

## Less than a year away! The world is preparing for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the world's largest water event will gather participants from the international water community as well as policy and decision makers from every corner of the world to discuss current water issues and catalyze positive change. The 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will be held in Daegu - Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 12-17 April 2015.

The main themes of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum are: **Water Security for All; Water for Development and Prosperity; Water for Sustainability: Harmonizing Humans and Nature; Constructing Feasible Implementation Mechanisms.** In addition to the [thematic](#) consultation meeting held earlier this year, regional stakeholders are mobilizing efforts all across the world.

The schedule of the major regional events on the road to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum is:

**Africa** > [Fifth Africa Water Week](#), Dakar (Senegal), May 26-31, 2014  
Regional Coordinator: AMCOW-African Ministers' Council on Water

**Americas** > [Latin America Water Week](#), Mexico City (Mexico), June 23-27, 2014  
Regional Coordinators: WWC members ANEAS and CONAGUA

**Arab** > [Second Arab Water Conference](#), Doha (Qatar), May 27-29, 2014  
Regional Coordinator: League of Arab States

**Asia-Pacific** > [Singapore International Water Week](#) (Singapore), June 1-5, 2014  
Regional Coordinator: Asia-Pacific Water Forum

**Europe** > [Preview Session of the European Regional Process](#), Brussels (Belgium), May 19  
Regional Coordinators: WWC members DHI-Danish Hydrological Institute and FWP-French Water Partnership

**Mediterranean** > [Second Mediterranean Water Forum](#), Murcia (Spain), November 24-26, 2014  
Regional Coordinator: WWC member IME-Mediterranean Water Institute and GWP-Global Water Partnership Mediterranean

**Economically Water-Scarce** > [World Water Week](#), Stockholm (Sweden), August 31-September 5, 2014 (tbc)  
Regional Coordinator: WWC Permanent Observer GWP-Global Water Partnership

The World Water Forum is organized by the World Water Council in close collaboration with the authorities of the Republic of Korea and Daegu – Gyeongbuk.

## About the World Water Council

The World Water Council is an international organization that aims at promoting awareness, building political commitment and triggering action on critical water issues by bringing people together, through active hydro-politics, and serving as linkage between stakeholders and decision-makers.

The World Water Council, which has its headquarters in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together around 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries.

It represents a multi-stakeholder water community including representatives from intergovernmental organizations, national governments, the business sector, NGOs and water users associations, and academia.

Every three years, the World Water Council organizes the World Water Forum in close collaboration with the authorities of the host country. More than 20,000 stakeholders and decision makers from over 140 countries attended the latest edition, in a joint effort to build strong political commitment. The Council maintains an on-going commitment to ensure the success of each edition of the Forum.

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## About the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum: “Water for our future” - Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Rep. of Korea, 12-17 April 2015

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the world's largest water event will gather participants from the international water community: academics, research institutions, enterprises, professional networks, governments and policy-makers, IGOs and NGOs, as well as representatives from various fields such as agriculture, food or energy. The 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will focus on the implementation of the solutions that were identified during the 6<sup>th</sup> edition (Marseille, France, 2012). The legacy the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will therefore include:

- Moving from Solutions to Implementation
- Bridging the Platform of Science & Technology to Water Issues
- Contributing to 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. These processes are Regional, Political, Thematic as well as Science and Technology. The Thematic process, overarching backbone of the Forum, is built according to 4 goals and tools:

1. Water Security for All
2. Water for Development and Prosperity
3. Water for Sustainability: Harmonizing Humans and Nature
4. Constructing Feasible Implementation Mechanisms

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will also be composed of cultural events, water co-located events, a water exhibition, and a Citizen's Forum, including a Youth and Children's Forum, to raise citizens' awareness in favor of water.

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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: <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/en>

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