

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

“Together towards a **Secure Arab Water Future**”

December 9-11, 2014 - Cairo, Egypt

The third Arab Water Forum (AWF3) is a key multi-stakeholder event of the Water Sector in the MENA region organized by the Arab Water Council, under the auspices of the League of Arab States and the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt. The forum will take place from December 9 – 11, 2014, in Cairo, Egypt. The event is supported by a number of international and regional organizations and is attracting representatives from the public and private sector as well as civil society, academia and the media from across the region.

The forum is held every three years to provide a platform for different stakeholders including decision-makers, scientists, professionals, practitioners, civil society actors and journalists to discuss emerging water issues, analyze current developments, exchange lessons learnt, and consider future plans regarding water resources supply and demand in the Arab region. The forum is an opportunity to make an impact on water policies, strategies and actions that can turn water challenges into opportunities for sustainable development to help achieve water security in the Arab countries.



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❖ Themes and Topics

Under the slogan **“Together towards a Secure Arab Water Future,”** three main themes will be tackled:

- ❖ **INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS**
- ❖ **ARAB COUNTRIES ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND WATER SERVICES**
- ❖ **ARAB INTEGRATION FOR FOOD SECURITY UNDER WATER SCARCITY**

❖ Goals and Objectives

The goal of the forum is to work together towards achieving Arab Water Security based on the principle of citizens’ right to water, sanitation and secured food supply, while maintaining a safe and sound environment. Each of the three main themes is divided into topics related to the Arab Countries’ priorities and span over a wide range of issues including integrated water resources management (IWRM), shared water resources, climate change, water governance, food security and water productivity. The discussions will be centered around the actions taking place on the ground within national and regional projects and programs. The forum offers the unique opportunity to network and exchange knowledge and information between all attending stakeholders geared towards a shared comprehensive vision. To learn more about the forum, please visit our website www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF.

❖ Program and Sessions Organization

In consultation with AWC and the Organizing Committee, international and regional organizations as well as national institutions chose to sponsor and organize the forum’s sessions which formed together a comprehensive and diversified program (<http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/program.html>). The sessions will showcase new thinking and distinct activities characterized by innovation, state-of-the-art science and advanced technology. With outstanding international and regional speakers and panelists, the conveners of the sessions will present and discuss the latest state of knowledge in the field of water.

Several side events will take place during and around the forum. They will cover subjects related to the main themes of the forum and on-going regional programs. They aim at building new capacity and acquiring new expertise that promote Arab cooperation and integration.

Annex I gives a general overview of the thematic sessions and side events program.



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❖ Attendees and Speakers

The forum will be honored by the presence of HRH Prince Khalid Bin Sultan - the Chairman of Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Water Prize and the President Honoraire of the Arab Water Council, HRH Prince Hassan Bin Talal - Chairman of the West Asia–North Africa Forum (WANA), and HE Ambassador Nabil El-Araby - Secretary General of the League of Arab States who will inaugurate the forum. Ministers of Water, Agriculture, Energy and Environment in the Arab States will also attend the opening of the forum. Several distinguished Keynote Speakers will address the forum and share their insight of the current and future water challenges and the opportunities for tackling them. Among the keynote speakers are Dr. Inger Anderson - the Vice-President of the World Bank, Dr. Ismail Srageldin - Director of Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Dr. Mahmoud El-Solh - Director of ICARDA, Dr. Abdessalam Ould Ahmed - Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Dr. Adel Abdellatif Chief - Regional Programme Division, Regional Bureau for Arab States (UNDP). The forum expects the attendance of many water stakeholders from the Arab Countries and from around the globe. The speakers and panelists are renowned experts, and professionals on regional and international scales who have a distinct vision in the water arena. The forum will be a meeting place embracing journalists, scholars and NGOs, with women and youth at the forefront of the scene.



❖ The Second Arab Water Expo

The 2nd Arab Water Expo will be organized alongside the forum. It will be a unique opportunity for all public and private institutions in the water sector and related businesses, industries, research centers, international bodies and non-governmental organizations to display and present their projects, programs and products (<http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/Exhibition.html>).



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❖ Fine Arts Gallery and Cultural Contests

The role of art and culture in the dissemination of knowledge and raising awareness has proven to be very important and effective. The forum has therefore launched three artwork competitions including painting, photography and short films about the most important challenges facing water in the region and ways to address them as seen through the eyes of artists, especially youth and children (<http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/Contests.html>).

❖ Sponsors

The 3rd Arab Water Forum received great support from a distinguished number of sponsors who is making significant contributions to promote efficiency and sustainability in the water sector across the Arab region. A list of the forum's sponsors is given in Annex II.

❖ Venue and Accommodation

The meeting venue is the 5-stars InterContinental City Stars Cairo Heliopolis Hotel. The hotel is located 15 minutes from Cairo International Airport. For more details about the facilities of the hotel please check the hotel website (www.citystars.com.eg). Block reservations are made at the Intercontinental City Stars and Holiday Inn Hotels with special rates.

Hotel reservation has to be made directly with the hotels. The Organizing Committee can assist participants with reservation in other hotels upon request. For hotel rates and reservation contacts, please check the forum website at: <http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/files/Logistic%20Note%20Aug.%202025.pdf> .

❖ Registration

Registration for attending the forum is now open for all. Special rates are available for researchers and members of the academic institutions as well as for youth below age 30. Registration rates and forms can be downloaded from the forum's website at: <http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/Registration.html> . Registration forms should be filled and sent back to the organizing committee by e-mail or fax. . Early registration will be subject to discounted fees if done before 30 October 2014.



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❖ Contact Us

To learn more about the forum please visit (<http://www.arabwatercouncil.org/3rdAWF/>). Interest in specific sessions should be expressed directly to the session conveners. For further Q/A contact the Organizing Committee on the following address:

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Annex I: THIRD ARAB WATER FORUM, PROGRAM SUMMARY

December 9-11, 2014, Cairo - Egypt

Days	Morning Session				Afternoon Session			
Tuesday Dec 9			START REGISTRATION (will remain open for the full Period of the Forum)					
		10:30-12:30	12:30-13:30	13:30-14:30	14:30-16:00	16:00-16:30	16:30-18:00	
		Opening Ceremony		Opening of Arab Water Expo and Fine Art Gallery	Lunch Break	Coffee Break	National and Local Water Governance: Policies, Legislations and Institutional Arrangements (UNDP)	
				Arab Region Participation in the WWF7, (LAS, AWC)	UN Partnerships for Transboundary Aquifer Governance: Global Strategies & Regional Programming (UNDP, SIWI, UNESCO, UNEP, IAEA)		Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM, (UNESCO)	
	Water- Energy- Food Nexus (C.I.H.E.A.M.- I.A.M. Bari)			Shared Water Resources (CEDARE, ESCWA, COFWS-LAS)				
	9:30-11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00-13:30	13:30-14:30	14:30-16:00		16:00-16:30	16:30-18:00
Wednesday Dec 10	MAKING THE FUTURE OF ARAB WATER SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE		Coffee Break	(WS-Part1): Integration of Space Technology and RS for Water Management (WB, AWC)	Lunch Break	(WS-Part 2): Integration of Space Technology and RS for Water Management (WB, AWC)	(WS- Part 3): Integration of Space Technology and RS for Water Management (WB, AWC)	
			Coffee Break	Climate Change and Adaptation Solutions (FAO, ACSAD, ESCWA, GIZ)	Lunch Break	Mainstreaming CC Adaptation , Proofing and Finance in National Water Policy (GIZ, AWC)	Coffee Break	Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Resilience: Building Regional Knowledge Networks (UNDP)
			Coffee Break	From Research to Implementation (NWRC)	Lunch Break	(TS-Part 1) Groundwater Governance (FAO, IWMI, UNESCO)	Coffee Break	(TS-Part 2) Groundwater Governance (FAO, IWMI, UNESCO)
			Coffee Break	Civil Society and Media Engagement in Climate Change Adaptation in the Water Sector in the MENA Region (GIZ, AWC)	Lunch Break	(TS-Part 1): The Regional Initiative on Water Scarcity (FAO, LAS, Egypt MALR)	Coffee Break	(TS-Part 2): The Regional Initiative on Water Scarcity (FAO, LAS, Egypt MALR)
Thursday Dec 11	ARAB INTEGRATION FOR FOOD SECURITY UNDER WATER SCARCITY		Coffee Break	(WS-Part 1): “Guidelines for Brackish Water Use” (AWC, FAO, LAS, ACSAD, CIHEAM, ICBA)	Lunch Break	(WS-Part 2): “Guidelines for Brackish Water Use” (AWC,FAO, LAS, ACSAD, CIHEAM, ICBA)	Coffee Break	Forum’s Conclusions, Recommendations and Closing
			Coffee Break	(Part 1): Improving Agricultural Water Productivity (ICARDA, FAO, WB, IFAD)	Lunch Break	(Part 2): Improving Agricultural Water Productivity (ICARDA, FAO, WB, IFAD)		
			Coffee Break	Water Scarcity, Vulnerability and Stability (WFP)	Lunch Break	From MDGs to SDGs in the Arab Region (CEDARE, GWP, ESCWA)		
			Coffee Break	ICID Regional Meeting of ICID Ntional Committees	Lunch Break			

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Side events

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Days	Time	
Sunday -Tuesday Dec 7 – 9	09:30-16:00	Egypt Workshop for Climate Change Mainstreaming, Proofing and International Climate Finance (AWC, GIZ) (By Invitation)
Monday Dec 8	17:00-19:00	10 th Meeting of AWC Board of Governors (AWC) (By Invitation)
Tuesday Dec 9	14:30-16:00	High Level Panel on Future of Arab Water (AWC) (By Invitation)
Thursday Dec 11	14:30-18:00	Half-day Training Session on Developing and Using New Data on Crops/Water and Climate Change (ICBA)
Thursday Dec 11	16:30-18:00	Micro Irrigation Workshop (ICID)
Friday Dec 12	08:30-18:00	Training Workshop on "Advancing Hydro Diplomacy Skills for Shared Water Resources Negotiations" (CEDARE. COFWS-LAS, ESCWA, AWC) (By Invitation)

Exhibitors Presentations

Days	Time	
Wednesday Dec 10	During Lunch	Techno Media Group - TMG
Thursday Dec 11	During Lunch	Soul Water for Water Treatment and Environmental Technology

Annex II Sponsors

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