



## The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, March 2012

### TIME FOR SOLUTIONS

Next March 2012, 140 ministerial delegations, over 180 countries, 800 speakers and 25 000 participants are awaited for more than 250 conferences and over 400 hours of exchanges and debates at the largest water event in the world. The ultimate goal: to raise water issues higher on global agendas.

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum - Time for Solutions – is a key milestone on the road to solving the world challenges confronted by water, from access to water and sanitation for all, to climate change and food safety.

*“The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is to be the Forum of Commitments and Solutions and we are looking for concrete actions towards solving the world water problems. We invite proposals which are feasible in restrained financial, social and environmental conditions. The possibilities offered to the water professionals to interact with high-level political decision-makers make the Forum an ideal platform for discussing the way forward.”* Prof. Benedito Braga, President of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and Vice-President of the World Water Council.

In order to address global water challenges, the works and discussions at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will be guided by 12 Priorities for Action and 3 Conditions for Success, translated into common and measurable goals. These targets and their roadmaps provide a strategic frame to the identification and replication of promising solutions and commitments.

#### 12 priorities for action

Ensure Everyone's Well-Being	1.1	Guarantee access to water for all and the Right to Water
	1.2	Improve access to integrated sanitation services for all
	1.3	Contribute to hygiene and health through water and sanitation
	1.4	Prevent and respond to water-related risks and crises
	1.5	Contribute to cooperation and peace through water
Contribute to Economic Development	2.1	Balance multiple uses through IWRM - <i>Integrated Water Resource Management</i>
	2.2	Contribute to food security by the optimal use of water
	2.3	Harmonise water and energy
	2.4	Promote Green Growth and value ecosystem services
Keep the Planet Blue	3.1	Improve the quality of water resources and ecosystems
	3.2	Adjust pressures and footprints of human activities on water
	3.3	Respond to climate and global changes in an urbanising world

### and 3 conditions for Success

Conditions for Success	CS1	Good governance
	CS2	Financing water for all
	CS3	Enabling environments

This 6<sup>th</sup> Forum will be the birthplace of strong commitments and partnerships aimed at the introduction and scaling up of promising solutions by all the stakeholders from the different regions: elected representatives, decision-makers, civil society, financial partners and experts.

### The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum programme

The programme will bring forward the outcomes of the long preparatory processes before the Forum – at the political, thematic, regional and local & grassroots levels –, the daily progresses through the evening multi-stakeholders synthesis sessions, and at last, the commitments and declarations at the end of the week.

	DAY 1 Monday 12 March	DAY 2 Tuesday 13 March	DAY 3 Wednesday 14 March	DAY 4 Thursday 15 March	DAY 5 Friday 16 March	DAY 6 Saturday 17 March
8.30 am / 10.30 pm		Thematic and regional sessions			Commitment day	Final synthesis closing session
		High level roundtables	Local and regional authorities conference	Local and regional authorities conference Parliamentarian conference		
11.00 am / 13.00 pm	Opening ceremony	Thematic and regional sessions			Commitment day	Closing ceremony
		High level roundtables	Local and regional authorities conference	Local and regional authorities conference Parliamentarian conference		
Lunch	Side events					
2.30 am / 4.30 pm	Inspiring speeches	Thematic and regional sessions			Commitment day	« Grassroots & Citizenship » major events
		Ministerial conference	Regional interpolitical dialogues	Local and regional authorities conference Parliamentarian conference		
5.00 pm / 7.00 pm		Multi-stakeholder sessions and High Level Panels				
		Ministerial conference	Regional interpolitical dialogues	Local and regional authorities conference Parliamentarian conference		
7.30 pm / 9.30 pm	« Grassroots & Citizenship » major events					

*NB: Provisional programme. For updated version, visit [worldwaterforum6.org](http://worldwaterforum6.org)*

As the previous Forums did, the next edition of the Forum continues to innovate for the sake of water, with:

- **An international Platform of Solutions**, [www.solutionsforwater.org](http://www.solutionsforwater.org), to last beyond 2012, for all to consult and contribute to.
- **A roadmap for concrete commitments**, involving experts and decision makers from different background and responsibilities from all regions.
- **A new commission, « Grassroots & Citizenship »**, to involve the civil society
- **A strengthening of the political process**, through significant contributions and commitments from parliamentarians and local and regional authorities worldwide.
- **Debates on sensitive issues.**

*The international water community and all stakeholders are invited to contribute and participate to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.*

Here is how to join the change makers in Marseille, March 12 to 17, 2012:

- **Contribute** with a solution, existing or innovative, to help address the global water challenges. Detailed proposal can be shared on line at [www.solutionsforwater.org](http://www.solutionsforwater.org)
- **Join** one of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum working groups in charge of identifying solutions and generating commitments – through a 3-step process: consult the list of priorities and targets on [www.worldwaterforum6.org](http://www.worldwaterforum6.org); select the relevant target(s); contact the coordinator by e-mail with your proposal of contribution and solution(s).
- **Participate** to the Forum sessions and debates. Registration is now open and early birds get best conditions. A low fare has also been designed for students so as to encourage large participation from the youth. Free school visits can be organised on Tuesday March 13 and Thursday March 15 (application for registration: [youth@worldwaterforum6.org](mailto:youth@worldwaterforum6.org)).
- **Join** the network initiatives: Youth initiatives, Women for water, NGOs, Ethic & culture...
- **Propose** a project for institutional support and get the 6th World Water Forum label.
- **Organise** a side event or participate in the water exhibition promoting water solutions.
- **Apply** to the International Water prizes that will be awarded in Marseille during the Forum week.
- It is also possible to **join the volunteers** to help welcome, guide, inform the speakers, the participants and the citizens.

More details available on [www.worldwaterforum6.org](http://www.worldwaterforum6.org)

*More about ...*

***solutionsforwater.org* : A sustainable tool to share solutions and to commit for water**

Designed by the International Forum Committee for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in 2012 and beyond, this Platform of Solutions is an open-source, transparent digital tool dedicated to collect, to share and to follow solutions and commitments for water, from the international water community - but not only-. This tool is anchored in the Forum's global water priorities and thematic or regional targets, following a WISE methodology: Wide Involvement Stakeholders Exchanges. This international platform is an intuitive working space, a knowledge-sharing basis, a network as well as an international communication and exchange device, open to all.

**The Forum's preparatory process:** The Forum is a tri-annual process initiated as soon as the host country and host city have been selected by a series of preparatory processes which combine thematic, regional, political and citizens' activities. These processes, managed by 4 commissions, mobilise over two thousands of water stakeholders over the 5 continents and culminate in the Forum week. However this week is not an end: it represents simply an important milestone in a continuous process combining dialogue, action and monitoring of the results.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum organisers** are: France, City of Marseille and the World Water Council, with the support of local and regional authorities. The International Forum Committee secretariat is based in Marseille. Contact: +33 (0) 4 95 09 01 40 - [secretariat@worldwaterforum6.org](mailto:secretariat@worldwaterforum6.org)

**The World Water Council:** is an international NGO which provides a platform for exchanges and partnership building among all institutions of the water community. It was created in 1996 by water professional associations and by UN Agencies. Its missions are to raise awareness on water issues and to stimulate political commitments in favour of water. It has today more than 400 member organisations from about 100 countries.

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