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Governments mobilized for “Water for Our Future”

Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, 17 December 2014 - On December 17th and 18th, approximately 85 government representatives from 50 countries will meet with international organizations and civil society representatives, for the First Ministerial Preparatory Committee meeting (PrepCom I). In preparation for the 7th World Water Forum, PrepCom I will serve to define together the political priorities and progress towards “Water for our Future” and to set the foundations for the 7th World Water Forum’s Ministerial Statement.

This inter-governmental process led by the host country of the World Water Forum and the World Water Council is considered to be one of the most important political efforts dedicated to water. Based on contributions received from each of the Forum’s 16 themes, a draft discussion paper was compiled and circulated to participants, serving as the basis for discussion over the two days. Discussions will continue at the second PrepCom meeting, planned on 24-25 February 2015, also at UNESCO Headquarters.

The final outcome of this common work will take the shape of a Ministerial Declaration which will be presented during the Ministerial Conference of the 7th World Water Forum on 13 April 2015 in the city of Gyeongju, Republic of Korea. This statement will provide insight on water issues, also as they relate to other major forthcoming global events on development, such as the UN General Assembly’s anticipated confirmation of the Sustainable Development Goals for the post-2015 Development Agenda and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) on Climate Change, amongst others. In addition, the Ministerial Conference will include a series of high-level roundtable sessions on a number of important issues.

The PrepComs will be co-chaired by Seong-ho Lee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea , and by Andras Szöllösi-Nagy, World Water Council.

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ABOUT...

The World Water Council (WWC) is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, founder and co-organizer of the World Water Forum. The World Water Council's mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life on earth. The World Water Council, headquartered in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together over 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries.

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The 7th World Water Forum

The 7th edition of the world's largest water event will gather participants from around the globe, focusing on the implementation of the solutions that were identified during the 6th edition (Marseille, France, 2012). The legacy the 7th World Water Forum will, therefore, include:

- ⇒ Moving from solutions to implementation
- ⇒ Bridging the platform of science & technology to water issues
- ⇒ Encouraging a significant place for water in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Necessitating two years of collaborative preparation with stakeholders from around the world, the Forum consists of 4 preparatory processes within a common framework, so as to catalyze collective action and positive change. The 7th World Water Forum is jointly organized by the World Water Council and the Republic of Korea together with the city of Daegu and the Province of Gyeongbuk.

More information and updates are available online at:

<http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/introduce/program/political.asp>