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D-200 for the 7th World Water Forum, 12-17 April 2015:

Registration now open

15 September 2014 – Marseille, France / Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Rep. of Korea. The largest water-related event in the world will open 12-17 April 2015 in Daegu & Gyeongbuk, putting water firmly on the international agenda. A three-year preparatory process will culminate in one week of sessions, debates and cultural activities, where water experts come together with policy makers and civil society. In the 7th World Water Forum, various issues will be discussed through thematic, political, regional, and science & technology processes. In addition to these Forum discussions, a Citizen's Forum, including youth activities, cultural events, side events and a Water Expo & Fair will offer additional opportunities to engage in the 7th World Water Forum.

Some 35,000 participants from about 170 countries – heads of states, public agencies, international organizations, enterprises, academia, civil society, NGOs, journalists, citizens etc. – are expected to participate in the 7th World Water Forum.

Participants can now register for the 7th World Water Forum to gain access to the venue during the Forum week. So as to offer opportunities for people from all horizons to attend the Forum, the prices of entrance fees have been developed according to different categories of participants: those from developed countries, from developing countries, students and NGOs. Early bird rates will be in application through 31 December 2014. In addition, spaces can also now be booked for the Fair and Expo. Details can be found on the 7th World Water Forum's official website http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org.

Press Accreditation:

Journalists who wish to attend the Word Water Forum need to register on the World Water Forum's website. Information on possible grants are available on line at eng.worldwaterforum7.org / <u>financial support program</u>. For any specific request or further information, please contact:

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More about the 7th World Water Forum: "Water for our future"

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
- ⇒ Ensuring 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.

About the World Water Council

The World Water Council is an international organization that aims 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, based in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together around 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries. By providing a platform to encourage debates and exchanges of experience, the Council aims to reach a common strategic vision on water resources and water services management amongst all stakeholders in the water community. In the process, the Council also catalyzes initiatives and activities, whose results converge toward its flagship product, the World Water Forum.

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