

ANEAS Annual Convention and EXPO

The ANEAS Annual Convention and Expo is one of the most important water events in Latin America, gathering together national and international, experts, entrepreneurs, academics, and policymakers related to the water sector, particularly the water and sanitation subsector.

In November the city of Chihuahua, Chihuahua will host this major event that has had an average attendance of 4,000 participants and 400 suppliers of goods and services in the trade show.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



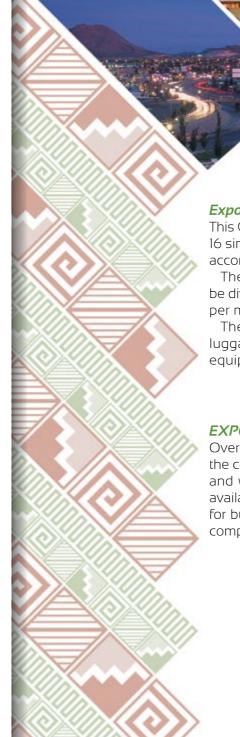
Water and Sanitation Central Board of Chihuahua



National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities of Mexico

Backaround

Since 1983, the association organises the EXPO ANEAS to promote the commercial and technical exchange between water utilities and specialised companies; however, It was until 1986 that the need to analyse and discuss the issues in the water sector arose, thus it became essential for leaders, experts and prominent experts to participate and share experiences, reflections, analysis and opinions to offer solutions, standardise criteria and reach agreements that improve the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation in Mexico. Every year a large technical programme is offered through workshops, courses, panels and conferences, where the most relevant water themes are discussed.



Expo Chihuahua

This Convention Centre spread over 10,000 sqm features 16 simultaneous column-free conference rooms that can accommodate 3,000 people in a single room.

The EXPO Centre is spread over 6,480 sgm that can be divided into two sections, with a resistance of 42 tons per m², ideal for any type of Exhibition.

The centre offers state of the art services: Internet, luggage storage, audio/video, Business, logistics, and equipment services among others.

EXPO

Over 400 suppliers actively participate in our EXPO in the commercial, scientific and technological, institutional, and water culture areas. This year 500 spaces will be available for the Expo; we generate special programmes for business meetings and technical discussions to link companies and utilities.

Targeting:

- ◆ Staff and Directors of Drinking Water and Sanitation Systems
- Academics, researchers and students in related fields
- Members of national and international organisations (WWC, IWA Mexico, UNESCO, UN-HABITAT, World Bank, CODIA, etc.)
- Managers and staff of government institutions

Technical Programme

In order to address the current needs of the subsector, a programme of courses and workshops is offered to provide training and update in which national and international speakers participate in keynote speeches and discussion panels over the week long conference. Book presentations, awards and recognitions, among other activities take place. In addition to the Technical Programme, parallel events from national and international institutions and linked to the sector are also offered.

This year, the central theme is Water and Sustainable Development. According to the United Nations (UN), Water is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socioeconomic development, healthy ecosystems and for human survival itself. It is vital for reducing the global burden of disease and improving the health, welfare and productivity of populations. It is central to the production and preservation of a host of benefits and services for people. Water is also at the heart of adaptation to climate change, serving as the crucial link between the climate system, human society and the environment.

The global community is taking stock of how it can move towards a sustainable future. UN-Water has proposed a global objective "Securing water for all in a sustainable manner." True to this, we will organise our conferences, courses and workshops, and panel discussions using this globally discussed topic: "Water and Sustainable Development" as focal point.



About Chihuahua

Chihuahua is the largest border with the United States and offers daily flights to major US markets and cities. It borders to the south with the states of Durango and Sinaloa, to the east with the state of Coahuila, and to the north with the American sates of Texas and New Mexico.

The state of Chihuahua is divided into 67 municipalities. Its capital bears the same name and its largest city is Ciudad Juarez, located at the border, across from El Paso, Texas. Other major cities are Cuauhtémoc, Delicias, Parral, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Camargo, Ojinaga and Jimenez.

The climate in Chihuahua is as varied as its landscape, in a few areas of Mexico the change of seasons is so pronounced as in this state, with a harsh winter and sporadic snowfall offering landscapes unusual in Mexico, inviting to go hiking and practice snow sports. Conversely, the summer is usually hot reaching temperatures of 40° C in places like Ojinaga and Ciudad Juárez. However, this varies with latitude and altitude in each region. Possibly the most beautiful time of the Chihuahua coun-

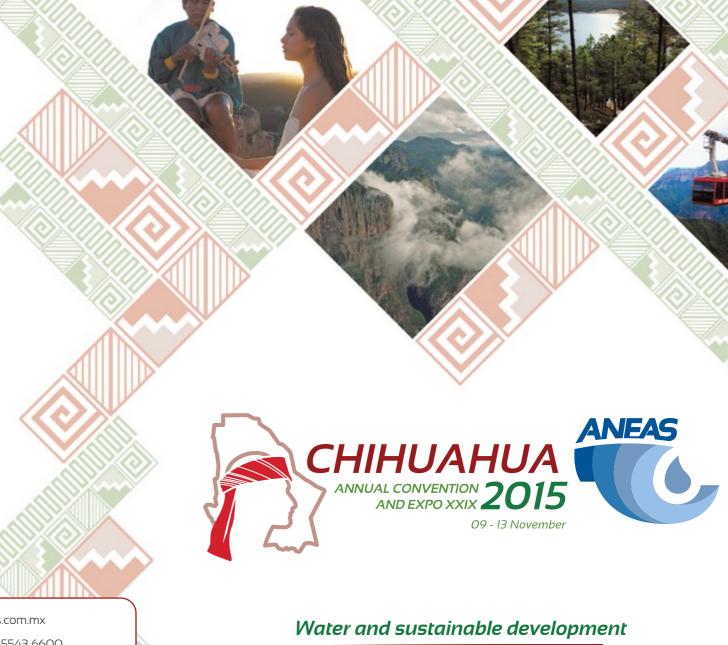
tryside is during fall that offers a pleasant temperature, rains diminish the heat, the vegetation is covered with gold and brown, and corn and apple print a festive atmosphere statewide.

It offers a variety of regional dishes; mostly beef based for its high-quality cattle, including the famous white face (Hereford) Brangus, Charolais and Angus, among others. The finest and delicious cuts are served in restaurants accompanied by baked potato and grilled onions.

Crafts have three sources: the Tarahumara, Paquimé and mestizo. In the past five years, Chihuahua has won several awards in national competitions, in the Tarahumara and mestizo crafts.

Cultural and companion programme

We have prepared a program companions to visit enjoy majestic places located in the city of Chihuahua and surrounding area, including Las Barrancas del Cobre; Chihuahuan Desert Road; Archaeological Zone Paquimé, Grutas Name of God; Mammoth Museum among other cultural heritage of the state.



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