The 6th WORLD WATER FORUM
Marseille, March 2012

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The Forum is organised by the World Water Council and the country and host city.
The 6th World Water Forum, Marseille, France: a Forum of Solutions

Preferring action and solutions over theoretical discourse and debates

Encouraging lasting concrete commitments through a follow-up mechanism

Involving wide participation (in the spirit of the «Grenelle» French model)

Creating true mobilization of citizens in a friendly, festive and popular atmosphere

⇒ The Forum’s sessions should be the illustration of these ambitions!
A preparation process for SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic & Time-bound) priorities and targets

- A process based on concrete goals and targets served by solutions and commitments
- The preparation of the forum, as well as the programme and the desired outcomes, are based on:
  - The definition, selection or promotion of realistic & sustainable solutions
  - Multi-stakeholder discussions and participation
  - Actions and commitments
  - Strong political mobilisation
  - All of the above in a friendly spirit

- On the road to March 2012, a preparation process based on 4 commissions:
  1. Political
  2. Thematic
  3. Regional
  4. Grassroots & Citizenship
WISE processes should be open to « out of the water box » stakeholders

- Governments
- Local Authorities
- NGOs / Civil Society / Users
- Public and Private Companies
- Professionals / Scientists / Experts
- Intergovernmental Organizations / United Nations
- Parliamentarians
From Targets to Solutions

Communication  Technical  Legal  Financial  Governance

French Law n° 2011-156, February 7th, 2011 on national solidarity for water supply and sanitation

Levy, transfers, tariffs...

And others …
From Solutions to Commitments

Institutional

Political

Individual
Organisation of the preparation

Working Groups
Core Groups & Target Solutions Groups

6th Forum Secretariat
Roles and responsibilities of CGs

- Support and review the work of the TSGs, including identifying existing and innovative solutions and securing commitments
- Ensure a balanced multi-stakeholder representation within the TSGs
- Draw links between CGs and between the thematic, regional and political processes
- Prepare the introduction, multistakeholder and wrap up sessions

- **Deliverables:**
  - PFA/CS Description
  - Draft and final reports
  - PFA/CS Sessions design & material
Roles and Responsibilities of TSGs

- Develop target action plans, identify existing and innovative solutions and seek commitments from various stakeholders
- Provide inputs in the Platform of Solutions
- Prepare the target-specific Forum session
- Contribute to the post-Forum report and synthesis on recommendations and implementation

**Deliverables:**
- Target Description
- Target Action Plan
- Solutions
- Draft and final reports
- Target Session design & material
A set of steps towards making your session for the Forum’s working groups

April 2011

- Targets
- Working groups

June to December 2011

- Action plans
- Broad participation
- Existing and innovative solutions
- Commitments
- Forum Week Design

11/11 to 02/12

- Preparations for Forum sessions
- Forum preparatory meetings

March 2012

Stockholm

Platform of Solutions

Launch

Follow-up on Solutions

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Implementation & Hand-over
A set of interactive tools designed to help working groups

- Collaborative working space: [http://workingspace.worldwaterforum6.org](http://workingspace.worldwaterforum6.org)
- To support exchange and discussion over the deliverable of working groups

- Online Platform of Solutions (now available!): [www.solutionsforwater.org](http://www.solutionsforwater.org)
  - To receive, discuss and profile solutions and contributions from all stakeholders
  - To enable the monitoring and follow up of commitments
Forum Week principles
Technical sessions - 1

Introduction sessions (2h):

- Responsibility of Core Groups and Regional coordinators
- Dedicated to each PFA/CS
- Introducing the theme: link to Strategic Directions, strategic scope, key issues and barriers to overcome
- Setting the scene for the week: target-driven approach, good solutions and strong commitments
Forum Week principles
Technical sessions - 2

**Target-specific sessions (2h):**

- **Responsibility of Target and Solutions Groups**

- **Interactive presentations:** the target, its action plan, solutions and commitments

- **Possibility to integrate sessions** when thematic and regional targets are closely related (> 2h)

- **Encouraging further commitments of all kinds**
Forum Week principles
Technical sessions - 3

Multi-stakeholders wrap ups (2h):

- **Responsibility of Core Groups and Regional Coordinators**

- **Two sessions per PFA/CS:**
  - **Panel dialogue** on the most significant topic/solutions covered during the day
  - **Synthesis session** to wrap up on all sessions previously completed

- **Building up commitments:** generate momentum and media attention for commitments to be consolidated on the Commitment Day
For all sessions:

- Present the information in a powerful and engaging way
- Make sessions as purposeful, interactive and participatory as possible

→ Today’s demonstration will introduce several methods you may use to design your Forum session successfully!
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Closing

- **Thank you for your participation** today, and for your commendable work on the **first deliverables**

- **Marseille 2012 Time for Solutions!** an ambitious goal we must reach together
Next Steps

- **August-December 2011:** Identify solutions to be presented at the Forum

- **August-December 2011:** Refine the Target Action Plans and encourage commitments

- All the way up to the Forum 2012: Encourage the participation of stakeholders worldwide

- **October-December 2011:** Prepare your working groups reports and sessions

- **November 2011:** Attend coordination meeting early November 2011 for CG and Regional coordinators

- Remember additional communication and profiling devices to further increase the visibility of water solutions and their contributors during the Forum Week in March 2012
Next Steps

- Welcome to the **Platform of Solutions**: www.solutionsforwater.org

- Receiving, discussing and profiling solutions and contributions from all interested stakeholders in an open and transparent way

- Enabling the monitoring and follow up of commitments taken during the preparation or at the 6th World Water Forum
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