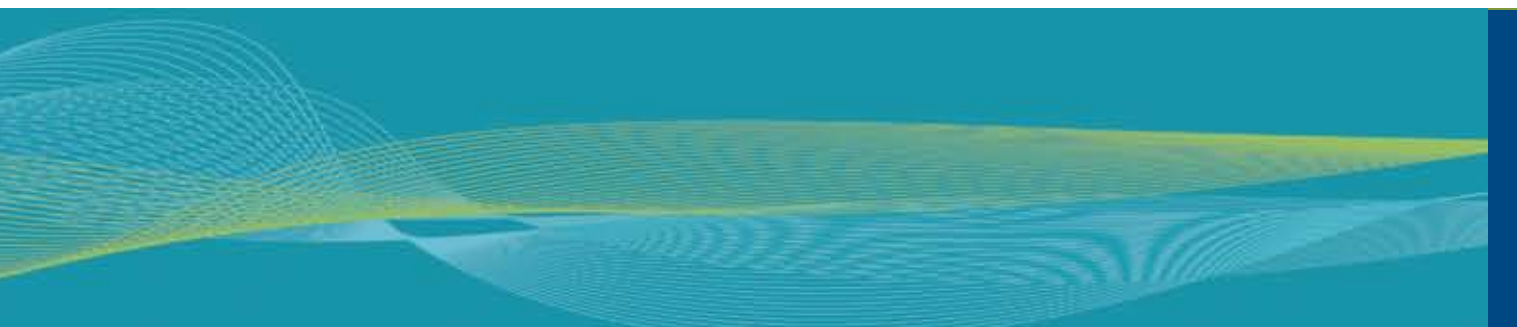
including Climate Change/Variability". The process has evolved in Geneva, Rome and Paris to prepare and agree on the Ministerial Statement and Istanbul Water Guide, which are envisaged to be concluded during the Senior Officials Meeting that will take place in 17th and 18th March 2009.

17-18 March 2009, 10:00-18:00, Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel, Dolmabahçe Room
Senior Officials Meeting

Programme	Time	Place
Senior Officials Meeting	10:00-13:00	Dolmabahçe Room
Lunch	13:00-14:30	Anadolu Room
Senior Officials Meeting	14:30-18:00	Dolmabahçe Room

Friday, 20th March 2009, 14:30-16:30, Sütlüce Congress and Cultural Center
Ministerial Opening Ceremony

Programme	Time	Place
Opening Statements	14:30	Haliç Room
Keynote Speeches		Haliç Room
Presentation of the Statement		Haliç Room
Closing	16:30	Haliç Room



Saturday, 21st March 2009, 09:00-18:30, Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel
Ministerial Roundtables

Ministerial Roundtables				Time
Making water a tool for development in Africa	Reducing the impacts of water-related disasters	Bridging the water and climate agendas	Water for energy-Energy for water	8:30-13:00
Lunch				13:00-14:30
Water for food and poverty eradication	Freshwater-Coastal waters	Financing water infrastructure and services	Beyond the International Year on Sanitation implementing the right to water and sanitation	14:30-19:00
Closing				19:00

Sunday, 22nd March 2009, 8:30-13:00, Sütluce Congress and Cultural Center
Ministerial Closing Ceremony

Programme	Time	Place
Opening Statement	8:30	Haliç Room
Presentations by Ministers		Haliç Room
Final validation of the Ministerial Statement		Haliç Room
Closing Ceremony	13:00	Haliç Room

THEME 1

Global Changes and Risk Management

Coordinators:

Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

Traditionally water management was the art of matching the limited water resources with the present and projected water needs of people, food, economies and environment. The balancing act of water management was performed on the assumptions of historically stationary variability in water availability and a distinct development in water demand.

This assumption is proving to be too simple. Water security and water related disasters are linked to global dynamics such as migration, climate change and virtual water flows and that water security is also closely linked to energy security and food security. The theme "global changes" will address the compounding nature of global drivers in particular climate change and migration on water resources management and water services, and will address the management of the increasing risks due to water related disasters.

The bottom line message of the theme "global change" is that water management will have to go beyond the "water box" to address the evolving complexities and by developing innovative governance modalities, financing mechanisms and technologies in combination with capacity development and transfer programmes for the vulnerable societies.

Topic 1.1: Adapting to Climate Change

Coordinators: Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), The World Bank

The main message of the topic "Adaptation to Climate Change" is that water management will have to go beyond the "water box" to address the evolving complexities and increasing vulnerabilities because of climate change by developing innovative governance modalities, planning procedures and processes, financing mechanisms and technologies in combination with capacity development and transfer programmes for the vulnerable societies.

Panel on Adaptation: Dialogue on Regional Perspectives on Water, Adaptation and Climate

Convener: Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC)

March 19th, Thursday /11.00 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Main Block-Haliç Room

The session 'Dialogue on Regional Perspectives on Water, Adaptation and Climate' will discuss the development of regional enabling mechanisms on adapting to climate change, issues of common interest such as the global agenda on adaptation, the regional role to support national and basin level adaptation and the link of the regions to national and basin level adaptation.

Session 1.1.2: Can we plan our way to adaptation?

Conveners: Global Water Partnership (GWP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) through the UNEP-DHI, Center (UDC)

March 17th, Tuesday /08.30 - 13.00

Feshane: Feshane Block-Feshane 1 Room

Session 'Adaptation to climate change: waiting for things to happen or trying to be prepared?' will look for solutions to the process of moving from rhetoric ("why" and "what") to practical guidelines for action ("how" and "when") in planning adaptation to climate change, with a focus on impacts to and through land and water.

Session 1.1.3: Local Actions - Thinking beyond the water Box: What Adaptation Global and Climate Change?

Conveners: International Water Association (IWA) with support from IUCN, WWF, ICID, GEF

March 17th, Tuesday /14.30 - 19.00

Feshane: Feshane Block-Feshane I Room

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This session will explore portfolios of innovative local level measures for addressing climate change impacts, adaptation, vulnerability and mitigation, including solutions to overcome barriers to change with the buy in from key stakeholders, such as local government and citizens.

Session 1.1.4: The financial gap between what needs to be done and how to get it done. Can Climate Change Adaptation be adequately financed?

Convener: The World Bank, KfW Bankengruppe, The European Investment Bank (EIB)

March 18th, Wednesday / 14:30-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane I Room

Through a combination of a small number of selected presentations and extensive panel discussions, the audience will learn and participate in exploring the various dimensions of financing adaptation to climate change in the water sector.

Special focus on:

RUNNING DRY! HOW TO TURN DROUGHTS INTO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT

Convener: SPANISH DIRECTORATE FOR WATER - Ministry of Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs

March 16th, 2009 / 14:30-19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

The aim of this session is to exchange experience and up-to-date status information from different countries suffering droughts around the globe. It can help in discussing and providing technical recommendations and solutions to common drought problems.

WATER ISSUES OF SMALL ISLANDS

Convener: The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)

March 16th, 2009 / 14:30-19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

Several questions arise from the combined effects of severed draught period associated with climate change, uneven availability of water resources often associated with a downgrading of the quality of the resource. The growing demand for water has become one of the most poignant environmental issues in the PECC economies today.

Topic 1.2: Water related migration, changing land use and human settlements

Coordinators: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany, Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP Administration), Turkey

The interaction between water resource demands, developments in rural areas and migration; possibilities to improve the living conditions of migrants in mega-cities; and international migration as an adaptation strategy for those facing water stress are among the many interesting issues of the topic "Water-related Migration, Changing Land Use and Human Settlements."

Session 1.2.1: Rural-Rural Migration

Conveners: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany

Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP Administration), Turkey

UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), Bonn, Germany

March 17th, 2009/ 08:30-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

This slot will discuss if migration rectify imbalances, mitigate or increase conflict in rural environments in light of land use changes and demand for water.

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Session 1.2.2: Rural-Urban Migration

Conveners: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany

Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP Administration), Turkey

UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), Bonn, Germany

March 17th, 2009/ 14:30-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

This slot will focus on the possibilities to improve the quality of life for people living in informal settlements without breaking their social networks and explore if investments in the water services in small cities and rural areas can serve as a preferred measure to mitigate uncontrolled development of mega-cities.

Session 1.2.3: Crossing Borders/Seas

Conveners: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany

Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP Administration), Turkey

UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), Bonn, Germany

March 18th, 2009 / 08:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

In this slot the impacts of international migration on water management and water services in the source countries of migrants will be explored.

Session 1.2.4: Wrap-up

Conveners: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Bonn, Germany

Southeastern Anatolia Project Regional Development Administration (GAP Administration), Turkey

UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), Bonn, Germany

March 18th, 2009 / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

This slot will wrap up the previous 3 sessions exploring how water related migration challenges can be tackled through multi-stakeholder alliance.

Topic 1.3: Trialogues as an effective and interactive process between government, science and civic society to prevent, mitigate and manage disasters

Coordinator: Japan Water Forum

Water-related disasters are serious impediments to sustainable development, especially in light of climate change and other uncertainties. Strong political commitments are essential to optimize the use of limited available resources for Water-related Disaster Risk Reduction (WRDRR). This topic aims to create new momentum towards political leadership to bridge the divides in the area of WRDRR.

Session 1.3.0: Opening of the Topic 1.3

Convener: Japan Water Forum

March 17th, 2009 / 14:30-15:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Session 1.3.1: Trialogue Session: Building bridges between government, science and civic society

Convener: Royal Haskoning, Rotterdam

March 18th, 2009 / 08:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

In the Trialogue Session, representatives from governments, science and civic society will jointly, in a highly interactive session determine what trialogues are, how important they are, and how they can be organised.

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Session 1.3.2: Technologies for Water-Related Disaster Management

Convener: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan

March 18th, 2009 / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Since technologies and their accessibilities are keys to reducing and preventing loss of water-related disasters, it is highly recommended to optimize the use of existing technologies and to develop appropriate new technologies for adapting to growing risks of such disasters.

Session 1.3.3: Managing Water Related Risks in Changing Climate

Conveners: World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), Korea Water Forum and Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM), Korea

March 17th, 2009 / 15:00-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

One sentence describing the session: The session will review the characteristics of water related extremes under the changing climate, their impacts on the sustainability of development, and share the different approaches being adopted by countries with a view to support those countries most in need.

Session 1.3.4: Water Management During and After Disasters /Conflicts

Conveners: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Japan, International Cooperation Agency (JICA), League of Arab States, Palestinian Water Authority (PWA), UNICEF

March 19th, 2009 / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane I Room

Session 1.3.4 is looking for ways to improve the combined efforts of local governments, donors, utilities and organisations to respond to disasters in conflict laden environments.

Session 1.3.5: Wrap-up

Convener: Japan Water Forum

March 19th, 2009 / 14:30-16:30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Special focus on:

RISK MANAGEMENT OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS RELATED TO MEGA NATURAL DISASTERS

Convener: Ministry of Water Resources, P.R. China

China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research

March 19th, 2009 / 14:30-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane I Room

Development and management of more secure and reliable water infrastructure after mega disasters for human sustainability.

CLIMATE RELATED DISASTERS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

Convener: Turkish State Meteorological Service (DMI)

March 21th, 2009 / 14:30-19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

The session aims to bring in the views of meteorological services from the region or even from other regions and confront the views of meteorological services with the views of water managers.

Theme 1 – Wrap-up Session

Convener: Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

March 19th, 2009 / 17:00-19:00

Sütlüce: Main Block – Haliç Room

THEME 2

Advancing Human Development and the MDGs

Coordinator:

UN –WATER / FAO

With only six years left to the deadline set for the achievement of the MDGs, the world faces phenomenal development and environment challenges acting in strong opposition to the progress of human development. Billions of people continue to suffer from poverty, hunger, poor health, lack of access to water and sanitation and sustainable energy. Eco-system services are under threat and land-degradation continues to drain land in our quest to meet growing demands for food, freshwater, timber, fibre and fuel. Uncertainty is on the increase, as illustrated by climate change, recent energy and food crisis and global economic volatility.

The role of water in advancing human development and the MDGs will be revisited in the lights of recent events and new challenges. Through THEME 2 and its topics, policy dimensions will be identified related to; (i) improved coverage, cost effectiveness and equity on domestic water and sanitation services; (ii) the complex energy and water interconnections; (iii) water for food security; and (iv) multiple use and functions of water services. The complexity of interlinked drivers of change will also be one of the key aspects.

Topic 2.1: Ensuring Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All

Coordinators: : İstanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI), The World Bank

With the vision of helping everyone gain access to safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), Topic 2.1 tackles 5 questions: (i) strengthening information systems; (ii) accelerating reform and governance; (iii) achieving scale; (iv) focusing on sanitation; and (v) building a global framework for action.

Session 2.1.1: Consistent Monitoring to Track Progress Towards the MDGs and Beyond

Convener: UNICEF

March 18th, Wednesday / 14 :30-16 :30

Sütüce: Carpark Block – Aynalıkavak II Room

This session will presenting innovative approaches to monitoring at country level in the first half, and the second will be dedicated to a discussion of current global monitoring tools and their challenges.

Session 2.1.2: Accelerating WASH Sector Reform and Improving Governance

Convener: İstanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI)

March 18th , Wednesday / 17 :00 -19:00

Sütüce: Carpark Block – Aynalıkavak I Room

This session focuses on the governance model of water and sanitation management by utilities and practitioners to develop and retain efficient and sustainable services. This session also examines the WASH sector governance model under the topics of Technical Management, Institutional Measures and Financial Sustainability. The participators are expected to identify the reform incentives to improve on sector transparency, performance problems, expanding coverage, operational and financial sustainability as well as private sector involvement for an effective organizational model.

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Session 2.1.3: Taking WASH to Scale

Conveners: Part A - Moving Access to Scale – Water and Sanitation Program (WSP),

Part B - Taking Wash in Schools to Scale – UNICEF,

Part C - New Strategies for Expanding Access – UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water & Sanitation (UNSGAB)

March 19th , Thursday / 08:30-13:00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalıkavak I Room

Part A- of this session will discuss the issues and challenges that hinder the achievement of MDGs, and present successful experiences from various parts of the world in scaling up these successes.

Part B - this session will present some of the experiences in implementing WASH in Schools in order to achieve child-friendly schools that ensure retention of students, particularly girls.

Part C- Presenters will share new strategies to expand access and accelerate progress toward the WSS MDGs and panelists representing various developing country sectors will have an opportunity to respond.

Session 2.1.4 : Keeping Sanitation High on the Agenda

Conveners: Part A - Addressing the Urban Sanitation Challenge – Agence de l’Eau Seine Normandie (AESN) , Part B - The Future of Sanitation Advocacy, Building on IYS – Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)

March 19th , Thursday /14:30 -16:30

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalıkavak I Room

Presentation of various sanitation solutions appropriate to each geographical, environmental, economical and cultural urban context.

Session 2.1.5: Wrap-up and Synthesis: Global Framework for Action and Closing Plenary

Convener: The World Bank

Part A - Update Global Framework for Action (GF4A) and Aid for the WSS Sector

Part B - Topic 2.1 Wrap Up

March 19th , Thursday / 17 : 00 - 19 :00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

Topic 2.2: Water for Energy, Energy for Water

Coordinator: International Hydropower Association (IHA)

The topic addresses the water and energy nexus. A session looks at the reduction of energy and water footprints through innovative technologies, and barriers to their progress. Another considers the definition of sustainability in a water/energy context, what tools exist to measure performance, and asks how to further embed sustainability in future development. Policy issues are then addressed, with emphasis on avoiding negative consequences through greater integration. A final part will pool the observations from the preceding sessions and bring forward recommendations for future action.

Session 2.2.0: Opening session

Convener: International Hydropower Association (IHA)

March 18th , Wednesday / 14:30- 15:30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block - Eyüp Room

Topic overview and session objectives: previews to the technology, sustainability and policy sessions.

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Session 2.2.1 : Voltage and Volume: Can water and energy policies work hand in hand?

Convener: French Water Partnership

March 19th , Thursday / 14 :30 - 18 : 00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

This session aims to create awareness on the interrelation of water and energy policies and to recommend means to avoid negative consequences through greater integration, better governance and coordination of both policies at different levels (international, regional, river-basin, national, local).

Session 2.2.2: Embedding Sustainability Principles in Water and Energy Development

Conveners: The World Bank, International Hydropower Association (IHA)

March 19th , Thursday /08:30 - 13:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

Considering sustainability in water/energy subsectors, what tools exist to measure performance, and asks how to further embed sustainability principles.

Session 2.2.3 : Taming Bigfoot: What technologies can reduce the water and energy footprint?

Convener: European Water Partnership (EWP)

March 18th , Wednesday / 15:30- 19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

Implementation of new technologies is needed to minimise the amount of water needed in energy production and the amount of energy needed in the production of water. This session will discuss actions to be taken to enable such emerging technologies to reach the market.

Session 2.2.4 : Wrap-up and Synthesis

Conveners: International Hydropower Association (IHA)

March 19th , Thursday / 18 :00 - 19 :00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

Pooling observations from the preceding sessions and bringing forward recommendations for future action.

Topic 2.3 : Water and Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger

Coordinator: International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage(ICID)

Water and Food for Ending Poverty and Hunger will address the challenges to feed the growing world population, the role of food markets to boost rural development and poverty alleviation, water for bioenergy or food and the role of water in ensuring “no more hunger in our lifetimes.

Session 2.3.1 : How to achieve the required food production to meet the growing demand?

Convener : International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

Co-convener : International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

March 18th , Wednesday / 14 :30 -19 :00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

Water for food: feeding a growing global population

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Session 2.3.2 : How can food market measures boost rural development and poverty alleviation?

Convener :International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Co-convener : UNESCO-IHE

March 19th , Thursday / 08:30 -13 :00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

Threat or Opportunity: Can the current crises benefit the poor smallholder farmers, or not?

Session 2.3.3 : Water for bioenergy or food?

Convener: Consortium of Indian Farmers' Association (CIFA)

Co- convener : World Conservation Union (IUCN)

March 19th , Thursday / 08:30- 13:00

Feshane : Feshane Block- Feshane 3 Room

To Heat or to Eat: Water for Bio-Energy or Food?

Session 2.3.4 : How can better water management reduce poverty and hunger? A synthesis.

Conveners: International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)/Mc Gill University

Co- convener: CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food

March 19th , Thursday / 14 :30 -16 :30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

No more hunger in our lifetime - the role of Water.

2.3/5.2 joint session: Drops and Crops: Water demand management in agriculture

Conveners: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) , Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) , International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

March 17th , Tuesday / 08 :30 - 13 :00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Topic 2.4 : Multiple Use and Functions of Water Services

Coordinator: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Using the same water or infrastructure for multiple uses and functions is a local practice largely spread. This multiplies the benefits to people and communities. The first session discusses the contexts in which this happens – livelihood, irrigation, domestic systems, hydro-power and ecosystems services - and the associated cost-benefits. The second session focuses on bridging the gap between different water sectors to develop comprehensive strategies on multi-services to provide more water services and benefits to people at lower cost.

Session 2.4.1 : Water Multi-Tasking : How to obtain more benefits per drop from multiple uses and functions?

Conveners: International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields (INWEPF) , Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

March 18th , Wednesday / 14 :30 -19 :00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalıkavak II Room

This session aims to discuss the benefits and livelihood options which multiple uses and functions of water services can provide and the potential impact of them.

Session 2.4. 2 : Bridging sectors to strengthen multiple uses and functions of water services

Conveners: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) , IRC and MUS Network

March 19th , Thursday / 08:30 - 13 :00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

This session will discuss the governance implications of adopting a multiple use approach.

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Session 2.4.3 : Multiple-use services for more MDGs per drop; how to make it happen?

Convener: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

March 19th, Thursday / 14:30 - 16:30

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

Special focus on:

HEALTH, DIGNITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS : WAY FORWARD FOR GENDER EQUITY - Developing and monitoring Gender-sensitive Sustainable Sanitation Programmes and Indicators for MDG 7.

Conveners: UN Task Force on Gender and Water, WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future

March 16 th 2009, Monday / 14:30 -18:30

Sütlüce:Thematic Block - Ayvansaray Room

This high level special session, including a ministerial high level panel debate followed by an open discussion with experts, will focus on the development and monitoring of gender-sensitive sustainable sanitation programmes and indicators to accelerate progress in achieving target 10 of MDG 7.

INLAND WATERBORNE TRANSPORT: Is Inland Waterborne Transport the Sustainable Future?

Conveners: The International Navigation Association (PIANC)

March 17th, Tuesday / 15:00-17:30

Feshane:Feshane Block – Feshane III Room

A session to brief participants with the aid of case studies showing how inland navigation is able to provide a simple and sustainable transport system.

IRRIGATION: Efficient Use of Water in Agriculture

Conveners: DSI , CONAGUA , China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR)

March 21st , Saturday / 14:30 - 19:00

Sütlüce:Regional Block - Sadabad

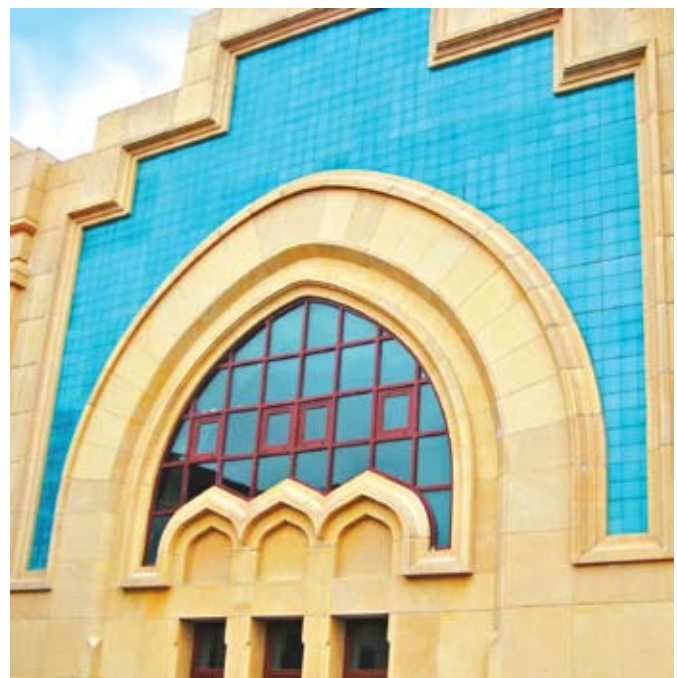
The special session is aiming to share the experiences of three countries done up to now on efficient use of water in agriculture with the whole world and potential challenges in the future to ensure adequate water for agriculture in terms of quantity and quality by taking consideration in to increased demands by other sectors.

Theme 2 – Wrap-up

Convener: UN –WATER / FAO

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30 - 10:30

Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room



THEME 3

Managing and Protecting Water Resources and Their Supply Systems to Meet Human and Environmental Needs

Coordinators:

American Water Resources Association (AWRA)
The State Hydraulic Works (DSI)
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

There is no more water on Earth now than there was 2,000 years ago. This limited supply of freshwater must meet the needs of a human population that has tripled in the last century and continues to grow and is becoming more urbanized. Increasing demands for water for energy, food, industrial development, and urbanization have put the squeeze on available resources, causing freshwater ecosystems to disappear at alarming rates. Water stress and contamination are severe worldwide and the cause of widespread waterborne diseases. Water is life but it is not an endless resource.

Theme 3 will explore sustainable solutions to ensure that the coming decades allow humans to meet their needs and protect the ecosystem services upon which we depend. Lessons learned will be the shared and proposed solutions will be discussed in an interactive way in all of the sessions. Bridges will be built across the legal, institutional, socio-economical, political and participatory frameworks for sustainable integrated water resources management.

Topic 3.1: Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation

Coordinators: : United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Based on practical experiences, the sessions' dialogues will address the critical conditions for the enforcement of transboundary water cooperation and basin management. It will answer pertinent questions such as: How to achieve hydro solidarity? How to involve stakeholders in decision-making processes? Which tools and mechanisms are needed to reach these objectives?

Session 3.1.1: Boundless Basins: What are the successes and failures of hydro-solidarity?

Conveners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-10:30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

The session will review the reasons of success and shortcomings of local, national and international cooperation, while allowing the exchange of views on the technical and institutional constraints for cooperation over water resources and suggesting useful indicators for monitoring and assessing the quality of cooperation at any level.

Session 3.1.2: How can stakeholder be involved in basin management and transboundary water cooperation?

Conveners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

March 20th, Friday / 11:00-13:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

The session will identify key mechanisms and requirements for the identification of stakeholders, the development of their participation to a decision making process, and the establishment of pertinent and genuine strategies in the organization of stakeholders' involvement.

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Session 3.1.3: How can cooperation over transboundary surface and groundwater resources be achieved in a sustainable and equitable manner?

Conveners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

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Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

The session will assess the institutional tools and mechanisms available for the reinforcement of transboundary cooperation and improvement of basin management, and will suggest ways to transfer knowledge and practices among various regions and disciplines.

Session 3.1.4: Which are the operational tools that allow achieving transboundary cooperation and sound basin management?

Conveners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

Through the presentation of examples that have proven to be successful based on real life experiences, the session will focus on operational tools that are crucial for the improvement of water resources management at basin level as well as for the reinforcement of transboundary cooperation.

Session 3.1.5: Wrap-up and Synthesis: How can we bridge the divide between various users whose lives depend on common water resources? And how should we just do it!

Conveners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

The synthesis session will gather all inputs of previous dialogues and make recommendations for decision makers, professionals, civil society and other stakeholders on the achievement of sustainable basin management and successful transboundary cooperation.

Topic 3.2: Ensuring Adequate Water Resources and Storage Infrastructure to Meet Agricultural, Energy and Urban Needs

Coordinators: International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Water infrastructure provides important benefits to humans through irrigation, water supply, sanitation, hydropower, flood mitigation, navigation, and tourism. To meet growing demands of agriculture, energy and urban and rural needs, it will be necessary to develop new water infrastructure. However, a more sustainable approach is needed that considers all alternatives and ways to minimize negative impacts. A balanced approach is required that fully takes into account all trade-offs.

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Session 3.2.1 Ensuring Adequate Water Resources Development and Management (Quantity and Quality) for Sustainable Development

Conveners: Japan Water Agency, The State Hydraulic Works, (DSI)
March 20th, Friday / 8:30-10:30
Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

Urgent implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at River Basin Level for ensuring the “Quantity and Quality of Water”

Session 3.2.2 A Step Ahead: Improving water management by anticipating change? Meeting human and environmental needs through Integrated Water Resources management?

Conveners: Global Environment Facility, Global Water Partnership, National Water Commission of Mexico (CONAGUA)
March 20th, Friday / 14:30-16:30 and 17:00-19:00
Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

This session will discuss and try to find answer on the following questions: What are the best approaches for achieving water, food and energy security in connection with global changes? How can Integrated Water Resources Management and Integrated River Basin Planning be implemented in different countries to meet demands for infrastructure and protect freshwater systems?

Session 3.2.3 Behind a Wall or Beneath the soil: How to meet our storage needs?

Conveners: China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR), International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)

March 20th, Friday / 11:00-13:00
Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

A holistic approach to development of sustainable infrastructure to provide dependable and reliable sources of water and energy for the full range of needs - from remote rural communities to nation building for a countries national economic development plan.

Session 3.2.4: Greening Infrastructure: How engineering can protect ecosystems and ensure livelihoods.

Conveners: The Nature Conservancy (TNC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tetra Tech

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30
Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

Can innovative engineering and water management techniques to restore environmental flows strike the right balance between the human needs for which river systems were initially developed and ecological needs? What has been recent experience in striking this balance and what new scientific, technological, and policy approaches are on the horizon? How can the views and concerns of all stakeholders be considered and effectively integrated into the design of such projects?

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Session 3.2.5 Wrap-up and Synthesis

Conveners: International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

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Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak I Room

Topic 3.3: Preserving Natural Ecosystems: Ecosystems for Water and Life

Coordinators: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands,

Wageningen University and Research Centre

Ecosystems are essential in meeting human needs for water; preserving them is thus critical to maintain human life. Interactive sessions will bring together case studies and participants from around the world to address the central question: how can the preservation of natural ecosystems become a principle objective of water management?

Session 3.3.1: Ecosystems for Water, Water for People, Ecosystems for People

Conveners: Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-10:30 and 11:00-13:00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

Presentations and discussion will cover integrating ecosystem conservation into water management plans and the use of economic instruments to safeguard vital ecosystems for water.

Session 3.3.2: Spreading the wealth: How to share the benefits of nature?

Conveners: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Sub - Conveners: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Province of Noord-Brabant and Egyptian – Dutch Advisory Panel Project on Water Management

March 20th, Friday / 14:30-16:30 and 17:00-19:00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

Interactive sessions will explore how maintaining healthy rivers and ecosystems can produce benefits for both people and nature.

Session 3.3.3: Acting locally, thinking globally: what actions help preserve ecosystems?

Conveners: Ramsar Convention

Sub - Conveners: Wetlands International, Wageningen UR, The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

Problems and actions for local water management in both natural and man-made ecosystems will be discussed in an interactive session.

Session 3.3.4 Wrap-up and Synthesis: Putting nature first: How to install change to ensure water and environmental security?

Conveners: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands, Wageningen University and Research Centre

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00

Sütlüce: Carpark Block – Aynalı Kavak II Room

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Topic 3.4: Managing and Protecting Surface, Groundwater, Rainwater

Coordinators: TheState Hydraulic Works (DSI), International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)

The objective of the session is to put forward the most important problems and try to find the best solutions for the sustainable water resources management.

Although all kinds of water have distinct differences and special behaviors, they are the part of the hydrological cycle and they should be considered together.

Besides the technical point of view, the legal, institutional, social-economical, political and participatory frameworks are important on integrated management of water resources in terms of sustainability.

Each session will have a specific objective. Because the lessons learnt are important in terms of exchanging experiences among the participants with different perspectives from different regions of the world, case studies will form the nucleus of the sessions.

Session 3.4.1: A hidden resource: Sustainably managing groundwater for the future

Conveners: Oregon State University Institute for Water and Watersheds, USA, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-10:30 and 11:00-13:00
Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

The revolution in groundwater access and use has led to critical over-exploitation and pollution in many parts of the world. This session will explore scientifically-sound strategies, approaches, and policies that are necessary to manage this hidden resource sustainably for current and future generations.

Session 3.4.2: Strategic Framework for Effective and Sustainable Water Resources Management and Protection

Conveners: 9 Eylül University, Turkey, American Water Resources Association (AWRA) / Texas A&M University, AgriLife Research

March 20th, Friday / 14:30-16:30 and 17:00-19:00
Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

In this session, presentations on the essential need for integrated water resources management, improvements in understanding water resource connections and lessons learned worldwide will be used to discuss development of a strategic framework for sustainable water resources management.

Session 3.4.3: Contemporary issues, public awareness and stakeholder participation for sustainable water resource management.

Conveners: International Network on Participatory Irrigation Management (INPIM), International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD)

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30
Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

Contemporary issues, public awareness and stakeholders participation for sustainable water resource management.

Session 3.4.4 The need for better management and protection of surface, ground, soil and rain water

Conveners: The State Hydraulic Works(DSI)

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00
Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Ayvansaray Room

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Special focus on

WATER MANAGEMENT BEYOND 2020 FOR A CHANGING WORLD

Conveners: Middle East Technical University, Turkey (METU), International Water Resources Association (IWRA)

March 17th, Tuesday / 14:30-16:30 and 17:00-19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

What will water management look like in 2020? Water management practices and processes will change more during the next 20 years than compared to the past 2000 years. The water profession is giving inadequate attention to these future changes, even though many of them are likely to become critically important issues within the next 5–10 years. This future-oriented session will consider what are likely to be the issues which will contribute to these changes, some of which, at least at first glance, appear to be unrelated to water. How are these issues likely to affect the water sector and how can these changes be managed?

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Convener: American Water Resources Association (AWRA)

The State Hydraulic Works (DSİ)

The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

March 21st, Saturday / 14:30-16:30

Sütlüce: Main Block – Haliç Room

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Coordinators:

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)

The water and sanitation crisis is essentially a crisis of governance-of weak policies and poor management rather than a crisis of scarcity either of water or of funds.

Key to overcoming the crisis are sound policies and political will; efficient service providers who are accountable to users, particularly the poor; partnerships between an enlightened public sector and a responsible private sector; regulation to ensure that people receive adequate services at affordable prices and are able to live in a healthy environment; and overall, a new water and sanitation ethic in society that respects the needs and dignity of people without harming the environment.

This Theme will explore the crucial determinants of good governance and management and draw together discussions on: the Right to Water and Sanitation for improved access; Institutional arrangements and regulatory approaches for efficient and effective water management; ethics, transparency and empowerment and optimizing public and private roles in water services.

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

Coordinators: COHRE/ Centre on Housing Rights and Eviction, FAN/Freshwater Action Network.

Topic 4.1 explores the utility of the Right to Water and Sanitation and its contribution to improving access to water and sanitation. For the right to be truly meaningful, its recognition must result in improved access to water and sanitation especially for the poor and vulnerable, as well as in conflict situations.

Session 4.1.1: From right to reality - good government practices for implementing the human right to water and sanitation

Convener: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR/TBC), UNESCO Etxea

March 17th, Tuesday /09.30 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block-Eyüp Room

Presenting and discussing good government practices for the implementation of the right to water and sanitation in laws, policies and programmes.

Session 4.1.2: Rights in Action: Sharing experiences on how civil society utilizes the RTWS as a tool to improve access for the poor and the marginalized.

Convener: Freshwater Action Network (FAN)

March 17th, Tuesday /14.30 - 16.30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block-Eyüp Room

Sharing experiences about the positive role that recognition of the right to water can play in the process of water supply and sanitation delivery and protecting local water sources.

Session 4.1.3: Making the right to sanitation work

Convener: Water Aid, UN Habitat, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

March 17th, Tuesday /17.00 - 19.00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block-Eyüp Room

What has been delivered by the International Year of Sanitation and what must now be done to progress sanitation entitlements.

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Session 4.1.4: Water Right in Emergency: Be principled or get practical?

Convener: Action contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger)

March 18th, Wednesday /08.30 – 10.30

Sütlüce: Thematic Bloc-Eyüp Room

Discuss the right to water and sanitation in emergency situations: the legal basis? How it can be used on the ground and for advocacy purposes?

Session 4.1.5: Wrap-up and Synthesis

Convener: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Freshwater Action Network (FAN)

March 18th, Wednesday /11.00 – 13.00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block-Eyüp Room

Topic 4.2: Institutional Arrangements and Regulatory Approaches for Effective Water Management

Coordinators: World Water Institute (WWI), The United Nations Human Settlements Programme/ Global Water Operators' Partnership (UN-HABITAT/GWOPs), Global Water Partnership (GWP), Agência Nacional de Águas(ANA)

Institutional arrangements and regulatory approaches for effective water management. This topic is part of the governance and management theme. It comprises five sessions covering planning to ensure water is included in national development plans; institutional arrangements, including integration between different administrative levels in federal states; and regulation and participation for effective water service delivery and sustainable water resources management.

Session 4.2.1: The Big Picture: How to make institutions and plans deliver progress?

Convener: International Water Association (IWA), Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Other Associated Organisations: African Development Bank, World Bank WSP Delhi, ANA, the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL), DWAF South Africa, GWP-SEA, Erasmus University NL, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (Myanmar) Export & International Cooperation Institute (Israel), UNDESA

March 17th, Tuesday /08.30 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Thematic Bloc-Ayvansaray Room

The session will focus on incorporating water management plans into national development planning and improving institutions, laws and policies for better water management

Session 4.2.2: Optimizing and improving water services: regulation and transparency as key issues for the water sector.

Convener: National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS), VEOLIA Eau

March 18th, Wednesday /08.30 - 10.30

Sütlüce: Thematic Bloc-Ayvansaray Room

Key elements of effective regulation to achieve sustainable and efficient water services for all.

Session 4.2.3: River basin management in federated countries: Is this realistic?

Convener: Agência Nacional de Águas (ANA), The International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (UNESCO / ICIWaRM)

March 17th, Tuesday / 14:30 -19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Bloc-Ayvansaray Room

Federated countries represent multiple sovereignties over water. In countries where water management is decentralized, states or provinces encounter many specific challenges--not only between states, but also between the central and local Governments: Who develops infrastructure? Who manages? Who pays? Who profits? Who is responsible for what? Institutional arrangements and legal frameworks can help to overcome conflicting interests, while encouraging public participation.

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Session 4.2.4: Water Safety Plans (WSPs) and Safe Water Re-use

Conveners: Part One - Water Safety Plans (WSPs) – International Water Association, Part Two- Safe Water Re-use – World Water Institute

March 17th, Tuesday / 08:30 -13:00

Feshane: Feshane Bloc-Feshane 3 Room

Part 1: Demonstration of the effectiveness of preventative risk-based approaches to managing drinking water safety in safe guarding public health through institutionalization of water safety plans.

Part 2: The session will highlight the links between use of wastewater for agriculture and food production, public health, and livelihoods, and recommend pathways for safe re-use of water.

Session 4.2.5: Opening Glass Doors: What regulation can improve openness and transparency?

Conveners: International Development Research Centre-(IDRC-WaDImena), Arab Water Council (AWC), United Nations Habitat (UN-Habitat)

March 18th, Wednesday / 11.00 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Thematic Bloc-Ayvansaray Room

Session 4.2.5 aims to debate and come up with feasible solutions to:

- Making regulation (with institutional and policy backup) work to improve transparency and participation of users in managing water services and groundwater to ensure efficient, equitable and sustainable management of water resources.
- A multistakeholders debate over the last months and an open debate at the forum will come up with actions where governments, citizens/individuals, researchers, water practitioners will have a voice and contribute to respond to water supply and water demand challenges.

Session 4.2.6: Wrap-up and Synthesis

Conveners: International Water Association (IWA), Global Water Partnership (GWP)

March 19th, Thursday / 08.30 - 10.30

Feshane: Feshane Bloc-Feshane I Room

Topic 4.3: Ethics, Transparency, And Empowerment of Stakeholders

Coordinators: UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee

This topic will focus on three specific elements of governance: ethics, transparency, and empowerment of stakeholders. It will enquire whether these elements contribute —to what degree and how— to tackle universal access to potable water, increase coverage of sanitation, enhance the environment, and secure food supply.

Session 4.3.1: It's up to YOU! Can public participation lead to better water management?

Convener: French Water Partnership - Partenariat Francais Pour L'eau

March 17th, Tuesday / 08.30 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak I Room

This session addresses the relevance of governance and public participation for improving good management of water and sanitation. The objectives are to establish bases to improve users participation at different levels (basin, national and local), to examine good practices for a governance adapted to the political, social and ethical context and to propose new solutions, concrete actions and next steps.

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Session 4.3.2: Keeping a Close Watch: On Transparency and Accountability in the Water Sector

Conveners: UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee

March 17th, Tuesday / 14.30 - 19.00

Sütlice: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak I Room

This session addresses the meaning of transparency as a key element of water governance, its boundaries and how to set and meet national and international standards in the water sector.

Session 4.3.3: Beyond Water bribes: How to build a corruption-resistant water sector?

Convener: Water Integrity Network

Co - Conveners: Transparency International, Global Water Partnership, UNDP Water Governance Facility, AQUAFED

March 18th, Wednesday / 08.30 - 12.00

Sütlice: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak I Room

This session addresses what the causes and consequences of corruption in the water sector are, what has been done and what can be done to close the door on corruption.

Session 4.3.4: Wrap-up and Synthesis

Convener: UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee

March 18th, Wednesday / 12.00 - 13.00

Sütlice: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak I Room

Topic 4.4: Optimizing Public & Private Roles in the Provision of Urban Water Services

Coordinators: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat), International Water Association (IWA), World Bank

Topic 4.4 addresses the critical question of how public and private capabilities can best be joined to ensure sustainable supply chains and efficient and effective water and wastewater service delivery. A combination of keynotes, case studies, and panels are used in four sessions to frame the issues, examine the empirical evidence and to stimulate debate leading to the identification of policy options.

Session 4.4.1: Towards a Vibrant Local Marketplace – Opportunities and trends, experience to date, and policy options for the future

Conveners: International Water Association (IWA), World Bank
Part One- Opportunities, Options and Experience to Date
Part Two- Introducing the Policy Discussion

March 16th, Monday / 17.00 - 13.00

Sütlice: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak I Room

Session 4.4.1 frames the issues, experience and policy options.

Session 4.4.2: Options for the Delivery of Water and Sanitation Services in a Rapidly Changing Environment

Conveners: International Water Association (IWA)
Part One – Conventional Scale Service Providers
Part Two – Smaller Scale Service Providers in Smaller Community and Peri-Urban Contexts

March 17th, Tuesday / 14.30 - 19.00

Sütlice: Carpark Bloc-Aynalikavak II Room

Session 4.4.2 explores alternative models for the mix of public and private roles in service delivery using case studies.

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Session 4.4.3: Building Sustainable Water Supply Chains with Strong Regional & Local Contribution - Experience & potential policies

Conveners: International Water Association (IWA), Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN)

March 18th, Wednesday / 08.30 - 10.30

Sütlüce: Carpark Bloc-Aynalıkavak II Room

Session 4.4.3 examines the challenge of assuring sustainable supply chains at the local and regional levels.

Session 4.4.4: Wrap-up and Synthesis, Including a Discussion of Policy Options

Conveners: Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN), International Water Association (IWA), World Bank

March 18th, Wednesday / 11.00 - 13.00

Sütlüce: Carpark Bloc-Aynalıkavak II Room

Session 4.4.4 presents an early attempt at an integrated and harmonized policy framework for the optimization of public and private roles in the provision of urban water services.

Theme IV Wrap-up Session

Convener: UN-Habitat

March 19th, Thursday/ 14:30-16:30

Sütlüce: Main Bloc-Halıç Room



THEME 5

Finance

Coordinator:

World Bank (WB)

In spite of recent years, efforts to increase the amount of financing for the water sector, it remains woefully under-funded and the gap between needs and actual investments is actually widening. Simply issuing another call for more money? will not help. It is unrealistic to expect increased investment flows unless fundamental reforms are carried out to tackle the underlying problems. The program of sessions under theme 5 has been designed to offer a comprehensive framework for discussion between stakeholders. The need for reforms to address both the demand and supply sides i.e. improving the efficiency of water services providers, and removing barriers that limit access to finance sources will be amply discussed. The fact that "someone has to pay" for water infrastructure will also be addressed, together with the need to move towards sustainable cost recovery with due regards to the needs of the poor. Finally, the program under theme 5 will feature a special panel where the last developments regarding the impact of the global financial crisis on the water sector will be presented.

Topic 5.1: Sustainable Financing

Convener: Aquafed

The program of sessions under topic 5.1 presents an overview of the various structural challenges to be addressed to achieve financial sustainability for the water sector. It will discuss what has been achieved since the Camdessus Report and Gurria Task Force. Other key issues include the demand and supply side aspects of finance, how to design efficient national strategies, how to optimize the pooling of financial resources, and how to improve the bankability of the sector as a whole.

Session 5.1.1: Show Me the Money! Financial Sustainability: Importance, progress and emerging issues

Convener: Aquafed

Wednesday, March 18th/ 8.30-10.30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane I Room

Focus on the structural financial problems facing the water and sanitation sector with particular emphasis on the follow-up of the Camdessus Panel and Gurria Task Force recommendations

Session 5.1.2: Get Real! A Strategic Approach for Financing Water and Sanitation Services

Convener: OECD

Wednesday, March 18th/ 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane I Room

This session will look at how strategic financial planning can help to increase the realism of sector goals and discuss how revenues from tariffs and other user charges, tax-based subsidies and transfers (including ODA) should be combined to achieve financial sustainability

Session 5.1.3: Unlocking the demand for finance: how to enhance the "bankability" of the sector?

Convener: European Investment Bank

Wednesday, March 18th/ 14.30-16.30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

The 2006 Gurria Report issued after the 4th WWF stated that the significant financing requirements of the water sector can only be satisfied if, in addition to measures to increase the supply of finance, measures to improve or "un-lock" the demand were undertaken. This session looks at how governments, municipalities, utilities, and other organizations can create / support an appropriate enabling environment and improve the operational performance of the sector, so as to increase access to, and generate effective and quality demand for, financing.

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Session 5.1.4: Pooling Resources to Close the Financing Gap: how can financing for the sector be optimized?

Convener: European Investment Bank

Wednesday, March 18th / 17:00-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

The water sector's financing requirements are large and no single source of finance is large enough to meet these needs. This session looks at what the "suppliers of finance" can do to increase / optimize the flows of funds to the sector (advocacy, leveraging, innovation, scaling-up, risk mitigation, targeting, etc.) and how financiers can cater to the different needs of service providers.

Topic 5.2: Pricing Strategies as a tool for a Sustainable Water Sector

Convener: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Well-designed tariffs are an essential element in a sustainable financial strategy for the water sector. Different policy objectives need to be duly balanced, and local circumstances need to be considered. It will discuss how to build an effective tariff-setting process based on an informed policy dialogue between stakeholders.

Session 5.2.1: Pricing Water Services - Process matters: Overcoming conflicts, building a dialogue

Convener: OECD

Thursday, March 19th / 8:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

Well-defined tariffs require policy-makers to balance financial, social, economic and environmental objectives. This should be done through a transparent process, based on a policy dialogue. It discusses the potential stumbling blocks and proposes ingredients for its success.

Session 5.2.2: Affordable and sustainable water and sanitation services: The role of tariffs and other instruments.

Conveners: OECD and Suez Environment

Thursday, March 19th / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

Tariffs are crucial for sustainable cost recovery in the water sector. Their design should account for local circumstances and ensure that lower-income and vulnerable groups have access to sustainable and affordable services. This session will explore how different tariff and non-tariff measures respond to these challenges.

Session 5.2.3: Pricing sanitation and wastewater management: The special challenges

Convener: pS-eau

Thursday, March 19th / 17:00-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

This session explores the trade-offs between environmental, financial and social considerations when making choices about wastewater management solutions and the financing thereof. It identifies the special aspects of sanitation services that can impact the design and implementation of their tariffs.

2.3/5.2 joint session: Drops and Crops: Water demand management in agriculture

Conveners: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

March 17th, Tuesday / 08:30 - 13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

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Topic 5.3: Pro-Poor Regulation

Convener: Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)

Topic 5.3 presents an opportunity to focus on the needs of the poor, exploring the various factors -- regulatory, policy, financing, social - that shape pro-poor financing policies and strategies. The sessions under this topic will provide a variety of perspective, involving speakers from a diversity of background who will share their experiences. The interactions with session participants are expected to provide further insight for stakeholders.

Session 5.3.1. Overcoming obstacles to serving the urban poor

Convener: WSP

Wednesday, March 18th/ 14:30-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Reduced quantity and quality of water resources affect the poor disproportionately, yet their voices are seldom heard. This session will identify the various barriers hindering better provision of services for the poor and explore ways to counter these obstacles.

Session 5.3.2. Microfinance

Convener: International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC)

Thursday, March 19th/ 8:30-10:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Microfinance envisions a world in which the poor are assured access to high-quality services. However, normal banks traditionally have been unable to provide financial services to people with little or no income. This session will explore whether alternative microfinance tools work in the water sector and if so, under which conditions.

5.3.3. Pro-Poor Regulation

Conveners: WSP and Agence Francaise de Developpement

Thursday, March 19th/ 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane IV Room

Regulatory framework can have a decisive influence on making water and sanitation services more accessible for the poor and on giving service providers the right incentives to serve them. This session will examine pro-poor merits of existing regulatory frameworks, and present experiences in expanding services to poor customers and in alleviating regulatory constraints to pro-poor services.

Session 5.3.4. Consumer Voice

Convener: WSP

Thursday, March 19th / 14:30-16:30

Feshane: Feshane Block – Feshane II Room

This session will explore both the barriers and solutions to voice in effecting pro-poor strategies and will draw on various perspectives to demonstrate the interconnectedness between the demand and supply side in amplifying the voice of citizens.

Session 5.3.5. Wrap-Up

The wrap up will take place at Feshane II Room on Thursday, March 19th at 17:00-19:00.

Theme V Wrap-up

Convener: World Bank (WB)

Friday, March 20th / 08:30-10:00

Sütlüce: Main Block – Haliç Room

Related Events

Launch of the OECD Report on Pricing and Financing

Tuesday, March 17th / 08:30-10:30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

Technical Experts Panel: Water and Financial

Tuesday, March 17th / 11:00-13:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Kağıthane Room

High Level Panel on Finance

Tuesday, March 17th / 14:30-19:00

Sütlüce: Main Block – Haliç Room

THEME 6

Education, Knowledge and Capacity Development

Coordinators:

UNESCO, TURKKAD

The world's water resources - already under severe pressure from rising demand, deteriorating quality and global changes impact - are often mismanaged due to inadequate knowledge and capacity. Better scientific understanding of water problems and knowledge-based approaches to managing water resources in an integrated manner, coupled with capacity building and technology transfer, can bring to bear more efficient solutions to these problems.

Theme 6 addresses the need of strengthening the role of education, knowledge and capacity building in sustainable water resources use and management. The main focus of this theme is to discuss the importance of knowledge transfer, capacity building, scientific and technological innovations in addressing challenges faced in managing and protecting water resources to meet human and environmental needs, considering the value of culture in creating diverse water cultures. In this theme, discussions will also be held on important issues relating to awareness raising and education for all stakeholder groups. Theme 6 calls for improving data collection networks, efficient data gathering, and dissemination, enhancing knowledge, capacity and technology and promoting knowledge-based, integrated approaches and informed decision-making in water resources management. The inter-linkages between water and culture, including cultural diversity, biodiversity, and traditional knowledge, practices and technologies will be discussed for integrating them into water management, strategies and policies. Furthermore, developing response strategies through better understanding of the impacts of global changes will be covered in discussions.

Topic 6.1. Education, Knowledge and Capacity Development Strategies

Coordinators: UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Women for Water Partnership

Should capacity development be done differently if we want to improve water management and water supply and sanitation services? The topic will be discussed with the participants in four sessions: 1) Knowledge for all, all for knowledge; 2) Institutional Capacity Development: How to get the balance right for equitable water allocation in regions of water scarcity; 3) What empowerment will ensure the provision of locally sustainable water services?; 4) Schools and Children - Building Bridges to the Future through Education about Water.

Session 6.1.0. Opening Plenary

Conveners: UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Women for Water Partnership

March 20th, Friday / 09:00-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

The dramatic dialogue proposed will feature three women water professionals each representing one theme i.e. Saciwaters (Capacity development), WaterNet (Knowledge management) and Concertacion (Education). Positioned between them will be a senior male water professional (to be selected from one of the networks) who will play the "devil's advocate". The dialogue will be crisp and lively focusing on the Topic themes and highlighting the ground reality and needs in developing countries.

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Session 6.1.1: Knowledge for All, All for Knowledge

Conveners: International Office for Water, NetWwater Sri Lanka

March 20th, Friday / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

The session will address mechanisms and tools which improve sharing and use of knowledge and information acquired by scientists, stakeholders and practitioners, including for capacity development, and which allow a better adjustment between research subjects and the stakeholder needs on the ground.

Session 6.1.2: Institutional Capacity Development: Getting the Balance Right for Equitable Water Allocation

Conveners: UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), Arab Water Council (AWC)

March 20th, Friday / 14:30-16:30

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

This session brings together stakeholders from different sectors to: a) discuss the appropriate policy and legal frameworks required in water-scarce regions to facilitate the planning and implementation of strategies which will ensure an equitable allocation of water resources to all necessary sectors, and b) to identify the capacity development activities required to support the creation and maintenance of such frameworks.

Session 6.1.3: Get involved! Whose and What Empowerment Will Ensure the Provision of Sustainable Water Services?

Conveners: UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Women for Water Partnership, IRC Water and Sanitation Centre

March 20th, Friday / 17:00-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

Should capacity development be done differently if we want to improve the coverage and performance of water management and water supply and sanitation services? The session will focus on six areas of capacity development at the local level that will be discussed among the participants: Local Partnerships, Local Autonomy and Self-sufficiency, Matching CD Demand and Supply, Knowledge Management and CD Tools, Gender mainstreaming, and preparing for Climate change.

Session 6.1.4: Water Education and Schools: Bridging Divides for Future Generations

Convener: Project WET Foundation

Co - Convener: Uganda Ministry of Water and Environment

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

Bridging Divides to Future Generations: A high-level panel discussion and interactive dialogue addressing water education as a water management tool and how to empower schools, teachers, and children to take actions for improving water and health in their communities.

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Session 6.1.5: Closing Plenary

Conveners: UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, Women for Water Partnership

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane IV Room

The session will consist of short reports from 4 topic sessions. This will be done by sharing the most important two statements or conclusions with the participants and a high level panel.

Topic 6.2: Water Science and Technology: Appropriate and Innovative Solutions for the 21st Century

Coordinator: UNESCO-IHP

This topic will peer into a crystal ball and imagine/dream on how water will be managed in 50 years time. It will explore the role of: future technologies, the need for a more integrated approach and the importance of stakeholder engagement, for successful water management in the 21st century.

Session 6.2.1: Thinking Outside the Water Box

Convener: Netherlands Water Partnership

Co - Convener: Akvo

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane I Room

The session will show examples of possible innovations between the water sector and other sectors. This is to support the idea of creating and stimulating synergy between different 'worlds' to collectively combat worldwide water problems. The interaction can even be fruitful to both worlds. However, it is required to realize the potential of these approaches, to think creatively on possible solutions for water problems in the 21st Century.

Session 6.2.2: Decision Making in an Uncertain World (Achieving Greater Use and Impact of Research through the Learning Alliance Approach and Other Multi-stakeholder Approaches)

Conveners: IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre, UNESCO-IHE

Co - Conveners: Bullikian Foundation, SWITCH Project, RiPPLE Project/ODI, WASHCost Project, Water Research Commission

March 20th, Friday / 14:00-18:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane I Room

This session will introduce recurring challenges of unparticipatory research projects to mitigate uncertainties and propose multi-stakeholder approaches (particularly learning alliances) as a first step to address uncertainty and provide more sustainable water services/management.

Session 6.2.3: Integrated Water Management - Can We Get There?

Convener: University of Abertay Dundee UK

Co - Conveners: UNESCO-IHE/ SWITCH, UNESCO-IHP, OECD-Environment Directorate

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane I Room

The central hypothesis of the session is that water systems in many cities have failed due to the lack of integrated urban water management. This session will address linking the technological possibilities, for example gathering information, and using models to develop performance indicators, with those who have to make decisions on the level of water service provided.

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Session 6.2.4: Wrap-up and Synthesis

Convener: Unesco - IHP

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane I Room

Topic 6.3: Using the Assets of Professional Associations and Networks to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals

Coordinators: International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research (IAHR), International Water Association

While professional associations and networks could potentially play a very significant role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, their role at present is small. This topic concerns the question of whether the development community views professional associations as underutilized assets and how professional associations and networks could be used, encouraged and supported to become key contributors to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Session 6.3.1: Connecting the Dots: How to get to the MDGs with the Help of Professional Associations?

Convener: Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane II Room

This session will highlight how professional associations and networks can be more involved in mainstream development activities and the MDGs.

Session 6.3.2: Showcasing Success: How Professional Networks and Associations are Making an Impact?

Convener: American Water Resources Association (AWRA)

March 20th, Friday / 14:30-19:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane 2 Room

This session will explore lessons learned from associations and networks seeking to strengthen the global water sector and water management outcomes.

Session 6.3.3: No More Money Down the Drain: Should Investments Be Linked to Professional Associations' Backstopping?

Conveners: International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research (IAHR), International Water Association (IWA)

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane II Room

This session will highlight how sustainable and effective professional associations and networks can be.

Session 6.3.4: The Road Less Travelled (No More)? Summing It All Up

Conveners: International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research (IAHR), International Water Association (IWA)

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00

Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane II Room

The session will attempt to identify known knowns and known unknowns arising from the dialogue and experience shared during the topic. This will be framed into a plan of action, modus operandi and set of proposed legacy projects to take forward post-World Water Forum 5.

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Topic 6.4: Data for All

Coordinators: International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

All water-related decisions should be based on sound facts. Topic 6.4 will review the means that are available to collect, analyze and make available the wide range of data and information that are needed for this purpose. The resulting recommendations will address means of overcoming barriers to this important work.

Session 6.4.1: Data Needs and Data Acquisition

Convener: International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS)

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-13:00
Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane III Room

The aim of this session is to raise awareness among those who manage water resources of the importance of having adequate integrated data for effective decision making and of the means by which the necessary data can be observed, identified and obtained.

Session 6.4.2: Data Integration and Dissemination: From Data to Information

Convener: United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
Co - Convener: The National Water Commission (CONAGUA) - Mexico

March 20th, Friday / 14:30-19:00
Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane III Room

The aim of this session will be to highlight the need to serve the user community with high quality and integrated data based on state-of-the-art frameworks for data analysis and presentation.

Session 6.4.3: Barriers to Data Availability

Convener: World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
Co - Conveners: WIPO, IPCC & IAHS (PUB), UNSD (with national agencies)

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-10:30
Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane III Room

The session will explore the reasons for lack of availability of water related data and debate on the possible solutions to address the issue.

Session 6.4.4: Action to Ensure Data for All

Conveners: International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO); United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

March 21st, Saturday / 11:00-13:00
Feshane: Feshane Block - Feshane 3 Room

The purpose of this session is discuss what actions can and should be taken to ensure that we have sufficient data as a basis for managing the world's water resources and protecting the aquatic environment.

Topic 6.5: Water and Culture

Coordinators: UNESCO-IHP, TURKKAD, ISKI

The main focus of this topic is to define the interdependencies between sustainable solutions to water problems and diverse water cultures that are flourished around similar environmental conditions and to discuss the inter-linkages between water and culture, considering the value of culture in creating diverse water cultures, in addressing challenges faced in managing and protecting water resources which meet human and environmental needs.

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Session 6.5.1: Cultural Diversity: Key to Water Sustainability

Conveners: UNESCO-IHP, Gazi University

March 20th, Friday / 08:30-12:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

This session on “water and culture” discusses “the cultural dimension of water” by focusing on two main points: diversity of cultural meanings, values and perception of water and its social impacts; and collaborations and conflicts related to governing and access to water.

Session 6.5.2: Water and History: Understanding the Water Cultures of Past Civilizations and Deriving Lessons for the Present

Conveners: International Water History Association, UNESCO-IHP, Middle East Technical University

March 20th, Friday / 12:00-13:00 & 14:30-16:00 (cont.)

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

The session will focus on deepening our understanding of how water-related knowledge systems, practices and values have evolved throughout history, and how we can benefit from them.

Session 6.5.3: Fostering Socio-cultural Perspectives in Water Sciences and Management: Identifying Bridges and Barriers

Conveners: Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Carolina Centre for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations - The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

March 20th, Friday / 16:00-19:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

Drawing on a variety of case studies, this session examines how cultural practices and heritage can contribute to providing solutions to sustainable water management and use.

Session 6.5.4: Traditional Water Management and Global Environmental Change: Charting Sustainable Paths for the Future

Conveners: UNU-IAS Traditional Knowledge Initiative, Istanbul Bilgi University

March 21st, Saturday / 08:30-11:30

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

This session asks participants to present creative Traditional Knowledge water analysis and suggestive pathways for the future in relation to water resources and global environmental change.

Session 6.5.5: Wrap-up and Synthesis

Conveners: UNESCO-IHP, TURKKAD, ISKI

March 21st, Saturday / 11:30-13:00

Sütlüce: Thematic Block – Eyüp Room

Theme 6 Wrap-up Session

Conveners: UNESCO-IHP, TURKKAD, ISKI

March 21st, Saturday / 17:00-19:00

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AFRICA

March 18th, Wednesday / 08.30-13.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Sadabad Room

The Africa Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) called upon the African Development Bank to lead and coordinate the regional preparatory process for the Forum. From eThekweni, through Tunis, Sirte and Sharma El Sheikh, Africa's political leaders have identified the regional water security and sanitation challenges and have made commitments to address them. The key messages emerging from the regional process are **delivery to meet the MDG; major expansion of the water infrastructure assets to deliver socio-economic development and significant scaling up of investment to achieve it**. With these in mind, the targeted outcomes from Africa's participation in the 5th World Water Forum include:

- Announcement of concrete steps to advance **high-level Pan-African political partnerships**
- Practical steps to further Africa's main implementation frameworks
- Practical proposals to support regional and national efforts to implement solutions to specific water agenda items

The **Africa Region Day** will climax the processes that Africa has gone through its preparations towards the 5th World Water Forum. The Day will serve as a platform for launching the Africa Regional Paper and mobilising broad regional and international support to complement commitments made by the political leadership in bridging the water divides in Africa. Africa's clear message to Istanbul is "**Delivery on the Commitments**".

The Day's activities will be in 3 Sessions, namely:

- An Opening Session during which AMCOW and its partners will share thoughts on promoting the continent's water and sanitation agenda
- The Second Session will involve the presentation and launching of the Regional Paper by a high level African Personality;
- The Third Session will examine the key water security and sanitation challenges and solicit reactions from participants.

Beyond Istanbul

Istanbul only sets the stage for more action on delivering on the commitments, while the 2nd Africa Water Week and the 2009 Summit of the Heads of State and Government present two platforms for countries and regional bodies to report on specific actions taken in line with the commitments.

ASIA – PACIFIC

March 20th, Thursday / 08.30 – 13.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Sadabad Room

The "Asia-Pacific Regional Session: Asia-Pacific Ministerial Meeting for Water" is being convened by the **Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)** and will be co-chaired by Mr. Yoshiro Mori, President of **APWF**, former Prime Minister of Japan, and Ms. Erna Witoelar, Vice-Chair of the **APWF** Governing Council. The meeting will offer an opportunity for participating ministers and other leaders from the region to support an initiative that facilitates regional ministerial dialogue and showcases concrete leadership and action in pursuit of water security. High-level representatives of **ADB, UNESCAP** and other organizations will participate on behalf of the region.

The 1st Asia-Pacific Water Summit in December 2007 in Beppu, Japan, underscored the need for leadership and commitment to achieve water security.

The initiative aims to:

- keep water issues high on the agenda of leaders in the region
- facilitate dialogue and exchange of experience on policies, solutions, and governance
- showcase leadership by ministers and other leaders on actions that increase water security
- articulate the Asia-Pacific region's voice on water issues and solutions in the international community
- catalyze actions that improve water security throughout the region

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The initiative will support ministers who wish to be seen taking a leading role in influencing policies, investments, innovation and implementation of good water management to increase water security in the region (i.e.: ministers of finance, planning, health, infrastructure, agriculture, energy, environment, water, and other water-related portfolios). Influential leaders from the private sector and civil society will be invited to join the dialogues.

EUROPE

March 17th, Tuesday 14.30 – 19.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Sadabad Room

The European Regional Process focuses on eight themes of major importance for Europe. The challenges on these themes and the European solutions developed to address them are described in the Regional Document that provides the background of the Regional Session.

In the opening, the European Regional Session will start with a high-level keynote on the European challenges and solutions. In the opening session the **Regional Document** as well as the **Water Vision for Europe** will be presented. The remainder of the European Regional Session will be split into two parts, consisting of interactive panel-debates.

Part I - Europe's achievements and challenges on water

The panel discussion will focus on the achievements and remaining challenges of Europe on three themes of the European Regional Process: "Climate Change and Adaptation", "Water Scarcity and Droughts" and "Finance". The panel will consist of high-level representatives covering all sectors and regions of Europe.

- What new approaches and partnerships are needed to address the challenges posed by climate change?
- Facing water scarcity and droughts challenges – how can we meet the demands of the consumers, while still meeting the

requirements of environmental legislation?

- How can we make the water sector more financeable, efficient and attractive for investments?

Part II - Europe's role in the world

Europe can learn a lot from experiences in other parts of the world. This part of the European session will focus on the need for mutual sharing and cooperation on two major themes of the European Regional Process: "Sanitation" and "Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation".

- After the International Year of Sanitation, what actions can Europe take to move forward on the goal of providing sanitation for all?
- Over the last years, Europe has made large progress on legislative and institutional frameworks on Basin Management and Transboundary Cooperation. How can these experiences be shared with other regions?

AMERICAS

March 17th, Tuesday / 08.30-13.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Sadabad Room

The American continent has many different ecosystems and an amazing biodiversity. This environmental diversity associated with the different institutional, cultural and socio-economic realities represents an immense challenge for the countries of the region. Nevertheless, this challenge has been met with a remarkable capacity for innovation and creativity in finding effective solutions for sustainable water management, in an integrated and transparent manner.

Aiming to bridge divides for water, the Americas Regional Session will bring together a wide range of stakeholders, from Ministers of State to water users, NGOs and academia, to discuss how to mobilize their efforts for achieving sustainable water management in the region. Each sub-region will present a meaningful case study, addressing identified relevant topics, to illustrate how water management problems are being

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successfully tackled. Discussions will also consider how technical and financial instruments have been fostering cooperation among the countries of the region.

Keynote speakers will highlight some of the key issues of the Message of Foz do Iguassu, aiming to identify and agree on the following steps for sustained actions of water management beyond the 5th Forum.

The Americas Regional Process and the regional session have been organized by the Americas Regional Consortium (ARC), coordinated by the National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA) and the National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS).

The agenda of the session will include:

- Outcomes of the Americas Regional Process
- Case Studies in the Americas
- Technical and financial support to water-related issues
- Message of Foz de Iguassu

IN & AROUND TURKEY

March 18th / 14.30-19.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Sadabad Room

Our Country, Turkey, takes a different position on the 5th World Water Forum regional process from host countries of the other Fora. The principle of this approach for the Region In & Around Turkey has been to localize the issues as much as possible through the preparatory period. This approach reducing the scale is aimed at representing the regional subjects better in the forum. Basically, the meetings were classified into two categories: Meetings in Turkey and meetings in the sub-regions around Turkey. The basic aim of the regional meetings in Turkey was to bring together all the local regional stakeholders to prepare a discussion platform for the concerned topic, to provide maximum national contribution in local stage for developing the topic programme of Forum, and to share these results with the World Water Community during the Forum week.

The regional process "In & Around Turkey" and the organisation of the regional day during the Forum Week is led by the General Directorate of the State Hydraulic Works (DSI), Turkey. The programme of the regional day includes the opening ceremony; presentation of the regional document containing the main sections of background information, regional overview; bridging the outcomes of sub-regions, both in and around, at the thematic base; case studies with local experiences and success stories; and the messages at all levels based on the Forum themes. A high-level panel to be attended by the water ministers of the host country and the countries where the regional meetings were held is included in the session. Following the opening of an exhibition including the water related works from the region, a technical session will be held to focus on the thematic priorities of the region and to promote the actions facilitating the solutions. In parallel to the thematic session, a poster presentation is also convened to give occasions for the potential contributors. At the end, a cultural activity is planned showing cultural richness of the region. The World Water Community is welcome to the regional day of "In & Around Turkey".

MEDITERRANEAN

March 19th / 08.30-13.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block - Kağıthane Room

In the Mediterranean regional day, the program will start with opening statements by Representatives of Greece and Morocco. The draft Mediterranean Message to the 5th World Water Forum will be presented by Michael Scoullou from Global Water Partnership. The program of the regional day will include two sessions as "Mediterranean Strategy for Water & its Priority Themes" (facilitated by Hachmi Kennou, Executive Director, Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau, from 8:50 to 10:30) and "Water and Coastal Development in the Mediterranean" (facilitated by Mr. Walter Mazzitti, chairman of MEMBO, from 11:00 to 12:40). Within the context of Session I, Water and Climate Change Adaptation & Water Demand Management and Water Governance & Water Financing will be discussed.

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Four Representatives of countries and organizations on the four themes will stated from 09:10 to 09:30:

- Water Governance by Representative of Lebanon
- Water and Climate Change Adaptation by Representative of Tunisia
- Water Demand Management by Representative the Euro-Med Irrigators Community
- Water Financing by Representative of EIB

The Session I will be ended with Synthesis and Conclusions part by MENBO. After a short coffee break Session II that includes Panel Statements will be carried on by;

- Mohamed Ennabli, President, Institut Mediterranen de l'Eau
- Lucien Chabason, Chairman, Blue Plan
- Michael Scoullou, Chairman, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean
- Representative of Egypt
- Representative of Morocco
- Representative of Spain
- Representative of the European Commission (Marine Strategy)

A debate among panellists and interventions from the floor will be actively performed. Finally, synthesis and conclusions on Session II issues will be made by Ivica Trumbic, Director, PAP/RAC.

At the end of the program of the regional day of Mediterranean, "Adoption of the Mediterranean Massage to the 5th World Water Forum by *Michael Scoullou*" is planned in the parallel of the other regions.

MENA – ARAB

March 19th, Thursday / 14.30 – 19.00

Sütlüce: Regional Block – Sadabad Room

On 14.30 - 16.30, the Plenary session will be led by a high level Panel to present and discuss the outcome of the regional process and the messages emerged from the regional document.

On 17.00 - 19.00, Stakeholders' session will take place, where stakeholders will be engaged in a facilitated discussion about the way forward for addressing the key messages brought up by the regional document and issue the Istanbul Arab Region Stakeholder Statement.

On Saturday, March 21st, 8.30 – 10.30 the Arab Water Ministers Meeting will be held in Sütlüce Venue Sadabad Hall. This three way dialogue session, restricted to Arab Water ministers and delegates, is jointly organized by the three overlapping regions, In/Around Turkey, Mediterranean, and MNA/Arab Countries. The session will focus on issues of common interest by the three regions.

On Wednesday, March 18th, 8.30 – 12.30, the Course on "How to use remote sensing to improve water management?" will be organized in Learning Centre (Feshane Venue: Feshane Block, Feshane 1 Room). AWC Jointly with NASA will present regional and World experience of approaches, procedures and practices of using satellite images to improve water management and plan adaptation measures to climate change.

AWC, its members, and partners will be engaged in thirteen thematic sessions through the Forum week. Of special interest will be the sessions on adaptation to climate change, managing crises in occupied territories, food security and poverty reduction, managing transboundary groundwater, knowledge and education.

PANELS

1. High Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster

March 19th, Thursday / 08.30-13.00

Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room

The impact of water-related disasters has increased significantly over the past few decades. Predictions indicate that this situation is likely to worsen in the near future as a result of population growth, migration, urbanisation and increased settlements in vulnerable areas. As a result, tens of millions of people will become homeless, suffer and perish from water-borne diseases and face years of recovery in dramatic conditions.

Over the last years, a wide range of solutions have been developed to prevent, inform, and prepare for response and recovery to disaster situations. However, many challenges remain. Moreover, continuity of water and sanitation supplies during the transition period between the emergency and the reconstruction phases are

a key concern which can result in additional mortality and illnesses.

Due to the gravity of the situation, the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) recently established a High Level Expert Panel on Water and Disasters. With Dr. Han Seung Soo, Prime Minister of Korea, as the Honorary Chair, the High Level Panel is composed of a wide range of dignitaries, technical experts and individuals with proven experience and insight on water and disasters. The members are already engaged in a series of intensive discussions using the Hyogo Framework for Action as a valuable basis for developing a coherent set of recommendations. Its final outcomes will be delivered during the 5th World Water Forum for subsequent implementation.

2. High Level Expert Panel on Adaptation to Climate Change

March 20th, Friday / 11.30-13.00

Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room

While the mitigation of climate change continues to gain public awareness and the attention of world leaders, there is an increasing need to address the adaptation to climate change. As often stated, it will only be through a combination of mitigation and adaptation measures that we will be able to sufficiently address the effects of climate change. To address the issue of Adaptation to Climate Change, more focus will also be needed on the ways in which we manage our water resources and water services. Greater uncertainty and unpredictability combined with increased frequency of floods and droughts will force water managers to develop new coping strategies.

To generate greater awareness and political commitments for adaptation of water management, initiating partners have already been working on the subject over the past year and a half. A

High-Level Panel on Climate Change Adaptation and Water will be convened at the 5th World Water Forum to build a political bridge between water and the climate agenda. Clear messages about the value of water adaptation and the associated action agenda will then be passed from the political leadership in water to leaders in the climate negotiations, in view of the upcoming UNFCCC CoP 15.

The Panel will be co-Chaired by Prof. Veysel Eroğlu, Minister of Environment and Forests of Turkey, as host of the 5th World Water Forum, who will be joined by a number of other Ministers with mandates for water and/or responsibilities for climate. The Ministers will discuss adaptation issues with high-level leaders from a diversity of critically-relevant sectors, including: major cities, water, environment, development and the MDGs, and the UN system.

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3. High Level Expert Panel on Financing for Water

March 17th, Tuesday / 14.30-19.00

Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room

Over the last decade, growing attention has been given to the need to find local solutions for water supply and sanitation challenges. Water supplies for towns and villages need investment in development and maintenance of local infrastructure. This requires adequate local financial means that often cannot be derived easily from national budgets. While many people have gained access to water and sanitation through donor-supported or philanthropy-based initiatives, the largest portion of the unserved will need to gain access through new, innovative approaches to local financing. But, the global financial crisis will not make finding sources of financing any easier. In fact, the financial crisis is not only causing a restriction in the availability of credit, but it is also likely to increase the cost of borrowing in the short-term. This will have a wide range of implications for the water sector as a whole, including many small-scale water projects being delayed or cancelled altogether. Unfortunately, the lack of

availability of money for the sector, especially in developing countries and emerging economies, is not due to a general lack of money, but to prioritisation of other sectors over water and sanitation.

Given the colossal challenge of reaching the Millennium Development Goals on water and sanitation, new ways of financing at the local level must be urgently brought forth. In the continuity of the Camdessus Report and the Gurria Task Force, the establishment of a High Level Panel on Water Financing will provide an opportunity for the financing sector and the water and sanitation community to meet and openly discuss the need to increase the overall funding for the water sector, both at the national and local levels, at a time of growing social, economical and environmental challenges. A resulting framework and set of policy recommendations will then serve as an operational guide for decision makers on how to achieve such increases in financing in practice.

4. High Level Expert Panel on Sanitation

March 18th, Wednesday / 14.30-16.30

Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room

With nearly half of the world's population lacking basic sanitation, and rampant urbanization exacerbating the problem, hope for achieving the Millennium Development Goals related to sanitation is dwindling. Indeed, time is running out, and little is being done to provide solutions that would safeguard the health, prosperity and environment for millions, in part due to a lack of clarity on how best to proceed.

The 5th World Water Forum will bring together professionals and representatives from local authorities, sanitation experts,

NGOs, industry, engineering, banking and community groups, to propose a consolidated set of recommendations on tackling the sanitation challenge.

The panel's work will be initiated at the 5th World Water Forum. It will conduct a series of political dialogues in the coming months to prepare clear policy and investment guidance that can be utilized by decision makers to positively impact the sanitation crisis.

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5. High Level Expert Panel on Water, Food and Energy

March 18th, Wednesday / 11.00-13.00
Sütlüce: Main Block - Haliç Room

Highly fluctuating prices for food and energy in the last two years have caught the attention of citizens, business leaders and politicians alike. Clearly, water for food and water for energy are the main competitors for volume and timing of water use, both limited by the need to supply water to cities and maintain healthy waterways.

Global food production has kept pace with population growth in recent decades; yet more than 900 million people remain undernourished. Adding to the pressures and problems associated with food security is the shift in population from rural to urban environments. To satisfy the growing demand for food between 2000 and 2030, production of food crops in developing countries is projected to increase by 67 percent.

Energy production mobilizes a similar or even bigger quantum of water particularly for hydroelectricity and for power plant cooling. Access to electricity for many poor people in lower

income countries continues to lag far behind access to an improved water supply. However, access to electricity plays an important role in poverty alleviation, improved health and socio-economic development. Increasing energy supplies, will inevitably lead to a rising demand for water from the energy sector.

With growing populations and rising consumption the question is how water demands for food and for energy can be reconciled in a world in which water resources are under mounting pressure? In an effort to launch further strategic analysis and find solutions to rising demands, the World Water Council in conjunction with FAO have initiated a High Level Panel on Water, Food and Energy. The Panel will discuss four main subjects: sharing water between agriculture and energy sectors; balancing food, fibre and biofuel; making agriculture more efficient in its use of water and energy; and trading food and virtual water and controlling the water footprints of food.



SIDE EVENTS

Monday, 16 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Launching of IWRM Guidelines at River Basin Level	UNESCO	Special Ceremony	12:00-13:30	THEMATIC BLOCK / AYVANSARAY
CEO Water Mandate Transparency Framework Seminar	Pacific Institute; UN Global Compact; WWF-Turkey	Seminar	18:00-20:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
The Role of Women in Irrigated Agriculture: Experiences from Turkey and Sri Lanka	Soroptimist International of Turkey and Sri Lanka	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Implementing the Right to Water: Democratisation and Public-Public Partnerships	Transnational Institute	Seminar	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Cooperation on Environment Protection for Sustainable Development in the Black Sea and Caspian	Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises	International Conference	09:30-12:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Integrated Water Resource Management Under Climate Change: The Needed Capacity Building in the Mediterranean Region	CIHEAM-IAMB / Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
New Design Criteria for Extreme Events	Dura Vermeer Business Development BV	Discussion	11:00-13:00	IGDAS BUILDING
WWAP Case Studies: "Facing the Challenges"	UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	Presentation	11:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Supporting African Efforts Towards an African Water Observation System: The TIGER Initiative 2 nd Phase	European Space Agency	Presentation and debate	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Women and Water	Soroptimist International of Turkey	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE

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Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation: Projects and Initiatives within the Fields of Integrated and Sustainable Water Resource Management	The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP
Business Case for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Groundwater Management Institute	Southern African Development Community	Presentation	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
EU Funded Capacity Building and Integrated River Basin Management	EU Twinning Project "Capacity Building Support to the Water Sector in Turkey" (DSI)	Presentation and debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Ensuring Water For All	Ecumenical Water Network	Presentation	14:30-15:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Presentation of the Book "Water Culture" Towards an Efficient Use of the Water Resources in the State of Mexico	National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico (ANEAS)	Presentation	14:30-15:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water	Water Embassy	Workshop	14:30-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Water Commons: Global Experiences in Progressive Water Management	Our Water Commons	Presentation	16:30-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Novel Approaches from European Water Research on Water Supply and Sanitation	RWTH Aachen University	Workshop and presentation	19:00-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Go with the Flow: IWRM Works	Global Water Partnership	Book launch	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ KAGITHANE
Join in Building the Alliance for Water Stewardship	Alliance for Water Stewardship	Reception with short presentation	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5

SIDE EVENTS

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Third Working Conference of the CEO Water Mandate: Engaging in Public Policy to Advance Sustainable Water Management by Business	Pacific Institute; UN Global Compact; WWF-Turkey	Workshop	08:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Climate Change, Water Resources Management, Governance and Capacity Building Issues in Central Asia and Caucasus	GWP CACENA / Interstate Commission on Water Coordination	Discussion panel	09:30-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Water Footprint and Virtual Water Trade: Do These Concepts Promote Sustainable Use of Water Globally?	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Debate	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Climate Migrants in Bangladesh: Estimates and Solutions	Local Environment Development and Agricultural Research Society (LEDARS)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Su Havzası Rehabilitasyonunda Entegre Katılımcı Yaklaşım: Türkiye Örneği / Integrated Participatory Approach in Water Basin Rehabilitation: Turkey as a Case Study	The Afforestation and Erosion Control General Directorate of the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry; World Bank Ankara Office	Presentation and debate	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP HALL
Advancing Human Development and the MDGs in Africa	ANEW	Workshop	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Great Man Made River Project	UNESCO IHP; Great Man-made River Project Authority, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Presentation	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
Women for Water Works	University of Pennsylvania, Department of Earth and Environmental Science	Workshop	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Regional Experiences in Water Management and Sanitation Towards the Targets of the Millennium	Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)	Workshop and debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Africa's Experiences in Regional Cooperation from the North Western Sahara and Iullemeden Aquifer Systems	Observatory of Sahara and Sahel (OSS)	Presentation and debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2

SIDE EVENTS

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
WWDR-3: Findings and Key Messages	UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	Workshop	15:00-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Villes et partenariats dans le montage de projets d'eau et d'assainissement	Association Internationale des Maires Francophones / Syndicat des Eaux d'Ile de France	Workshop	15:00-16:00	IGDAS BUILDING
WWDR-3 Side Publications Series	UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme	Presentation	16:30-18:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Addressing Water Scarcity in Rural and Marginal Areas of Arab Countries: Innovative Solutions	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Seminar / Debate	17:00-18:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Water Resource Management and Water Use Efficiency Across Europe	European Environment Agency (EEA)	Presentation with workshop and debate	17:00-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Water and Energy in Agriculture	DG for Water (Spanish Ministry of Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs)	Debate	17:00-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
Grundfos Side Event	Grundfos	Presentation	19:00-21:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
A Conversation With Grantees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Presentation	19:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
General Assembly Meeting of Gender and Water Alliance	Gender and Water Alliance	Closed meeting	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Managing and Protecting Water Resources: The Po River Basin Encounters and Compares with other Important River Basins	Po River Authorities (Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs)	Special event / Workshop	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK / KAGITHANE
Blue Gold: World Water Wars	Food & Water Watch	Documentary screening	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / EYUP
Ensuring Access to Water Through Community-Led Initiatives Utilizing Payment for Ecosystem Services	EcoLogic Development Fund	Panel discussion followed by social hour	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 4

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Thursday, 19 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Hydro Basin, Case for Systemic and Participative Management	Itaipu Binational	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Water Research Funding in 7th Framework Programme and EUREKA	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)	Brokerage event - presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Special Capacity Building Opportunities for Women in the Water Sector	Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)	Panel discussion	08:30-10:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Endless Dilemma: Matching Food Security and Access to Water and Sanitation	(re)sources, Think Tank	Conference - debate	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Water Bridging Civilizations of Four Millennia in Turkey	TURKKAD; Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration (ISKI); State Hydraulic Works (DSI)	Presentation and debate	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Innovation and Technology of Water and Cities: World City Water Forum 2009	World City Water Forum	Panel discussion	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Afghanistan: Water, Human Development and Communities Participation	Integrity Watch Afghanistan (IWA), Center for Policy and Human Development (CPHD)	Presentation	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
Key Performance Indicators within African Transboundary River Basin Organisations	Office International de l'Eau	Closed-door meeting	11:30-13:00	IGDAS BUILDING
Regional Solution to National Challenges: REC Experience at CEE Region and Turkey	Regional Environmental Centre (REC)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Bridging the Gap: Emergency Water and Sanitation Interventions in Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) of Support to Life	Hayata Destek / Support to Life (STL)	Presentation, video show and discussion	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
Various Presentations on Climate Models and Natural Hazards	Turkish State Meteorological Service	Presentation	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Strengthening the Scientific Network on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Partners for Water	Dutch Partners for Water	Presentations and debate	14:30-16:15	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Bridging Divides Between North and South Through Partnership and Knowledge Sharing	Northern Water Network (NoWNET)	Seminar	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Strengthening Governance on Climate Adaptation with Dutch Partners for Water	Dutch Partners for Water	Presentations and debate	16:45-18:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Power of Spirit: Sustaining Watersheds through Music, Art and Stories	Water to Drink	Workshop	17:00-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum Consultation Session	Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Forum	Consultation session	19:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Sustainable Functioning of International Institutions Managing International Water Bodies	Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Presentation and debate	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Campaigning Together to End Water Poverty	End Water Poverty	Presentation, discussion and networking	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
The Effects of Agricultural Contaminations on Water Resources and Solution Policy from the Institutions to Farmers	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Turkey, General Directorate of Agricultural Research (TAGEM)/Central Soil, Fertilizer and Water Resources Research Institute	Debate	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ KAGITHANE
Czech Water Roof from the Past to the Future	Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic	Presentation and debate	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP
Where next for Water and Climate Change?: Exploring Global Multi-stakeholder Initiatives on Water and Climate	Stockholm International Water Institute - Global Public Policy Network on Water Management	Presentation and discussion	19:30-21:00	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
Towards Sustainable Water Tariffs in Latin America	The Nature Conservancy in collaboration with the Association of Water and Sanitation Regulatory Entities of the Americas (ADERASA)	Reception with short presentation	20:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 4

SIDE EVENTS

Friday, 20 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Global Water Crisis, Food and Agriculture in an Era of Climate Change	Institute For Agriculture and Trade Policy	Panel discussion, report launch	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Climate Change and Water Management (Water Can Change the World)	Ulusal Sanayici ve İşadamları Derneği (USİAD)	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
GEF EO Consultation For the Fourth Overall Performance Study (OPS4)	GEF Evaluation Office	Workshop	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
From the Ground Up: How Water and Sanitation Programs Are Improving Children's Health	PATH	Panel discussion	08:30-10:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Safe Water for Family Welfare in Uvira City	APAA CONGO	Debate (Closed meeting)	08:30-10:30	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
Desalination	Subdirector General for Planning and Sustainable Use of Water of Spain	Debate	10:30-12:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Prize Ceremony of the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management 2009	Swiss Reinsurance Company	Debate in combination with a ceremony	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Presentation of the book on "Water and Ethics" (Fundacion FMB Botin Workshop June 2007; Pub Taylor and Francis, London)	Botin Foundation Water Management Observatory and the Collaboration of UNESCO-IAH	Presentation and open discussion	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Water Center for Latin America and the Caribbean	FEMSA Foundation, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Inter-American Development Bank	Presentation	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
Progress of the Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA)	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies	Debate (Closed Meeting)	11:00-13:00	IGDAS BUILDING
At the Water's Edge	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - UK	Presentation	13:15-14:15	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Water Supply Project from Turkey to Northern Cyprus by Suspended Pipeline in the Mediterranean Sea	Department of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, State Hydraulic Works (DSI)	Presentation	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP

SIDE EVENTS

Friday, 20 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
China-Japan-Korea Ministerial Tripartite Meeting	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan	Dialogue (Closed Meeting)	13:15-14:15	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Drought Assessment Based on the Future Climate Projections and Making Drought Management Plans as Part of Integrated Water Resources Management	Turkish State Meteorological Service	Debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Water Treatment and Reuse in Spain	CODIA (Iberoamerican Conference of Water Directors)	Debate	14:30-16:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Ibero-American Institutes Network of Engineering and Hydraulic Investigation	Mexican Institute of Water Technology	Meeting	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
UNESCO HELP in Action: Delivering Water Solutions to the Needs Society	UNESCO	Workshop	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / LEARNING CENTRE 1
Mountains of the World: Water Towers for the 21 st Century?	Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations (FAO)	Presentation and debate	17:00-19:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Exploring "Key for Success" of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) at River Basin Level	Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan	Presentation and workshop with dialogue	17:00-19:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
The Role of the Groundwater Silent Revolution for Achieving the Motto "More Cash and Nature per Drop": Re-thinking Global Water Scarcity and Security	LSE Grantham Research Institute (LSE) and Marcelino Botin Foundation (UCM)	Workshop	17:00-19:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
A GWP / INBO Handbook for Integrated Water Resources Management at the Basin Level	International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)	Book launch followed by a cocktail	19:00-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ KAGITHANE
Asia's Next Challenge: Advancing Security through Water Cooperation	Asia Society	Presentation	19:30-21:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Transboundary Cooperation Over the Jordan River Basin: A Regional 'Positive-Sum Outcome'	Palestinian Water Authority (PWA)	Presentation and debate	19:30-21:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP

SIDE EVENTS

Saturday, 21 March 2009

Title	Convenor	Activity	Time	Room
Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources in Turkey and Water Quality Management in Turkey: Responsibilities and Works of Directorate	Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry, General Directorate of Environmental Management	Workshop, presentation and debate	08:30-13:00 14:30-19:00	VIP BLOCK / HASKOY
Virtual Constellation for Water	Group on Earth Observations	Presentation	08:30-10:30	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Experience of Managing Water Rarity in a Dry Country: Omani Experience	Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources of the Sultanate of Oman	Seminar	08:30-10:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Corruption and Water Related Disasters in Sri Lanka	NetWwater with Women for Water Partnership	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1
Impacts of Climate Change on Water Related Disasters in South Asia and Finding Solutions	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services and Bangladesh Water Partnership	Workshop	11:00-13:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 2
Up-Scaling IWRM Education in South Asia: Which Boundaries to Cross?	SaciWATERs	Presentation	11:00-13:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Promoting Local Actions Through Multilevel Water Partnerships	Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP)	Workshop	13:15-14:15	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP
Water Value Impacts on the Mediterranean Water Policies	Middle East Technical University	Workshop	14:30-19:00	VIP BLOCK / KASIMPASA 1-2
Aral and Caspian Seas	Laboratory of Brackish Water Hydrobiology, Zoological Institute of RAS	Presentation	14:30-17:00	THEMATIC BLOCK/ EYUP
Mediterranean Union of Youth Ambassadors for Water: Projects for a Mediterranean Cooperation	Water Embassy	Presentation and debate	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Groundwater Resources in a Climate-Changing World	AWRA, Oregon State University, BGR, UNESCO-IHP, UPTW, UNESCO-IUGS-IGCP Project 523 GROWNET, IUCN, DSI	Presentation	14:30-16:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
Charting a Global Agenda for Meeting Today's Flood Management	UNESCO, WMO, ISDR, UNU and IFI Secretariat at ICHARM	Workshop	17:00-19:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 4
Challenges and Opportunities of the New Brazilian Regulatory Framework for Water and Sanitation	Sao Paulo Water & Sanitation Company (SABESP)	Presentation and debate	17:30-18:30	FESHANE / FESHANE 5
Sign up: Sharing Water for People and the Planet	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)	Formal reception/award ceremony	19:00-21:00	FESHANE / FESHANE 5

CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE MAJOR GROUPS OF AGENDA 21

A Forum that really 'bridges divides for water' and could claim to have equitable participatory mechanisms which aim to reach out to as many actors as possible, needs to have a comprehensive vision of participation. The 5th World Water Forum's participation strategy entails the Major Groups framework of Agenda 21, which recognizes nine major groups of civil society, and specifies the need for new forms of participation at all levels to enable a broad-based engagement of all economic and social sectors in making sustainable development happen. With the inclusion of this framework, the Forum co-organizers have acknowledged the need to ensure multi-stakeholder dialogues are conducted at every step of the preparatory process and during the event itself.

Major Groups of Agenda 21

- **Women**
- **Youth and children**
- **Business and industry**
- **Local governments**
- **Science and technology**
- **Workers and trade unions**
- **Indigenous people**
- **Farmers**
- **NGOs**

Thematic Process

The thematic process is designed to ensure a balanced stakeholder representation in each session. The Major Groups are invited to share their ideas and identify their priorities in the Thematic Wrap-up Sessions, through seats allocated to each Major Group.

Political Process

There will be various chances for interaction between Major Groups and politicians at the 5th World Water Forum's political process meetings.

The Parliamentarian and Local Authorities Meeting and the 3 Level Political Dialogue Meeting will be open to all participants, thus to the Major Groups.

As has been practiced during the 4 PrepCom Meetings of the Ministerial Process, each Major Group will receive a seat and is expected to coordinate their participation in the sessions.

The Secretariat Office for Civil Society and Major Groups

The Secretariat Office for Civil Society and Major Groups is located in Bedesten Hall in Room I in Feshane.

CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE MAJOR GROUPS OF AGENDA 21

Coordination Meetings of Major Groups

The Bedesten Hall in Feshane has been reserved for Major Groups as a private networking space in the Forum venue, for them to coordinate their activities throughout the week. The courtyard surrounded by 7 rooms is ideal for such activities to take place.

The Secretariat Office for Civil Society and Major Groups is located in room 1.

3 rooms (rooms 3-4-6) are reserved for the groups to book for spontaneous meetings on the spot. Please go to the Secretariat Office for Civil Society and Major Groups to book a room.

Room 2 is slightly larger and has been booked for daily coordination meetings of Major Groups, according to the table below:

08:00 – 09:00	NGOs
09:00 – 10:00	Women
11:00 – 12:00	Local Authorities
12:00 – 13:00	Indigenous People
13:00 – 14:00	Workers and Trade Unions
14:00 – 15:00	Science and Technology
15:00 – 16:00	Business and Industry
16:00 – 18:00	NGOs

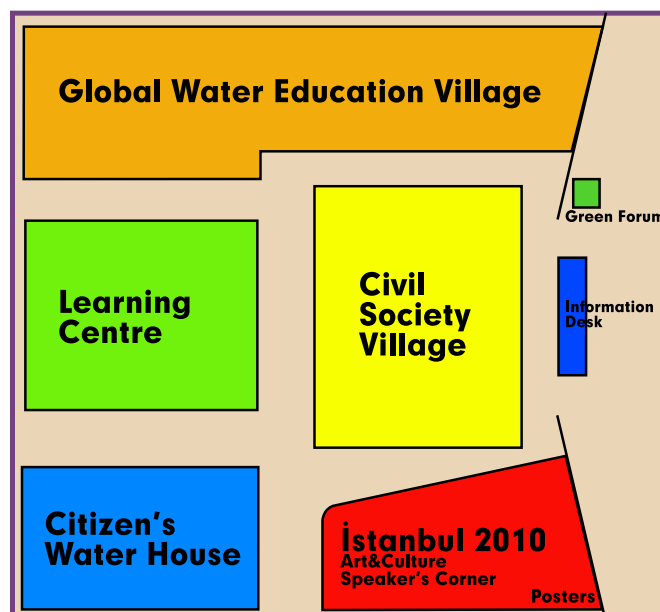
Speakers' Corner

The speaker's corner is open means of participation in the 5th World Water Forum for those who, for whatever reason, have not yet found an appropriate avenue of expression. **Ayvensaray Room in Sütluce during lunch time and Bedesten Hall in Feshane** throughout the day will be available for presenters to speak freely their mind, in English or Turkish, on any water-related issue. Speakers may either make a formal PowerPoint presentation (limited projection facilities will be provided) or more spontaneously without visual support. A quarter of the space was booked in advance, and participants can sign up for the remainder onsite at the Civil Society Secretariat Office or in the Speakers' Corner rooms.

WATER FAIR

The Water Fair provides a festive yet reflective atmosphere for multi-stakeholder activities such as poster exhibitions, photo exhibitions, the Citizen's Water House, the Global Water Education Village, the International Water and Film Event, a Learning Centre, networking spaces, and water-related performances at the Istanbul: European Capital 2010 stage amongst others. It will be an open venue for expression of a diversity of ideas and presentation cultural, social and educational activities by civil society.

Following is detailed information about the Citizen's Water House, the Civil Society Village, the Global Water Education Village and the Learning Centre.



Citizen's Water House

Event	Time
<i>Monday, 16 March 2009</i>	
OPENING: Citizen House for Water, Opening & Award ceremony. Chair: Raymond Jost	14:00
<i>Tuesday, 17 March 2009</i>	
THEME 1: International Citizen's Cooperation: Innovations by young people Chair: A young participant tbc Co-Chair: James Kerr (MSCC)	10:00
THEME 2: MPs Dive In: A prerequisite for sustainable and fair access to water and sanitation. Chair: Daniel Zimmer (WWC) Co-Chair: Victor Ruffy (SWE)	14:00
<i>Wednesday, 18 March 2009</i>	
THEME 3: Monitoring by the People: The Blue Book, an original and complementary tool. Chair: Bruno Valfrey-Visser (HydroConseil) Co-Chair: tbc	14:00
THEME 4: Cross-border management of water and citizen's participation: myth or reality? Chair: Jean Bosco Bazié (Eau-Vive/ISW) Co-Chair: tbc	10:00
<i>Thursday, 19 March 2009</i>	
THEME 5: Financing and decentralized services: Putting words into action Chair: Stef Lambrecht (Protos) Co-Chair: tbc	10:00
THEME 6: The response to climate change: when the victims become a source of solutions. Chair: Max Campos (CRRH-SICA) Co-Chair: André Musy (Ouranos)	14:00
<i>Friday, 20 March 2009</i>	
THEME 7: The worldwide financial crisis and its impacts on funding in international cooperation sector. Chair: Raymond Jost (ISW/SWE) Co-Chair: tbc	10:00

Civil Society Village

The Civil Society Village creates opportunities for the major groups' work, projects, and expertise to be shared with a large audience. With over 40 national and international organisations' booth spaces, the village offers invaluable networking and information sharing prospects for the organisations of civil society.

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2302 Regional Environmental Center (REC)
2303 IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre
2304 Deniz Temiz Derneği TURMEPA
2305 BEM BİR SEN
2306 Freshwater Action Network
2307 Public Services International
2308 World Youth Water Forum
2309 GEA Arama Kurtarma Ekoloji Grubu
2310 Jal Bhagirathi Foundation
2311 Çöp Madam – Sabancı Üniversitesi
2312 Philadelphia Global Water Initiative
2313 ÇEVKOR Vakfı

2401 Mkeng River Commission
2402 Center for Housing Rights and Forced Evictions (COHRE)
2403 İstanbul Aydın University
2404 International Flood Network (IFNet)
2405 TEMA Vakfı

2406 Su Kirlenmesi ve Araştırmaları Türk Milli Komitesi
2407 Sulabh International Social Service Organisation
2408 Sosyal Hizmetler ve Çocuk Esirgeme Kurumu
2409 Sivas Belediyesi
2410 Conservation International
2411 Hizmet-İş Trade Union

2501 TARİH VE TABİAT VAKFI
2502 Doğa Derneği
2503 Women for Water Partnership/ Women's and Gender Coalition
2504 IMAWESA
2505 Turkish Women Water Platform
2506 Global Dry Toilet Association of Finland
2507 CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food
2508 Sürdürülebilir Kırsal ve Kentsel Kalkınma Derneği SÜRKAL
2509 İntes
2510 Comité Nacional Por Defensa de la Fauna y Flora
2511 International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
2512 Grup Doğayla Barış Çevre Eğitim Derneği
2513 Saraybosna Üniversitesi
2514 IMPM

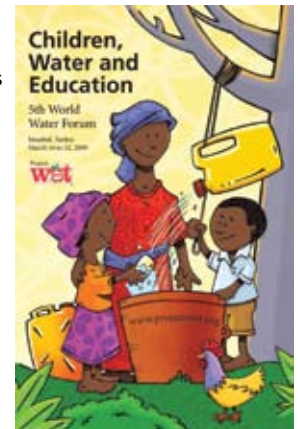
Global Water Education Village

Convened by Project WET, the Global Water Education Village™ will gather global water education programs in a village setting to share successful local actions aimed at reaching children with water education. The Village is a place where forum participants:

- Interact with experts in children's water education.
- Observe and participate in a variety of educational programs, including some of Project WET's most popular and effective water lesson plans.

Children's Water School

Turkish and international teachers and students will participate in popular Project WET activities while providing Forum attendees the opportunity to witness education's effectiveness in addressing water issues and empowering individuals to play a role in addressing these issues.



LEARNING CENTRE

The Learning Centre is provided to enable 5th World Water Forum participants to gain practical skills and new capabilities to deal with water challenges in their home countries. All registered participants are welcome to attend these "how-to" training opportunities, located in classrooms at Il Mahmut Hall, Feshane venue. Course offerings (listed below) are from a variety of institutions, organizations and regions, use a wide range of instructional tools and approaches, including small working groups, case studies, demonstrations, practical exercises and interactive discussions. More information about course descriptions, points of contact, etc., at

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Title / Organization	Time	Room
Tuesday 17 March 2009		
How to Scale up Household Water Treatment Programs / CAWST	08:30-13:00	1
How to provide a Water Resources Education activity for students or educators / Project WET	08:30-13:00	3
How to Establish a Dam Safety and Emergency Action Plan / U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	08:30-13:00	4
How to use the Sustainable Watershed Modeling Toolbox / Tetra Tech	14:30-19:00	1
How to present a Water Resources Education activity to students and educators / Project WET	14:30-19:00	3
Gender and Empowerment in Water, Sanitation and Waste Management / Gender & Water Alliance	14:30-19:00	5
Wednesday, 18 March 2009		
How to Use Remote Sensing for Improved Water Management / Arab Water Council	08:30-13:00	1
How to date groundwater samples? / Shahrood University of Technology	08:30-13:00	2
How to present an exciting hands - on activity regarding Hydration / Project WET	08:30-13:00	3
Managing Rivers for Human and Environmental Needs - Track 1: environmental flows, ecosystem services and integrated planning - policy and management aspects / TNC	08:30-13:00	4
How to increase consciousness about water quality and water conservation / Project WET	08:30-13:00	5
Integrated Urban Water Management: Addressing Governance Challenges / UNESCO-IHP	14:30-19:00	1
How to preserve and rehabilitate Qanats as a sustainable irrigational technique in arid and semi - arid regions / International Center on Qanats & Historic Hydraulic Structures (ICQHS)	14:30-16:30	2
How to make children value water / Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe	14:30-19:00	3
Managing Rivers for Human and Environmental Needs - Track 2: environmental flows, ecosystem services and integrated planning technical aspects / USACE	14:30-19:00	4
How to establish a Transbordering Permanent Socio - Environmental Learning Process Center of Wisdom and Care for the La Plata Basin	19:00-21:00	1

LEARNING CENTRE

Thursday, 19 March 2009

How to conduct a flood risk assessment / <i>Tetra Tech and RMSI</i>	08:30-10:30	1
How to transform wastewater into drinking water using innovative technologies / <i>Tetra Tech</i>	08:30-10:30	2
How to institutionalize "best" water management practices? / <i>Radboud University Nijmegen</i>	08:30-13:00	3
Gender and Climate Change: Practical Tools for Addressing the Human Dimension of Disasters and Adaptation / <i>Global Gender and Climate Alliance / IUCN</i>	08:30-13:00	4
Institutional Capacity Development. How to develop a training institute for professionals by professionals for the water sector? / <i>SWO-Training Centre for water management</i>	08:30-13:00	5
How to Develop a Tool Box to Facilitate Transboundary Water Resources with an Emphasis on Water Quality / <i>Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI)</i>	14:30-19:00	1
The Layer Cake Approach to Water Infrastructure Finance: From Revolving Funds to Community - Based Water Systems / <i>USAID</i>	14:30-19:00	2
How can water play a role in the political history in the arid and semi - arid regions? / <i>ICQHS</i>	14:30-16:30	3
Session 1: How to create and manage a project website using the IW:LEARN Toolkit / <i>GEF</i>	14:30-19:00	4
How to Improve Water Information Systems to Support Water Management and Environmental Restoration: A Case Study of Capacity Development in Iraq / <i>United States Geological Survey</i>	14:30-19:00	5

Friday, 20 March 2009

"Limitless" participation? How to deal with limits in participation in water management / <i>Deltares</i>	08:30-13:00	3
How to present Water Health and Sanitation - part of Project WET's Africa Education Initiative	08:30-13:00	4
How to increase consciousness about the importance of Water Resources in Latin America and the Caribbean / <i>Project WET</i>	08:30-13:00	5
How to enhance the economic efficiency of Qanats / <i>ICQHS</i>	14:30-16:30	3
Session 2: How to create and manage a project website using IW:LEARN Toolkit / <i>GEF</i>	14:30-19:00	4
How to use remote sensing technologies (satellite and radar) for environmental applications, especially for severe weather and flood potential risk / <i>Turkish State Meteorological Service</i>	14:30-19:00	5
Network of Conservation Educators and Practitioners: Open Educational Resources on Water - Related Issues and Stakeholder Engagement / <i>American Museum of Natural History</i>	19:00-21:00	2
How to use a georef information system - to have a diagnosis of the environmental quality at rural properties: the case of Parana River Basin / <i>International Hydroinformatics Centre</i>	19:00-21:00	5

Saturday, 21 March 2009

How to Understand "Water's Own Voice": Practical Steps in Knowing Water's Intrinsic Nature / <i>Water Research Institute of Blue Hill</i>	08:30-13:00	1
The SWITCH Training Kit: Increasing awareness on the need for an integrated approach to urban water management as a response to global changes / <i>ICLEI</i>	08:30-10:30	3

YOUTH FORUM

World Water Youth Forum 2009

The World Water Youth Forum (WWYF) 2009 will bring about 300 young people aged between 16 and 26 from around the world that are actively engaged or interested in water related issues to learn from each other, exchange ideas in workshops and trainings to generate new forms of collective action with great potential for solving water problems. The forum will offer youth representatives the opportunity to share their own experiences through panel-discussions, networking activities, and participant-organized workshops for skill improvement.



Since the 2nd World Water Forum 2000 in The Hague, young people have been increasingly involved in international conferences concerning the issue of water. In order to coordinate actions embarked on by youth within the framework of the 5th World Water Forum, a team composed of young NGO activists and students committed to water issues in Istanbul, are working together with various youth organizations from around the world, including youth organizations who have organized Youth Fora in the previous World Water Fora.

The WWYF will be working in tandem with the 5th World Water Forum. Thus, participants will also find a chance to voice their positions in the World Water Forum sessions. In addition to the Youth Forum, Youth and Children are an official part of the Major Group process, newly established within the framework of the World Water Forum. As such, WWYF will support the development of the youth component of the World Water Forum, and the participants of the youth forum will be full participants in the World Water Forum as well.

In the end, the Youth Forum intends to draft a Youth Declaration on Bridging the Divides for Water Issues. The text will be a major outcome of the Forum and it will articulate the positions that young people hold regarding global water issues. The outcomes of the workshops and discussions will facilitate in generating an innovative and powerful youth declaration which may contribute to bridging the divides.

Youth World Water Forum Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Youth Forum Opening Ceremony	16th of March, Monday	19:30 21:30	Sütlüce Regional Block - Sadabad
Youth Forum Closing Ceremony	20th of March, Friday	18:00 21:00	Sütlüce Regional Block - Sadabad

Youth World Water Forum Coordination Meetings and Side Events

NAME MEETING	TIME	VENUE
Monday, 16 March 2009		
Theme 1- Global Changes and Risk Management Meeting	08:30 - 13:00	Feshane Feshane 4
Theme 4- Governance and Management Coordination Meeting	08:30 - 13:00	Feshane Feshane 5
Theme 2- Advancing Human Development and the MDGs Coordination Meeting	14:30 - 16:30	Feshane Feshane 4
Theme 3 – Managing and Protecting Water Resources Coordination Meeting	14:30 - 16:30	Feshane Feshane 5
Theme 5- Finance Coordination Meeting	17:00 - 19:00	Feshane Feshane 4
Theme 6 – Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building Coordination Meeting	17:00 - 19:00	Feshane Feshane 5
World Water Youth Forum 2009 Opening Ceremony	19:30 - 21:30	Sütlüce Regional Block - Sadabad



NAME MEETING	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday, 17 March 2009		
Coordination Meeting	08:30 - 10:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Workshop: "Negative Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources"	10:30 - 13:00	Feshane Bedesten 7
Lunch	13:00 - 14:00	
Workshop: "Safeguarding Water in Our Localities"	14:00 - 15:00	Feshane Bedesten 7
Break	15:00 - 15:15	
Workshop: "Preserving Water with Low Financial Support"	15:15 - 16:15	Feshane Bedesten 7
Workshop: "A Visionary Approach to Local Authorities System"	17:00 - 19:00	Feshane Bedesten 7
Theme 2 - Advancing Human Development and the MDGs Coordination Meeting	19:30 - 21:30	Sütlüce Carpark Block Aynalıkavak I
Theme 5 – Finance Coordination Meeting	19:30 - 21:30	Sütlüce Carpark Block Aynalıkavak II
Wednesday, 18 March 2009		
Coordination Meeting	08:30 - 10:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Workshop: "Water as a Source of Youth Empowerment in Public Reforms"	10:30 - 13:00	Feshane Bedesten 7
Lunch (Life Plus Project Proposals)	13:00 - 14:30	
Workshop: "The Challenging Role of Youth on Resolving the Water Resources Dilemma"	14:30 - 15:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
First Step Presentation	15:30 - 17:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Theme 3– Managing and Protecting Water Resources Coordination Meeting	19:30 - 21:30	Sütlüce Carpark Block Aynalıkavak I
Theme 6- Education, Knowledge and Capacity-Building Coordination Meeting	19:30 - 21:30	Sütlüce Carpark Block Aynalıkavak II
Thursday, 19 March 2009		
Coordination Meeting	08:30 - 10:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Workshop: "Project Management in Water Issues"	10:30 - 12:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Lunch (Miniaturk Trip)	13:00 - 14:00	
Water Summit/SIE Program Presentation	17:00 - 19:00	Citizen's Water House Sütlüce, Carpark Block Aynalıkavak I&II
Thematic Synthesis	19:30 - 21:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Friday, 20 March 2009		
Coordination Meeting	08:30 - 10:30	Feshane Bedesten 7
Editorial Group Meeting	10:30 - 18:00	Feshane Bedesten 7
World Water Youth Forum 2009 Closing Ceremony	18:00 - 20:00	Sütlüce Regional Block - Sadabad
Cultural Night in Underground Cistern	20:00 - 23:00	Underground Cistern
Saturday, 21 March 2009		
Boat Tour of the Bosphorus	17:30	Bosphorus

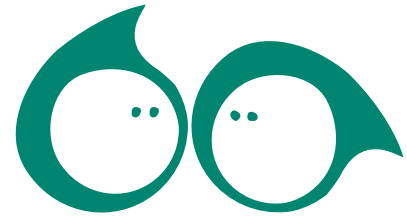
CHILDREN'S FORUM

The Children's World Water Forum tradition was established in Kyoto at the 3rd World Water Forum, where some 109 children, from 32 countries participated, deliberated, and acted on issues of great importance to children's wellbeing worldwide. At the 2nd CWWF at the 4th World Water Forum in Mexico, 107 children from 29 countries shared 55 local actions to help in the solution-finding of water-related issues, and participated in workshops and educational activities. Following Japan and Mexico, 3rd Children World Water Forum is taking place in Istanbul with the participation of 138 children from 21 different countries between the ages of 11 to 16, discussing and learning from each other's problems and solutions on issues concerning water.

The involvement of children in dealing with global issues exemplifies the need for policy-makers to put children at the top of their priorities regarding water and sanitation. Moreover, involving children in large multi-stakeholder gatherings is an opportunity for children's representatives to engage in meaningful dialogue within a unified objective of bringing about significant change on water issues. Children are a crucial stakeholder in water deliberations and decisions to "Bridge Divides for Water" through time and between generations.

The 3rd Children's World Water Forum will be held from March 12th to 17th in Forum venues





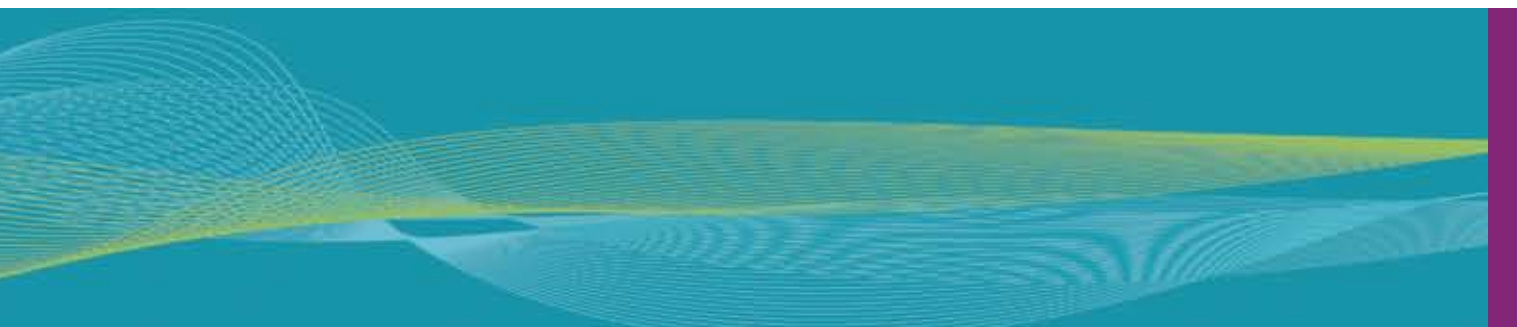
3rd CHILDREN'S WORLD WATER FORUM
 ISTANBUL 12-17 MARCH 2009

	12 MARCH Thursday	13 MARCH Friday	14 MARCH Saturday	15 MARCH Sunday	16 MARCH Monday	17 MARCH Tuesday		
09:00 - 10:00	Arrival and Registration	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for the Local Action Presentation Country Introductory Presentation 	Excursion Trip: Tracing Water Steps in Istanbul – Culture Ants Project	5th World Water Forum Opening Ceremony	Global Water Education Village Activities		
10:00 - 10:30		Presentation: Importance of Water in Our Life	Preparation for the Local Action Fair Stands					
10:30 - 11:00		Break						
11:00 - 12:00		Group Activity: Importance of Water in Our Life	Local Action Presentation, Stand Visits					
12:00 - 13:00		LUNCH						
13:00 - 14:00		Ice-breaking Activity		Presentation: From Local to Global Water Picture	Excursion Trip: Tracing Water Steps in Istanbul – Culture Ants Project	Global Water Education Village Activities	Participation to the selected Forum Sessions	
14:00 - 14:30			Group Activity: Poster Activity – Part 1	Group Activity: Children Water Declaration				
14:30 - 15:00			Break					
15:00 - 15:30			Group Activity: Poster Activity – Part 2	Break				
15:30 - 16:00				Presentation of Declaration				
16:00 - 16:30	Closing: Rhythm Activity							
16:30 - 17:30	Poster presentation							
		Special Event: Water for All Exhibition (WWF –Santral Istanbul)		Preparation for the Opening Ceremony	Side Events: Cultural Presentation			

WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP:

SESSIONS, SIDE EVENTS, TRAINING AND MORE

Title/Organization	Time	Place
<p><i>High Level Plenary Session: Health Dignity and Economic Progress: Way forward for Gender Equity</i> Developing and monitoring gender-sensitive sustainable sanitation programmes and indicators for MDG 7. Soroptimist International of Europe, Gender and Water Alliance, Women for Water Partnership, EPRC Bangladesh, IUCN, Stockholm Environmental Institute, Women's Resource and Outreach Center Jamaica.</p>	16 th March 14.30 – 18.30	Sütlüce Congress Centre, Thematic Bloc: Ayvan Saray
Sessions		
<p>Panel Adaptation (regional part) "Dialogue on Regional perspectives on water, adaptation, and climate" Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) chairperson Mrs Sara Ahmed will contribute with a gender and water perspective</p>	March 19 th , 11:00 – 13:00	Sütlüce Congress Centre: Main Bloc: Halic
<p>Session 1.1.2 "Adaptation: waiting for things to happen or trying to be prepared" GWA chairperson Mrs. Sara Ahmed will contribute</p>	March 17 th , 8:30 – 13:00	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 1
<p>Session 1.2.1 "Imbalances between Water, Land and People: The Drivers of Rural Migration" GWA member Mr. Wasim Wagha will contribute with experiences from the indigenous people of the Indus Valley</p>	March 17 th , 8:30 – 13:00 h	Feshane Bloc Feshane 2
<p>Session 1.2.2 "Rural Migrants in Urban Slums: Dreams fulfilled or start of a nightmare?" GWA member Mrs Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt from South Asia will contribute</p>	March 17 th , 14:30 – 17:30	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 2
<p>Session 1.3.4 "Water in the Aftermath of Disaster or Conflict: How to transition from complex emergencies to normality" GWA member Mrs. Fadia Daibes-Murad will be making an intervention based on her work in Palestinian Territories</p>	March 19 th , 11:00 – 13:00	Feshane Bloc Feshane 1
<p>Session 2.1.3 "Taking WASH to Scale" GWA member Mrs. Caroline Gathoni Mungara will contribute from her experiences in Kenya.</p>	March 19 th , 8:30 – 11:30	Sütlüce Carpark, Aynali Kavak 1
<p>Session 2.3.1 "Water for food: feeding a growing global population" GWA Executive Director Mrs. Joke Muylwijk will contribute with her experiences with women farmers in Africa.</p>	March 18 th , 14:30 – 19:00	Sütlüce Thematic Bloc: Ayvan Saray
<p>Session 2.3.2 "Threat or Opportunity: Can the food crisis benefit poor farmers?" GWA members Mrs. Joke Muylwijk and Mrs Catharien Terwisscha will contribute</p>	March 19 th , 8:30 – 11:30	Sütlüce Thematic Bloc: Ayvan Saray
<p>Session 3.3.3 "Preserving Natural Ecosystems / Acting Locally, Thinking Globally: What actions help preserve ecosystems?" GWA member Mrs Alicia Raffaele will be making a presentation in this session.</p>	21 March 8:30 – 10:30 hours	Sütlüce Carpark Bloc: Aynali Kavak II
<p>Session 3.4.3 "Contemporary issues, public awareness, stakeholder participation on sustainable water resource management" GWA member Mrs Margriet Reinders will make a presentation on gender and sustainable (rain)water management.</p>	21 st March 8:30 – 11:00	Sütlüce Thematic Bloc Ayvan Saray
<p>Session 4.3.3 "Beyond Water Bribes: How to build a corruption-resistant water sector" GWA member Mrs Caroline Toroitich will contribute</p>	March 18 th , 8:30 – 13:00	Sütlüce Carpark Bloc: Aynali Kavak



Title/Organization	Time	Place
Session 6.1.0: Opening plenary Education, Knowledge and Capacity Development Strategies. Convenors: Women for Water Partnership with UNESCO-IHE	20 th March, 8.30-10.30	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 4
Session 6.1.1: Knowledge for all, all for knowledge. Convenors: Women for Water Partnership member NetWwater and Organisation International de L'Eau.	20 th March, 11.00-13.00 h	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 4
Session 6.1.3: Get involved! Whose and what empowerment will ensure the provision of sustainable water services. Convenors: WfWP, UNESCO-IHE and IRC.	20 th March, 17.00-19.00	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 4
Session 6.1.5: Wrap-up and Synthesis - Education, Knowledge and Capacity Development Strategies. Convenors: Women for Water Partnerhsip, UNESCO-IHE	21 st March, 11.00-13.00	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 4
Session 6.3.2 "Showcasing Success: How professional networks and associations are making an impact" GWA member Mrs. Ninon Machado will be part of an interactive panel discussion	March 20 th , 14:30 – 19:00	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 2
Session 6.4.1 "Building the Database: What data should we put in the treasure chest?" GWA chairperson Mrs. Sara Ahmed will contribute	March 20 th , 8:30 – 11:30 hours	Feshane Bloc: Feshane 3
Side events		
Topic: The role of Women in Irrigated Agriculture: Experiences from Turkey and Sri Lanka. Convenors: Soroptimist International of Turkey, NetWwater	17 th March, 8.30-10.30	Sutluce VIP Bloc: Hasköy
Topic: Corruption and water related disasters in Sri Lanka. Convenors: NetWwaters	21 st March, 11.00-13.00	Sütluce VIP Bloc Kasimpasa
Learning Center /Global Education Village		
Topic: Gender and Climate Change Workshop Convenors: IUCN and Global Gender and Climate Alliance	19 March, 8.30 – 13.00	Feshane Training in Learning Centre
"Gender and Empowerment in Water, Sanitation and Waste Management" Trainers: Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)	17 th March, 14:30 – 19:00	Learning Centre, Feshane Hall, room no. 5
Public Launch of educational booklets for children in the Global Water Education Village Organizers: Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) Public Launch of Resource Guide on Gender and Water Management (first time in Hindi, Bengali, and Urdu) Convenors: UNDP, Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), SIWI Public Launch of educational booklets for children Organizers: Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)	19 th March, 17:00 – 19:00	Feshane II, Mahmut hall to be announced later
Public Launch of Resource Guide on Gender and Water Management (first time in Hindi, Bengali, and Urdu) Convenors: UNDP, Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), SIWI Equity mainstreaming in the water sector, why and how Convenors: Women for Water Partnership	19 th March, 17:00 – 19:00 17 th March, 11:15-12:45	Feshane II, Mahmut hall to be announced later WWC Pavilion PartnershipBazaar

WATER PRIZES

King Hassan II Great World Water Prize

The King Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an international award honouring the memory of His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco, whose distinguished leadership encouraged cooperation and sound management of water resources. It is awarded to an institution, organization, individual or group of individuals in view of their outstanding scientific, economic, technical, environmental, social, institutional, cultural or political achievements in the field of water resources. The prize winner will receive a cheque for \$100,000 and a trophy.

The prize will be awarded during the Opening Ceremony which will be held on March 16th, at 09.30, in the Haliç Hall of the Sutluce Congress Centre.



Turkish Republic Prime Minister's Water Prize

Turkey, as the host country of the 5th World Water Forum, aims to honour individuals who have contributed to society's increased awareness of water-related issues, through the organization of a prize. This Prize will be offered to one Turkish and one non-Turkish journalist for their excellent published works on water-related issues, which shed a particular light on the concept of "Bridging Divides for Water". Each of the two winning journalists will receive a prize of € 20,000.

The prize will be awarded during the Opening Ceremony which will be held on March 16th, at 09.30, in the Haliç Hall of the Sutluce Congress Centre.



Compromiso Mexico Water Prize

This award, subtitled “Towards the Establishment of Local Public Policies for Water Supply and Sanitation”, aims to promote, divulge and stimulate best practices in implemented public policies which have had a positive influence on water resources management, and which can demonstrate measurable results in the solution of problems related to water supply, sewerage and sanitation services. In this way, it acknowledges the genuine concern voiced by the world’s citizens and governments on the increasing global water crisis, which demands the collective attention and joint endeavour of the nations of the world. First place will be granted an award of US\$ 15,000, second place US\$ 10,000 and third US\$ 5,000.

The prize will be awarded during the local authorities meeting which will be held in the Haliç Room in Feshane on March 18th, at 08.30.

Kyoto Grand World Water Prize

After an open application process, 30 pre-selected candidates have been funded to attend the Forum and present their grassroots activities to the global community. From March 17th to 20th, 20 candidates will present their activities during lunchtime in the Global Water Education Village in Feshane. On March 21st, the 10 finalists will directly compete for the prize money of JPY 3,000,000 (approximately 30,000 US\$) from 12.30 to 15.00 in the Citizen’s Water House in Feshane. All 30 candidates will have posters presenting their work at the entrance to Feshane.

The prize will be awarded during the closing ceremony which will be held in the Haliç Hall of the Sutluce Congress Centre, on March 22, at 14.30.



Activity	Organization	Country
Decentralised Household Centred Initiatives to enhance water and sanitation for sustainable development	Empowerment for Development	Uganda
Grassroots Initiatives to solve safe water crisis	An Organisation for Socio-Economic Development	Bangladesh
Community based water supply and management system case of SECODE project	Kenya Organization for Environmental Education	Kenya
Clean water, sanitation and basic supply for people in rural areas of the Kunduz district in Northern Afghanistan	Katachel e.V.	Germany
WOTR: Changing Lives, Saving The Future	Watershed Organisation Trust	India
SEWA’s Women, Water and Work Campaign	Self Employed Women’s Association	India
Water and Food Security for Tsunami Effected Households in the Eastern and Southern Province of Sri Lanka through Introduction of Rain Water Harvesting and Home gardening Technology	Lanka Rain Water Harvesting Forum	Sri Lanka
Recycling of waste water for irrigation farming	UNDP Tanzania	Tanzania
Building green technologies through Women training for water provision, rural sanitation and environmental protection.	Valle de Bravo Basin Fund	Mexico
Clean drinking water for all!	Neo Synthesis Research Centre	Sri Lanka

ISTANBUL, EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2010

Istanbul's Journey to Become a Capital of Culture

The term "European Capital of Culture" first emerged in the 1980's. Greek Culture Minister at the time Melina Mercouri's suggestion to the European Union Ministerial Council was passed, designating Athens the first city to receive the honour of being a city adding to European culture and adding to Europe as a whole in 1985. This title was given to cities of EU member countries between 1985 and 2000. By the time 2000 rolled around, a new millennium prompted the title to be given to more than one city in a year and to cities of countries that are EU candidates.

A First in the European Capital of Culture Project...

Istanbul's journey to become a European Capital of Culture started when the decision was passed to designate cities of EU candidate countries as European Capital of Culture also. After the European Union passed a decision to expand the European Capital of Culture project to encompass countries that are not full EU members also, a group of non-governmental volunteers interested in the idea met on July 7th 2000 to form the Initiative Group that would determine the steps to be taken to make Istanbul a candidate to become a European Capital of Culture.

Local or national administrations were behind all cities that were involved in the European Capital of Culture program. Istanbul on the other hand managed a first by having this non-governmental movement behind it being picked the European Capital of Culture. The Initiative Group, established contact with universities and other non-governmental organisations after it received the backing of the local and central administrations. European Union and affiliate organisations were approached and visits were organised to former cities to be European Capital of Culture.

Work accelerating...

In March 2005, Mr. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, expressed support to the Initiative Group in a statement and called on all public institutions and non-governmental organisations to back the process. The Prime Ministry approved the appointment of Nuri M. Çolakoğlu as Secretary General and Istanbul MP Egemen Bağış as Chair of the Advisory Board. The Initiative Group therefore continued on its path of non-governmental spirit with public backing.

On December 13th 2005, a delegation comprised of Advisory Board Chair Egemen Bağış, Istanbul Governor Muammer Güler, Istanbul Mayor Kadir Topbaş, Central Executive Board Chair Nuri M. Çolakoğlu and representatives of the non-governmental organisations submitted the folder to the Education and Culture Directorate General of the European Commission.

Istanbul become the 2010 European Capital of Culture...

There was a successful presentation to the jury to pick the city made up of seven members specialised in culture and arts in Europe on March 14th 2006. The jury announced on April 11th 2006 the decision eagerly awaited by all. Istanbul was picked, along with Hungary's Pécs and Germany's Essen cities as the 2010 European Capital of Culture.

Chair of the International jury famous British man of culture, Sir Jeremy Isaacs, explained their decision as follows: The active involvement of the non-governmental organisations and the bottom-to-top process in the preparation of (Istanbul's) suggestion were critical qualities.

With the opinion of the European Parliament on November 13th 2006 and approval by the European Union Culture Ministers Council, Istanbul was declared officially to be the 2010 European Capital of Culture.

Why Istanbul was picked a European Capital of Culture?

Istanbul, with its geographical location and cultural heritage of thousands of years, has a privileged position among world metropolises. Its young and dynamic population brings into life a creative energy, turning Istanbul –a mirror of Turkey- into one of the World's most dynamic cities.

The cultural understanding that developed in Istanbul in the past twenty years especially reflects onto the cultural life. With each passing day, Istanbul turns into an attraction, a cultural and artistic centre for not only the people of Istanbul but also for the whole world.

The 21st Century will be the century of the cities. Cities will bring to life their identities, taking their cultures forward and paint the global culture by sharing their expertise. People of cities understand one another through cultural exchange and get to know each other better. The addition of culture into daily life and its dispersion through all segments of society gain importance with each passing day. Urban development is only achieved through urban knowledge reaching a desirable level and cultural exchange. For this reason, both administrations and non-governmental organisations have to be active, making the best use of professional knowledge and experience. It is only through this that cities picked as European Capitals of Culture can enrich global culture with their contributions.

With Istanbul becoming the 2010 European Capital of Culture, Europe will discover its own roots in Istanbul and take an important step in understanding one another. It is only when the people of Istanbul embrace this project and support it with wide attendance that Istanbul will be a successful European Capital of Culture.

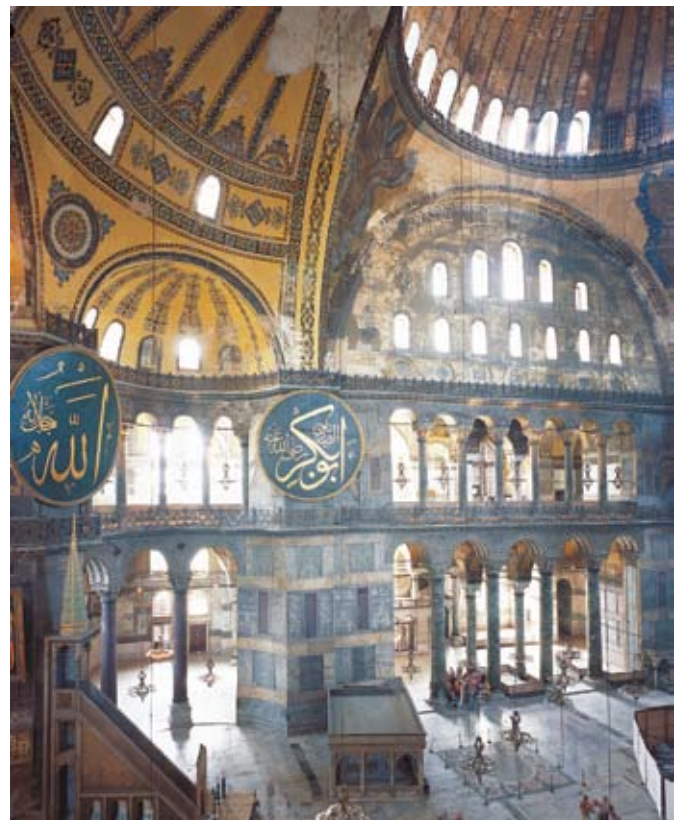
Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency

Following the appointment of Istanbul as the European Capital of Culture, works to achieve the set goals were speeded up. Initially, the law to provide for the organisation and funding for the foundation of the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency was passed by the Council of Ministers to the Turkish Grand National Assembly. Article 5706 of November 2nd 2007 on Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture founded the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency. The Coordination Council, Advisory Board, Central Executive Board, Secretariat General, Agency divisions to carry out the European Capital of Culture work were formed, cadres were assigned and the whole organisational structure was completed in March 2008.

Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency's mission is to prepare Istanbul for the 2010 European Capital of Culture title, plan and administer the activities in 2010 and coordinate the work to be carried out by the public and non-governmental organisations to this end.

Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Domain

Within the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency there are three strategic areas: Urban Applications, Culture-Art and Tourism and Publicity. Administrations and directorates look over 13 different sections within these areas. Urban development projects of the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency are carried out by the Cultural Applications Directorate, Cultural Heritage and Museums Directorate, Urban Project Coordination and Follow-up Directorate. The culture and art projects within the scope of Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture are coordinated by the Artistic Committee and the projects are produced, shaped and brought to life by the Directorates for Visual Arts, Music and Opera, City Culture, Cinema and Documentary, Performance and Stage Arts and Traditional Arts. The aim is to ensure that these projects and events spill over from 2010 and become sustainable.



ISTANBUL, EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2010



1-Urban Applications

The geographical location of Istanbul, the fact that it has served as the capital of many empires and hosted many civilisations, make the European Capital of Culture especially important. One of Istanbul's ambitious aims is to bring to life in new convergence of rehabilitation and protection of these cultural heritage sources that will enrich the lives and visions of the people of Istanbul. The shaping of these protectionist projects around research, creativity and public interest carries vital importance in reaching this aim.

Projects shining a light to the face of Istanbul, bringing out and adopting its cultural and historical heritage are being brought to life with urban applications. Restorations, renovations, restitutions and urban transformation projects will have long-term and permanent effects on Istanbul, protecting its rich cultural heritage and once again putting them out for all to see.

Such large projects are: The completion of the restoration of the Hagia Sophia Museum by the end of 2009, the preparation of the Sur-i Sultani Strategic Vision to take up the boundaries of the Topkapı Palace and advance it along with the museum to world standards, the preparation of an archaeological park at Yenikapı in conjunction with the Theodosius Port project and the construction of a temporary fair area to showcase the remains taking Istanbul's history to tens of thousands of years back, and to renovate the Atatürk Culture Centre for 2010.

Aims of Urban Applications

- To start Istanbul's participative transformation project
- To better the current condition of our cultural and historical possessions
- To bring to light Istanbul's unique values
- To apply urban transformation projects
- To develop and add variety to the current historical path
- To strengthen its position on the UNESCO list
- To contribute to the coordination between the institutions in question
- To increase the participation of the people of Istanbul in the decision making process

2-Culture and Art

One of the main aims of the project is to add culture and arts to the lives of the millions living in this metropolis, especially those in distant areas away from cultural events. Special importance is given to institutional projects that will have persistency after 2010 in a continuous infrastructure, as well as many other projects in culture and arts. Another one of the aims of the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture work is to ensure that the people of Istanbul actively participate in these events and projects.

Istanbul has been taking extensive steps in the past 20 years to establish itself as an important culture and arts centre of Europe; however, this position will be set in stone with events organised in 2010. All culture and art events that will add to Istanbul, will at the same time mean the support towards the production of art, create opportunities for artists to reach out to the world and develop the culture and art infrastructure in the city.

Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency takes as its main aim to bring culture and arts to a wide audience. There were many street events organised in the summer of 2008. For example, the "Summer concerts of all tunes on the way to 2010" brought many different musical styles to the people of Istanbul. The "On the way to 2010" project will continue with additions in 2009.

With the aim of bringing modern art to all corners of Istanbul, 20 exhibitions had been put on display in Ümraniye, Kartal and Tuzla as part of the "Mobile Art" project. This will go onto visit 39 other towns of Istanbul.

At the same time, projects to support young artists, and have them opened up to the world are being developed. For this reason, an Arts Production Centre was opened in Yenikapı. The centre provides opportunity for development for young artists and will be a workshop for them to work with leading European artists.

The festival organised in 2008 as the Istanbul Universities Theatre Festival will be on stage around Turkey in 2009 as the Turkish Universities Theatre Festival and then will become the European Universities Theatre Festival in 2010 with international attendance.

Aims

- To introduce Turkey's cultural values to Europeans, and to add to Europe's common culture.
- To be positioned as an unparalleled culture, arts and information metropolis in its region.
- To promote to the World our values that have added to the global cultural heritage.
- To merge Istanbul with the "Alliance of Civilisations Project."
- To develop a culture of coexistence.
- To bring culture and art events to all segments of society.

3- Tourism and Publicity

The main aims are to reflect Istanbul's unparalleled cultural heritage to tourism, to develop touristic opportunities, better city-wide infrastructure, increase service quality and therefore bring more than 10 million tourists to Istanbul in 2010.

By diverting visitors wanting a cultural experience to Istanbul and increasing their duration of stay, a more active promotion will be possible and the city in turn will make better use of global tourism dynamism in an economical sense.

7 million visitors came to Istanbul in 2008. When the aimed 10 million visitors come to Istanbul in 2010, with increased spending per head, Istanbul's income from tourism in 2010 is envisaged to reach 10 billion dollars.

Aims

- To promote Istanbul's historical cultural heritage,
- To bring to the fore the variety in Istanbul's cultural-artistic events,
- To add to it being an important culture tourism destination,
- To strengthen and enrich the perceptions of Istanbul within the country and abroad,
- To increase the amount of visitors coming to Istanbul,
- To increase the spending level of visitors,
- To increase the average duration of stay in Istanbul,
- To carry out an unprecedented Istanbul 2010 promotion campaign in Europe



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Local Time

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Working Hours

Banks are open weekdays from 8.30 until noon (or 12.30), depending on the bank, and from 13.30 until 17.00. However, there are some banks which continue to serve during lunch breaks. Museums are generally open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 until 17.00 (or 17.30) and closed on Monday.

Shops and bazaars are normally open from Monday to Saturday from 9.30 to 20:00 and closed all day on Sundays. But shopping malls and stores on crowded streets are open seven days a week, including lunch breaks. You can find restaurants or cafes open virtually at any time of the day or night.

Currency and Exchange

As of 1 January 2009, the monetary unit in Turkey was changed to the Turkish Lira (TL), which comes in bank notes of 5 TL; 10 TL; 20 TL; 50 TL; 100 TL and 200 TL. Smaller denominations will come in coins of 1 TL; 50 Kr; 25 Kr; 10 Kr; 5 Kr; and 1 Kr. "Kr" stands for "Kuruş". 100 Kuruş is worth 1 Turkish Lira.

In Turkey travellers' checks are rarely accepted. We recommend that you cash your travellers' checks at the banks.

ATMs can be found in even the smallest Turkish towns. Most accept international credit cards or bank cards (a strip of logos is usually displayed above the ATM). Almost all ATMs have a language key to enable you to read the instructions in English.

A bank will be operating to serve the Forum participants at the Registration Area.

VAT & Service Charges

Value-added tax, here called KDV, is 18%. Hotels typically combine it with a service charge of 10% to 15%, and restaurants usually add a 15% service charge. Value-added tax is nearly always included in quoted prices. Certain shops are authorized to refund the tax (ask).

Credit Cards

Major credit cards (American Express, Visa, Diner's Club, MasterCard, Access, JCB, Eurocard, etc.) are accepted in most establishments. Most ATMs accept international credit/bank cards.

Climate & Clothing

Average temperatures in Istanbul in March are likely to be relatively cold, with average highs of 8 °C. Warm clothes are advisable.

Electricity Supply

The electrical current in Turkey is 220 volts, 50 cycles alternating current (AC). Wall outlets take Continental-style plugs with two or three round prongs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Turkey has a highly sophisticated communication system. In addition to the usual postal and telephone services, GSM telephones can be used through international roaming agreements. Please contact your GSM Operator for more information. It is possible to use most cellular phones in Turkey.

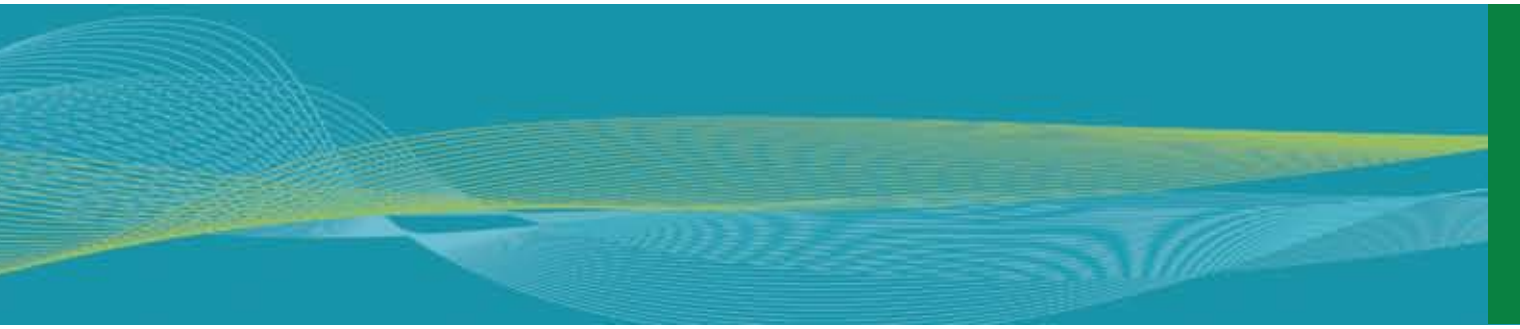
Public telephones have two different systems. Some of them work with cards while others work with tokens. They are both sold in post offices and tobacco shops. For international calls it is advisable to purchase cards.

All over Turkey, phone numbers consists of two sections: area code with three digits and the number itself with 7 digits.

Same area / city calls	just the 7-digit number
From area to area	0+area code-7-digit number
International calls	0+0+country code + area code + number

Mail

Post offices are painted bright yellow and have PTT (Post, Telegraph, and Telephone) signs on the front. The central Post office is open from Monday to Saturday from 08:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 09:00 to 19:00. Smaller ones are open from Monday to Friday between 08:30 and 17:00.



Eating Out

Turkish Cuisine is one of the best in the world. One may dine at any of the hundreds of good restaurants to be found on every corner of the city, serving Turkish and/or international cuisine.

Shopping

Istanbul is a shoppers' paradise with beautiful hand-woven carpets, leather goods, gold bargains and fashion products. The fascinating Covered Bazaar and Spice Market make shopping an irresistible pleasure.

What To Buy

Many people come to Istanbul just to shop. The Kapalı Çarşı, or Grand Bazaar, is the most logical place to start as the variety is immense. Still the commercial centre of the old city, the bazaar is the original shopping "mall" with a vast selection of carpets, souvenirs clothes, shoes, jewellery, and handicrafts made from ceramic, copper and brass.

The Mısır Çarşısı is good for picking up spices, Turkish delight, flavoured teas, and small souvenirs.

The sophisticated shops in the Taksim and Nişantaşı districts contrast with the chaos of the bazaars. İstiklal Caddesi and Cumhuriyet Caddesi have shops selling elegant fashionwear made from Turkey's high quality textiles. Exquisite jewellery, as well as finely designed handbags and shoes can also be found. Nişantaşı is the main area for clothes by top Turkish designers.

For an even more modern, European shopping experience, the huge new malls have European outlets, Turkish fashion shops, branches of Istanbul's most elegant shops, as well as restaurants and cinemas.

In Istanbul's busy flea markets there is an astonishing assortment of good, both old and new.

Tipping

Tips are generally not included in bills. In any case tipping is your prerogative, a reward for service. 10% is the generally applied rate.

For emergencies

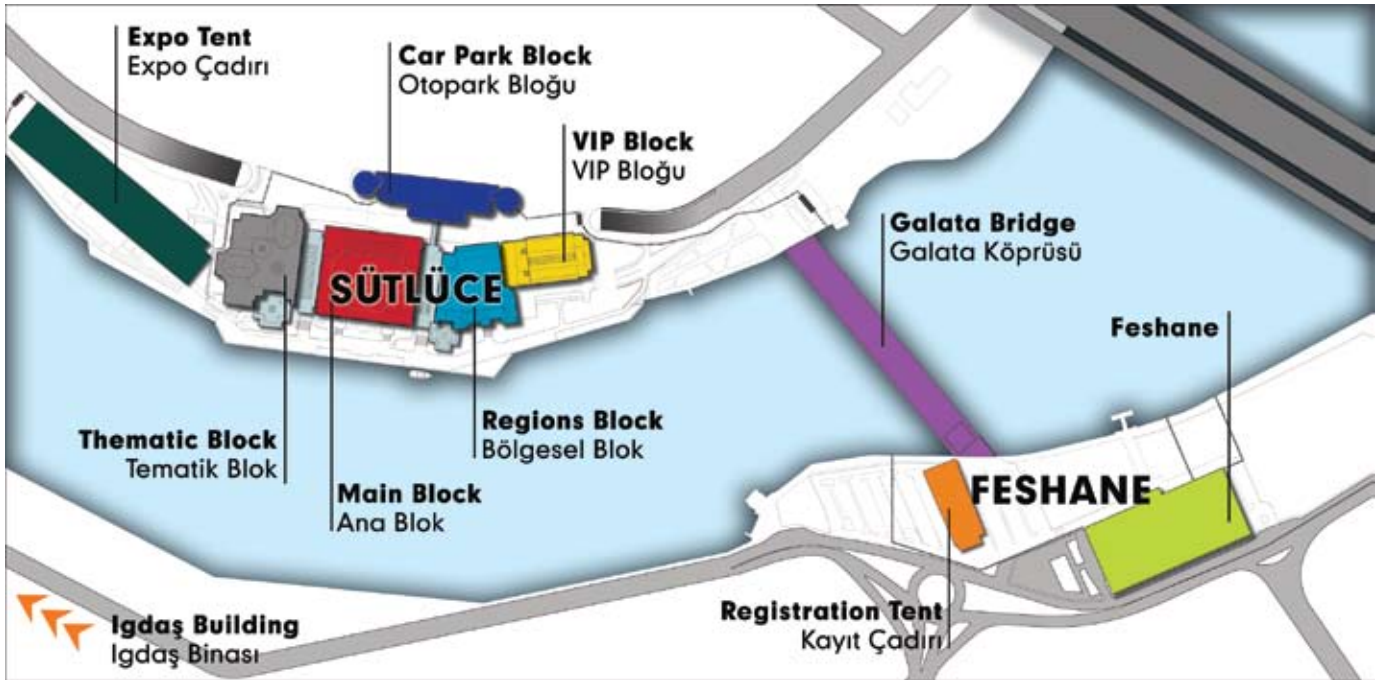
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TAX-FREE

Visitors who do not reside in Turkey are able to reclaim VAT on goods purchased in tax-free shops. Look for the tax-free sign in the shops and remember to ask for the VAT or reclaim form at the time of purchase. The shop assistant will ask to see your passport.

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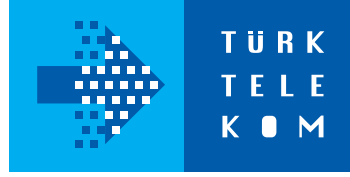
- The list of Exhibitors and the lay-out of the Water Expo will be available at the entrance of the Expo tent.
- Information on prayer rooms and nearby worship places are to be found in the Participant Guide.

- All Forum participants are kindly invited to the artistic events as special guests. Please present your badge on arrival.

- People who didn't have a chance to hold sessions or rather chose to do a visual presentation, portrayed their ideas via poster presentations. These Thematic, Project and Campaign presentations are distributed along the venues according to the places of their related session presentations. Campaign posters include awareness-raising publicity presentations aiming to clearly demonstrate the importance of water issues. Project posters refer to posters describing the water-related activities that you have been involved in, reporting on the key lessons learned that should be shared through the Forum.

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