



6th World Water Forum

“Time for Solutions” at the Singapore International Water Week

▪ 4-5 PM July 5th 2011 ▪ Room 202 ▪ Suntec Convention Center ▪

During the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW), the International Forum Committee will organize a side event to present the 6th World Water Forum that is going to be hosted in Marseille, France on March 12th-17th, 2012. The World Water Forum is one of the largest international events related to water, sanitation and sustainable development, which has been organized every three years since 1997.

The President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, mentioned that “the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille would be a crucial rendez-vous as water issue is critical to the future of our planet. The time for solutions has come for water, as it has for sanitation. From now on, we have to apply concrete measures and make firm commitments. These commitments should be made on a voluntary basis by all stakeholders”, said the President of France.

For achieving the above-mentioned goals, the regional process was initiated for preparing the 6th World Water Forum. Several regional synthesis meetings have been organized in the world, including the Asia-Pacific.

During the side-event session on July 5th 2011 in Room 2020 at the Suntec Convention Center, the President of the International Forum Committee and Vice-President of the World Water Council, Prof. Benedito Braga, will explain the concept of “Time for solutions”. Moreover, Eun-Kyung Park, President of the Korea Water Forum and President of the 6th World Water Forum Regional Process Commission, will present the Asia-Pacific Regional Process.

Some other events at the Singapore International Water Week are also related to the 6th World Water Forum preparation and its regional process in Asia-Pacific.

At the South East Asia Water Ministers Forum (SEAWMF), Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council and Vice-president of the 6th World Water Forum, together with Prof. Benedito Braga, will explain their organizations’ roles in exchanging solutions for water resources sustainability in a changing rural and urban environment. The SEAWMF is a platform where Ministers come together to share their experiences on topics relating to water management in South East Asia countries.

Moreover, a synthesis meeting with regional stakeholders will be organized on July 9th by the Asia-Pacific Water Forum, a critical regional partner of the 6th World Water Forum. The meeting aims at presenting the Asia-Pacific Regional Process, exchanging on regional targets, and calling for submitting case studies about the existing and innovative solutions to achieve the regional targets. This meeting offers a good opportunity to regional stakeholders to learn about the Forum’s preparation process and the way to make a contribution.

The Singapore Water Week has strong impacts at both regional and international level. It is a great opportunity for relevant stakeholders to discuss regional issues within a global context and to share regional experiences with the international communities. Attending SIWW is critical for the International Forum Committee to move forward the preparation process of the 6th World Water Forum.

More Information during the SIWW:

The International Forum Committee will be available at the booth **4P23 on level 4** for further information regarding to the Forum and the trade shows.

About the 6th World Water Forum:

The 6th World Water Forum is organized by the French State together with the World Water Council and the City of Marseille. This "Forum of Solutions" will take place on March 12th- 17th, 2012 in the old part of Marseille, Phocée. The four preparatory processes (political, regional, thematic and local) have been initiated to bring all key stakeholders together to share solutions and commit to concrete actions.

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