

World Water Council elects President and Board of Governors for 2016-2018

- Over 250 persons from 40 countries at the 7th General Assembly in Marseille
- President Braga re-elected to serve his second term
- Board of Governors elected
- Council to focus on: Water Security, Adaptation and Sustainability

14 November 2015 - Marseille, France – Benedito Braga has been elected to serve his second term as President of the World Water Council.

The 7th General Assembly also elected the Board of Governors who will support President Braga over the next three years to implement a strategy focused on water security, adaptation, and sustainability. The elections took place during the triennial General Assembly of WWC Members in Marseille, France, where over 250 persons from 40 countries gathered.

This morning President Braga said *"I am honored that the World Water Council has placed their faith in me for another term as President. Working closely with our members we have been able to make water a global and local priority. However, there is still much to be done. In particular, we need to continue our work to place water at the heart of the global climate agenda. We need world leaders to realize that climate is water, and water is climate. I very much look forward to continuing to leading the Council in this important work."*

The strategy, adopted today by the General Assembly, will focus on water security, adaptation and sustainability, including action on finance, cities, and political action. The World Water Council will also continue to build on the strength and expertise of members. President Braga noted: *"I strongly believe in continuity with change. We must build on the good work that has been done, and our General Assembly strongly reinforced that members would like to increase their involvement. This is excellent news, and will place us in an even stronger position for the work and challenges ahead."*

The Board of Governors of the World Water Council brings together 35 members representing the five Council colleges:

1. Intergovernmental institutions
2. Governments and Governmental Authorities,
3. Enterprises and Facilities,
4. Civil Society and Water Users Associations
5. Professional Associations and Academics.

In addition, the City of Marseille also holds a seat on the Board of Governors as the host city for the World Water Council for the last 20 years.

More information at: www.worldwatercouncil.org

About the Members: http://www.worldwatercouncil.org/fileadmin/world_water_council/documents/wwc-membership/List_of_Members_October_2015.pdf

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List of new Board by College

| College | Member Organization |
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| College 1 Intergovernmental institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AfDB – African Development Bank • AMCOW – African Ministers Council on Water • CAF – Development Bank of Latin America • FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization • UNESCO – United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| College 2 Governments and government authorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OJSC – Azersu Open Joint Stock Company • DSI – General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works, Turkey • MEDDE – Ministère de l'Écologie, du Développement Durable et de l'Énergie, France • BM – Ministry of Interior, Hungary • MWR – Ministry of Water Resources, China • ANA – National Water Agency, Brazil • USACE – US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works |
| College 3 Enterprises and facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AQUAFED – The International Federation of Private Water Operators • ANEAS – Asociacion Nacional de Empresas de Agua y Saneamiento de Mexico • ABDIB – Associacao Brasileira de Infraestrutura e Industrias de Base • CWPP – China Water & Power Press • CTII – CTI Engineering International Co Ltd • EDF – Electricité de France, Division production ingénierie hydraulique • K-water – Korea Water Resources Corporation • NCWSC – Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Co Ltd • Ozaltin – Ozaltin Construction Trade and Industry Co Inc |
| College 4 Civil society organizations and water user associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWP – French Water Partnership • JBF – Jal Bagirathi Foundation • JWF – Japan Water Forum • REBOB – Rede Brasil de Organismos de Bacias Hidrograficas • SUEN – Turkish Water Institute • WWF – World Wildlife Fund - US |
| College 5 Professional associations and academic institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCE-EWRI – American Society of Civil Engineers, Environmental & Water Resources Institute • AMH – Asociacion Mexicana de Hidraulica • ASTEE – Association scientifique et technique pour l'eau et l'environnement, France • DWF – Danish Water Forum • IME – Institut Méditerranéen de l'Eau • IHES – International Hydrologic Environmental Society • EPUSP – Polytechnic School of University of Sao Paulo • TCA – Turkish Contractors Association |

Biography of Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council

Benedito Braga is Secretary for Sanitation and Water Resources for the state of Sao Paulo and professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Escola Politecnica of University of Sao Paulo (USP), Brazil. He graduated from the same university in 1972 and holds a M.Sc. in Hydraulic Engineering from USP (1975), a M.Sc. in Hydrology (1976) and Ph.D. (1979) in water resources from Stanford University, USA. His scientific interests are in the field of systems analysis modeling of hydrologic processes, integrated water resources management and water policy development.

He was a member of UNESCO - International Hydrologic Program committee that designed its phase V (1995 – 2000). At UNESCO he was elected President of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrologic Program (2008-2009). He served as senior advisor to the Secretary of Energy and Sanitation of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2010 and was a member of the Gulbenkian Think Tank for the future of water and mankind based in Lisbon, Portugal (2010 – 2012).

He served on the Board of Directors of the Brazilian National Water Agency – ANA from 2001-2009. He was President of the International Water Resources Association (1998-2000) and chaired the International Steering Committee of the 6th World Water Forum held in Marseille in March 2012.

Prof. Braga is the author of 25 books and chapters of books. He has edited several books on water resources development including Water Management of the Amazon Basin, Weather Radar Technology for Water Resources Management, Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Freshwaters of Brazil. He is the author of more than 200 scientific articles published in journals and proceedings of symposia and congresses worldwide.

He is the recipient of the 2002 Crystal Drop Award, given by the International Water Resources Association – IWRA in recognition for his life time achievements in the area of water resources management. In 2009, Prof. Braga was awarded the Honorary Membership of the American Water Resources Association – AWRA for his eminence in the field of water resources. In the same year he was awarded the Flavio Terra Barth Award of the Brazilian Water Resources Association for his contributions to the water resources policies of Brazil. In 2011 he was awarded the Honorary Diplomat from the American Society of Civil Engineers due to his long and distinguished career in the field of water resources.