

Introduction of the Regional Process Guidelines and Call for Regional Coordinator for the 11th World Water Forum

Dear Colleagues and Partners of the 11th World Water Forum,

As we collectively embark on the journey toward the 11th World Water Forum in Riyadh in 2027, we are pleased to share with you the official *Regional Process Guidelines*.

The Regional Process is central to our commitment to anchoring the World Water Forum in local realities while advancing global water agendas. It seeks to identify regionspecific priorities, foster cross-regional dialogue, and amplify local solutions that inform and enrich the Forum's political and thematic outcomes.

This document outlines the objectives, governance structure, expected deliverables, and ethical standards that guide our collective work. It also defines the principles of inclusivity, transparency, and result-oriented cooperation that are essential to the integrity of this process.

We call upon all actors participating in this journey to carefully read the Guidelines, uphold the commitments therein, and actively engage in the Regional Process leading up to Riyadh 2027. Your leadership and collaboration will be vital in shaping impactful outcomes for your region—and for the world.

By taking this opportunity to introduce the guidelines, we invite qualified institutions from the five identified regions—Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)—to express their interest in serving as Regional Process Coordinators. Selected Coordinators will play a pivotal role in shaping the regional dialogues, mobilizing key stakeholders, and guiding the preparation of regional contributions in line with the Forum's overall vision.

We look forward to your participation and leadership in this critical process.

With our highest consideration,

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