



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST To be Theme or Topic Coordinator of the 8th World Water Forum Thematic Process

Background

The World Water Forum is an international event, organised every three years by the World Water Council in collaboration with the authorities of the host country. It is the largest water-related event in the world, aimed at putting water firmly on the international agenda. A three-year preparatory process culminates in one week of sessions, debates and cultural activities, where all stakeholders interested in water issues come together to push for strong political commitment to give greater priority to appropriate water management strategies.

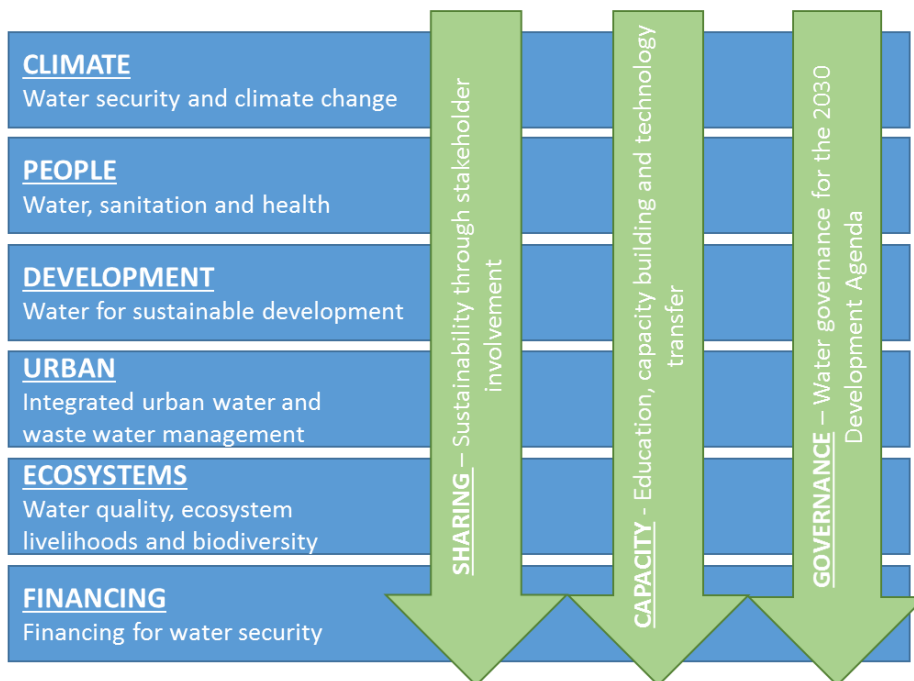
The 8th World Water Forum will take place in Brasilia in March 2018 and will include the traditional three Forum processes - Thematic, Regional and Political -, a Citizens Forum and an Exhibition, and a new Sustainability Focal Group.

Preparations are underway and at the first outreach activity - the Kick-off Meeting that took place in Brasilia last 27th – 28th June - the Thematic Process presented its preliminary Framework for discussion.

The Thematic Commission is pleased to announce the open call for expressions of interest from all interested stakeholders to be involved in the Thematic Process as Theme or Topic Coordinator.

THE 8th WORLD WATER FORUM THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

The 8th World Water Forum Thematic Framework is structured in six main themes and three crosscutting issues, which relate to each other as follows:



Both themes and crosscutting issues, with the relevant topics, will result in a number of sessions at the 8th World Water Forum. Theme Coordination Groups, Topic Coordination Groups and Session Coordinators will support organization of this process, under the supervision of the Thematic Commission (TC).

The Thematic Framework of the 8th World Water Forum can be downloaded at [the following link](#)

Thematic Process Supporting Groups

1. Composition

1.1 Theme Coordination Groups

Each Theme Coordination Group, covering one main theme or crosscutting issue, shall be composed of a small number of organizations, decided by the International Steering Committee (ISC) based on TC's recommendation.

The Theme Coordination Group will appoint a leader among the Group, who will be subject to TC approval.

1.2 Topic Coordination Groups

Each Topic Coordination Group shall be composed of a small number of organizations, recommended by the relevant Theme Coordination Group, approved by the TC and submitted to the ISC for final decision.

The Topic Coordination Group will appoint a leader among the Group, who will be subject to The Coordination Group and TC approval.

1.3 Selection criteria

- a. Recognition of organizations at global/regional level
- b. Capacity of mobilizing resources for participation
- c. Balance between South American/Brazilian and international organizations
- d. Balance in terms of represented categories of actors (public, private, civil society, academia)
- e. Limit to participate in only one Theme Coordination Group

2. Responsibilities

2.1 Theme Coordination Groups

- Develop descriptions of theme/issue and improve/elaborate specification of the topics under it.
- Coordinate the work of Topic Coordination Groups: Recruit organizations for the Topic Coordination Groups and submit to TC/ISC for approval. Select Session Coordinators and submit to TC/ISC for approval. Oversee Topic Coordination Groups' work and foster integration between them and with other groups.
- Organize theme/issue plenaries: Decide and organize opening and/or concluding plenary sessions as decided by TC/ISC.
- Integrate development of the theme with the 8th World Water Forum online global consultation: Follow the online thematic discussions, become aware of the reports of outcomes and foster inclusion of outcomes in the Forum, where appropriate.
- Ensure appropriate integration between crosscutting issues and main themes, and with other preparatory processes (Political, Regional, Sustainability and Citizen's Forum).
- Link themes/issues to the 2030 Development Agenda and other global processes, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals, where appropriate.
- Ensure continuity to the 'Implementation Roadmaps' and provide Follow-up plans, utilizing the 'Action Monitoring System', to the extent decided by the TC/ISC.
- Identify and mobilize relevant stakeholders and experts to participate in discussions, meetings, reference documents and sessions.
- Report regularly to the TC on the progress of the Theme Coordination Group.
- Participate in regular teleconferences and physical meetings during major events such as Stockholm WWW.
- Prepare final theme report and contribute to the synthesis document post-Forum.
- Theme Coordinators are expected to be self-financing, and /or raising resources themselves.

2.2 Topic Coordination Groups

- Develop descriptions of topics, suggest sessions under each one, starting with preparations for and support during the Second Stakeholder Consultation Meeting in March/April 2017.
- Coordinate the work of Session Coordinators: Recruit organizations for acting as Session Coordinators and submit to Thematic Coordination Groups and TC for approval. Oversee Session Coordinators' work and foster integration between them and with other groups.
- Ensure the quality and representativeness of sessions, including modern and interactive formats, and fostering a great deal of exchange with Forum participants.
- Integrate development of the topic with the 8th World Water Forum online global consultation: Follow the online thematic discussions, become aware of the reports of outcomes, foster inclusion of outcomes in the Forum and welcome input from online discussions to design of sessions, where appropriate.
- Link topics to the 2030 Development Agenda and other global processes, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals, where appropriate.
- Ensure continuity to the 'Implementation Roadmaps' and provide Follow-up plans, utilizing the 'Action Monitoring System'.
- Identify and mobilize relevant stakeholders and experts to participate in discussions, meetings, reference documents and sessions, considering gender balance, regional balance, youth and civil society participation.
- Report to, and communicate regularly with, the relevant Theme Coordination Group and support its activities whenever necessary.
- Prepare final topic report and contribute to the synthesis document post-Forum.
- Topic Coordinators are expected to be self-financing, and /or raising resources themselves.

The Terms of Reference for the Thematic Process Supporting Groups can be downloaded at [the following link](#)

Application procedure

Step 1: Check the Thematic Framework and the Thematic Process Supporting Groups ToR

Step 2: Complete the 'Expression of Interest Form'

Step 3: Send the Expression of Interest Form **no later than Thursday, 17 November 2016** to the 8th World Water Forum Thematic Commission's Secretariat, at the following address rodrigo.pimenta@ana.gov.br

For further information, please contact the Forum's National Secretariat in Brasília or the World Water Council Secretariat in Marseille:

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Selection Criteria

Applications received by organizations will be reviewed by the Thematic Commission. Applicants will be notified accordingly.

The Thematic Commission welcomes your enthusiastic participation and interest in contributing to the 8th World Water Forum.

We look forward to producing fruitful outcomes with all of you.

Best regards,

The Thematic Commission

8th World Water Forum

8th WORLD WATER FORUM THEME/TOPIC COORDINATOR

Expression of Interest Form

Your contact details	
Name of organization	
Address	
Contact person	
Position/Title	
Email address	
Telephone number	

Please check the position you want to participate in

- Theme Coordinator Topic Coordinator

I am particularly interested in:

THEME

- CLIMATE – Water security and climate change**
(SDG links: SDG 13, SDG 11.5, COP 21-22, Sendai DRR Summit)

TOPICS

- a. Managing risk and uncertainty for resilience and disaster preparedness – IR 1.3
- b. Water and adaptation to climate change
- c. Water and climate change mitigation
- d. Climate science and water management: the communication between science and decision/policy making

THEME

- PEOPLE - Water, sanitation and health**
(SDG links: Water targets 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.B and SDG's 1 and 3)

TOPICS

- a. Enough safe water for all – IR 1.1
- b. Integrated sanitation for all – IR 1.2
- c. Water and public health

THEME

- DEVELOPMENT - Water for sustainable development**
(SDG links: Water target 6.4 and SDG's 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12)

TOPICS

- a. Water, energy and food security nexus
 - Water for Food - IR 2.1
 - Water for Energy - IR 2.2
- b. Inclusive and sustainable growth, water stewardship and industry – IR 3.1
- c. Efficient use of surface water and groundwater - urban and rural
- d. Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management and services – IR 1.4

THEME

- URBAN – Integrated urban water and waste management**
(SDG links: Water target 6.3 and SDG's 11 and 14, HABITAT 3)

TOPICS

- a. Water and cities – IR 2.3
- b. The circular economy – reduce, reuse, recycle
- c. Treatment and reuse technologies

THEME

- ECOSYSTEMS - Water quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity**
(SDG links: Water targets 6.3, 6.6 and SDG 15)

TOPICS

- a. Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity – IR 3.2
- b. Natural and engineered hydrological systems
- c. Water and land use
- d. Ensuring water quality from ridge to reef – IR 3.3

THEME

- FINANCING – Financing for water security**
(SDG links: SDG's 6 and 17)

TOPICS

- a. Economics and financing for innovative investments – IR 4.1
- b. Financing implementation of water-related SDGs and adaptation to climate change
- c. Finance for sustainable development – supporting water-friendly business

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

THEME

- SHARING – Sustainability through stakeholder involvement**
(SDG links: Water target 6.b and SDG's 3, 15 and 17)

TOPICS

- a. Sharing solutions and good practices
- b. Involving all: public, private, civil society – women and men – young and old - in bottom up and top down approaches
- c. Water, cultural diversity, justice and equity – IR 4.4

THEME

- CAPACITY - Education, capacity building and technology exchange**
(SDG links: Water target 6.a and SDG's 4 and 17)

TOPICS

- a. Enhancing education and capacity building – IR 4.5
- b. Science and technology and decision/policy making – 7th World Water Forum S&T Process
- c. ICT and monitoring
- d. International cooperation

THEME

- GOVERNANCE - Water governance for the 2030 Development Agenda**
(SDG links: Water target 6.5, SDG 17)

TOPICS

- a. SMART implementation of IWRM - *IR 3.4*
- b. Cooperation for reducing conflict and improving transboundary water management – *IR 4.3*
- c. Effective governance: Enhanced political decisions, stakeholder participation and technical information – *IR 4.2*

Any further comments