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Kick-off meeting in brief

Introduction

The Kick-off Meeting marks the start of a journey that intends to bring water the attention it deserves. It also serves as the official launch of the Forum. The Kick-off Meeting provides an initial sampling of the issues that should be addressed at the Forum based on interactive discussions. It also represents the first stakeholder consultation process.

The Kick-off Meeting is of utmost importance because its results provide valuable input to the design of the next 8th World Water Forum and to the two-year (2016-2017) preparatory activities regarding the Thematic, Regional, Political, Sustainability and Citizens Forum Processes. As an initial multi-stakeholder platform event, its participation at the earliest stage of the preparatory processes helps to design and develop the Forum together with water experts from around the world.

Considering that the 8th World Water Forum in Brazil represents the very first opportunity to hold the most important world water event below the equator line and on the South American continent, active participation from many new stakeholders and fruitful discussions will certainly help map out the pathway to a better, broader and more innovative World Water Forum. In line with "sharing water", the overall theme of the event, the Forum will contribute to creating a new path for human co-existence by addressing water challenges in the Region and around the globe, discovering how to implement discussed solutions together and share knowledge and expertise.

Result Summary

Over 700 water experts and high-level representatives, including about 100 international participants from 60 countries, participated in the 8th World Water Forum Kick-off Meeting in Brasilia on 27-29 June, 2016. This Kick-off was a great success with the highest number of registered participants ever recorded for a Forum launch event.

Those figures also demonstrate the immense interest and expectations among people in South America concerning the event in 2018. All countries in South America participated in the Kick-off and almost all other countries in Latin America (16 out of 20). In terms of global institution attendance, 42% was represented by the public sector, 30% by civil society, 13% by the private sector, 7% by Academia, and 6% by the financial sector. This fact shows a global presence of all sectors and therefore a valuable wide communication and cooperation experience.

Following a Welcome Ceremony in the evening of Sunday June 26, at the Itamaraty Palace, the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, the 8th World Water Forum was officially launched by the Governor of Brasilia Rodrigo Rollemberg and the President of the WWC Benedito Braga. Both Forum Co-Chairs emphasized that this event is not a technical conference but an integrative process where most water issues, including climate change, are discussed to find water solutions to benefit humanity and its well-being.

In the course of the three-day event, input was gathered from a wide range of stakeholders through facilitated discussions. During the first day, the participants were given an introduction to the World Water Forum, its characteristics and the core values of the 8th edition before being invited to participate in breakout sessions to discuss issues related to the Thematic Process. Each one of the 9 sessions was attended by 50 people on average. During the second day, the discussions focused on the Political, Regional, and Sustainability Processes, with over 100 participants in each one, as well as on the organization of a Citizens Forum with the active participation of youth and civil society, all contributing together towards its design, implementation and effective communication. On the 3rd day, a program of optional technical field trips was made available to all participants.

None of those sessions could have been successfully carried out without the expert guidance of the Process Commission Chairs and Vice Chairs, and other volunteer facilitators, including the 10 volunteers from the Integrated Center of Languages (CIL) in Brasília, to whom we would like to express our deepest appreciation.

Key Messages

"Sharing Water" is a forward-looking concept. It not only includes sharing experiences and knowledge concerning water issues and solutions but it is also an initial step towards a successful integration of water resource management and other issues of concern within Brazil and the South American continent. Sharing also means ensuring the involvement of all stakeholder groups. Collaboration is a key word based on which the 8th Forum will certainly create an opportunity to build a legacy contributing towards the well-being of people worldwide.

The 8th World Water Forum will involve local and regional governments, parliamentarians and national governments in order to build high level commitments in such a way that their strength can produce tangible and effective results and ensure continuity in the policy and implementation of water resource solutions all around the world. This is definitely another legacy for the benefit of mankind.

Sustainability is a crosscutting topic in all thematic work and will represent an important innovation in the 8th Forum. This aspect will be present throughout all processes and solutions designed to achieve a flourishing water resource environment.

The large audience at the Kick-off Opening Ceremony on the first day

Future Actions

Information management and dissemination of the Kick-off Meeting results will be posted on the 8th Forum official website. The preparatory process will continue through Commission meetings throughout the year. As preparatory milestones, the following events could certainly contribute to that objective:

- Thematic discussion and engagement of stakeholders: Stockholm Water Week – August/September 2016;
- Political Process: Budapest Water Summit – November 2016;
- 2nd. Stakeholder Consultation Meeting: Brasilia, March 2017.

Thus, the overall activity framework for the 8th World Water Forum is expected to be consolidated (and approved by the International Steering Committee) by March of 2017, one year before the event.

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Opening ceremony

Attended by over 700 water experts from 60 countries, the Kick-off was opened by Governor of Brasília Rodrigo Rollemberg, Benedito Braga, President of the WWC, and by Vicente Andreu Guillo, President of the National Water Agency – ANA representing the Federal Government of Brasil.

Governor Rodrigo Rollemberg delivers his speech

Benedito Braga, Co-Chair of the 8th World Water Forum

Main Messages

Benedito Braga expressed that people got together in record numbers to highlight the importance of sharing water in the presence of representatives from across the world – from political leaders, representatives of academia, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, business people, and also the young leaders of tomorrow. He also highlighted the goals of the 8th Forum as the security of water resources through a multi-stakeholder work and the building of political commitments to help reshape our future. He said that water is key to all development and that we must have the ability to tackle challenges with positive changes, and use an integrated approach in the social and environmental areas. He stressed that everybody's voice must be heard and all contributions are important, even from those who would not have the chance to come to Brasilia.

Vicente Andreu Guillo also emphasized full support for the 8th Forum from the Federal Government. He said the event represents a golden opportunity to make water one of the top priorities in public policy making. He stressed that he expects "the Forum to represent a milestone for a new water resource management system in Brazil and therefore a legacy for our future. All kinds of infrastructure such as reservoirs can be built and regulatory agencies can be strengthened to enhance water security."

Governor Rodrigo Rollemberg reiterated that by holding the 8th Forum in Brasília, the Federal District Government was underscoring its strong commitment to the success of the event. "By hosting the largest water-related event in the world in 2018, Brasilia is becoming the world water capital. In addition, in addition, the Federal District is located close to the fountainhead of the three major hydrographic networks in Brazil (Tocantins-Araguaia, Parana and Sao Francisco) as well as being in the heart of the Brazilian savanna biome (one of the most important biomes in the world). The Forum will strive for sustainable water security. Its timing is perfect because 78% of the jobs in the world today (according to a UN report this year)[1] are related to water. Water itself is synonymous for life and its cause represents the future of humanity", concluded the Governor.

1 http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/water/wwap/wwdr/2016-water-and-jobs/

From left to right: Mr. Andras Szöllösi-Nagy (Political Process Commission Co-chair), WWC Permanent Observer Mr. Jerry Delli-Priscoli, Mr. Ney Maranhão (Regional Process Commission Co-chair) and Mr. Lupercio Antonio (Citizens Forum Commission Chair)

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Plenary discussions

Introduction

WWC Permanent Observer Jerry Delli-Priscoli played an important role in the plenary discussions and several International Steering Committee members presented key aspects of the 8th Forum.

Dogan Altinbilek, WWC Vice President and 8th World Water Forum Bureau Member, highlighted the key role of the World Water Council over the years, since 1996.

He explained that “past Forum editions do not represent a mere collection of technical studies and documents, but collective knowledge and learning processes that enable changes in water resource management to take place with the growing political commitment of the countries.

The next Forum in Brasilia in 2018 will reinforce a fundamental dialogue among all stakeholders (governments, local and regional authorities, business companies, NGOs, professionals and Academia)”. Dogan Altinbilek concluded his remarks inviting all to be part of this strategic thinking on the road to the 8th Forum.

From the 6th to the 8th Forum

Patrick Lavarde, 8th World Water Forum Bureau Member, highlighted the contributions of the 6th Forum. Within the overall theme “Time for Solutions”, several important results were obtained. A “Platform of Solutions” network made it possible to share as many as 1,500 solutions. An initial Roadmap was built based on the 5 best shared solutions. In addition, the cash surplus remaining after liquidation of the International Forum Committee (over one million euros) was given to projects on the ground promoting access to water and sanitation for all. Sixteen projects were financed by that initiative, and nearly 100,000 people have benefited from the improvements. That financial amount was devoted to 4 projects in Africa, 5 in Asia and 7 in Central America. As for the political processes, the event registered 1,000 signatures of authorities and society representatives. Many stakeholders have given their support to the IWFE (International Water and Film Events) initiative, a series of films used as a means of expression by people - citizens, water users and consumers- to pass messages to elected representatives, water managers and decision-makers.

The 7th Forum, where the overall theme was “Water for our future”, aimed at solution implementation, explained Soontak Lee, 8th World Water Forum ISC Member. That event achieved a Ministerial Declaration, Parliamentarian statements in terms of priority for water projects, Water Prizes, a very first information exchange through several interregional sessions, and an Implementation Roadmap, together with an Action Monitoring System. The 7th Forum reported around 400 sessions and events and was attended by around 900 journalists from around the world.

Prof. Paulo Salles (8th World Water Forum Bureau Member) referred to The 8th Forum’s perspectives and its uniqueness. He explained that with the overall theme “Sharing Water”, the 2018 event will take advantage of the previous forum experiences introducing innovations. Examples are a new “sustainability process” to assure practical implementation of solutions, a special attention to political commitments, and particular attention to ecosystems and zero pollution policies with total adherence to SDG nº 6, focused on water. He added that sharing water consists of cooperation mechanisms and all aspects of water resource management capable of ensuring the multiple use of water.

The 8th Forum Processes

Ricardo Andrade, 8th World Water Forum Bureau Member, explained how outcomes and results from the 8th Forum are achieved and gave an overview of planned processes. With the governance structure in place (please see “REFERENCES”), integration among all processes is key:

- Thematic Process, as evolution of previous experiences;
- Political Process, for additional engagement of authorities, supported by previous agreements on SDGs and the Paris Convention on Climate;
- Regional Process, tuned to the Thematic Process;
- Sustainability Process, to assure practical implementation of solutions;
- Citizens Forum, to integrate and widen society participation, with an emphasis on youth.

Each process will involve people and institutions under the leadership of special Commissions, each one headed by a Chair and a Co-Chair.

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Group discussions

1. Proposed Thematic Framework and Process

Torkil Clausen, Thematic Process Chair, presented a Concept Note that had been prepared by the corresponding Commission and previously made available on the Forum's official website. The Note was intended as background for discussions at the Kick-off meeting and is based on the existing key linkages that shaped the proposed framework of themes and topics.

Introduction

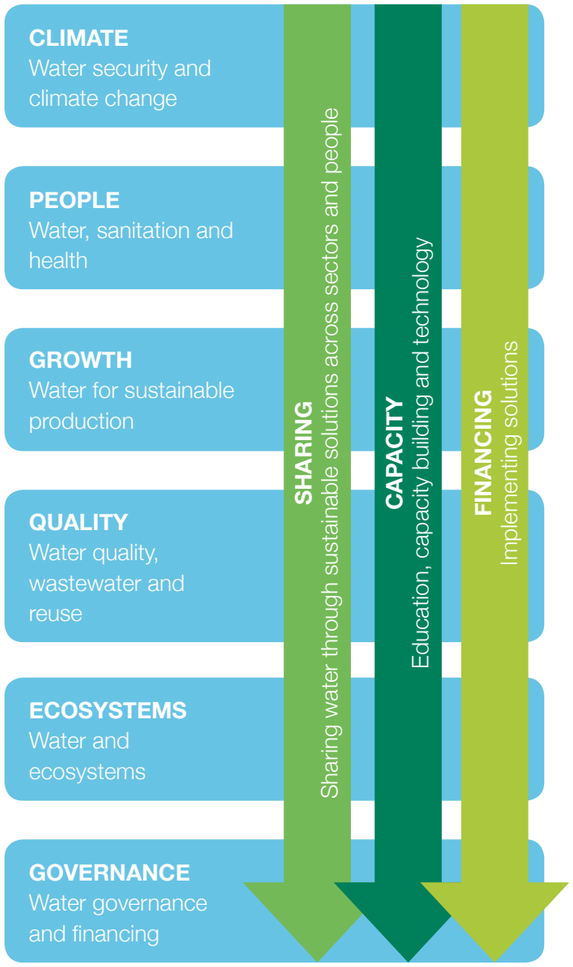
The Thematic Process should adhere to some relevant linkages such as:

- The overall theme of the 8th Forum "Sharing Water" and the Sustainability Process;
- The SDGs with a dedicated goal and additional water related targets. and the Paris Climate Agreement;
- The implementation Roadmap resulting from the 16 themes of the 7th Forum in Korea;
- A full integration with the other processes for the 8th Forum.

Proposed Criteria are: a limited number of themes (6), supplemented by 3-4 cross-cutting issues; for each theme a number of topics, varying according to interest/need; for each topic a number of sessions, varying according to topic; themes/issues/topics linked to the implementation Roadmap as well as to SDGs water related goals; special Sessions could also be developed.

Structure

The proposed framework can be understood from this diagram:



PROPOSED THEMES AND TOPICS
CLIMATE – WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
a) Managing risk and uncertainty for resilience and disaster preparedness
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
PEOPLE – WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH
a) Enough Safe Water for all
b) Integrated Sanitation for all
c) Water and Public Health
d) Water and Cities
GROWTH – WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION
a) Water, energy and food security nexus
b) Inclusive and sustainable growth, water stewardship and industry
c) Efficient use of surface water and ground water
d) Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management and services
QUALITY – WATER QUALITY, WASTEWATER AND REUSE
a) Ensuring water quality from ridge to reef
b) The circular economy – reduce, reuse, recycle
c) Treatment and reuse technology
ECOSYSTEMS – WATER AND ECOSYSTEMS
a) Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity
b) Natural and engineered hydrological systems
c) Water and land use
d) Ensuring sustainable withdrawals of water resources
GOVERNANCE – WATER GOVERNANCE
a) SMART implementation of IWRM
b) Cooperation for reducing conflicts and improving transboundary water management
c) Effective Governance: Enhanced political decisions, stakeholder participation and Technical Information
d) Tentative Crosscutting Issues and Topics in details

PROPOSED CROSS-CUTTING THEMES
SHARING – INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS AT ALL LEVELS FOR SHARING WATER BENEFITS
a) Replicating solutions and good practices
b) Involving all sectors: public, private, civil society
c) Bridging levels: bottom up and top down
d) Collaborative Actions - empowering sustainable solutions by connecting multiple stakeholders
e) Platform for sharing business solutions & creating links between initiatives and stakeholders
f) Water cultures, justice and equity
CAPACITY – EDUCATION, CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
a) Enhancing Education and Capacity building
b) Science & Technology
c) ICT and monitoring
d) International cooperation
FINANCING – IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS
a) Economics and Financing for innovative investments
b) Implementation of water SDGs
c) Financing for water infrastructure
d) Financing adaption to climate change and to climatic extremes
e) Finance for sustainable development – supporting water-friendly business

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Thematic Group Discussions

During the first part of the afternoon breakout session, participants were invited to break into 6 different rooms (one room for each tentative theme). Strong interest was shown and each session reported the presence of 30 to 80 people from over 30 different countries sitting at 5 to 7 tables. Participants were asked to answer what was the most important issue/topic under the theme and also to explain their interest in contributing to the Forum. In addition, three" key issues/topics" were appointed at each table.

At the end of this work, during the second part of the afternoon session, participants were also invited to break into 3 sessions to discuss the three crosscutting issues presented. The same strong interest was reported in each breakout session. As an example, around 100 people from 17 countries took part in the "capacity" session.

One of the 6 breakout sessions with participants discussing a theme and related topics

Initial Impressions

Several inputs and feedbacks were collected. Thematic Process Chair, Torkil Clausen reported the immense interest of the participants, which was once again demonstrated by around 300 messages resulting from the theme sessions, plus over 200 from the crosscutting sessions. That huge number only allows for a summary of general impressions at this stage.

1. On the Thematic Framework: Few comments were made to suggest overall changes to what had been proposed: only 1-2 suggestion to possibly convert themes into cross-cutting issues. Hence the basic framework may be considered workable, although some minor revisions may still be required.

2. Type of Issues raised: Issues summarized by the tables fell in different categories:

a) General statements, such as "need for stakeholder involvement";

b) Issues at the topic level, suggesting different or modified topic titles;

c) Issues at session level, appropriate as titles for sessions;

d) Specific water issues, both general and specific for Brazil.

Most issues raised were in categories c) and d), hence providing valuable inspiration for revision of proposed topics, and later on for suggestions for sessions.

3. Linkages across themes: it was observed that almost "everything is linked to everything". There are, for example, strong linkages between the thematic issues themselves, such as urban related issues appearing in most themes, and ecosystems and food production being related. The Thematic Commission will have to deal with this challenge.

4.Recurrent strong messages: participants in most rooms raised a series of issues, both thematic and crosscutting, as being particularly important to address:

- Stakeholder participation;
- Communication;
- Sharing of good practices and technologies;
- Water Security;
- Sustainable water infrastructure;
- Integration and system/holistic approaches;
- Information and data;
- Financing.

This may be understood as an indication of the relevance of the proposed crosscutting themes on "sharing", "capacity" and "finance".

Future Actions

A thorough analysis of the feedback from people and tables is being carried out by the established Commission, headed by Chair Torkil Clausen and Co-Chair Jorge Werneck. Based on the impressive results of the thematic sessions, the Kick-Off Meeting provided significant inputs to the process which will contribute to a final thematic framework for the 8th World Water Forum.

A revision of the Thematic Framework suggests there could be fewer sessions in comparison with the 7th Forum. Asssuming a targeted number of around 100 thematic sessions, the maximum number of topics should be around 30. Therefore, the thematic framework should be able to consolidate relevant issues into fewer topics.

It is important that the thematic framework's proposal involve stakeholders worldwide. Additional inputs will be sought from other communities – including non-water sector actors – and other parts of the World, over the coming months. It is expected that this could be revised and approved by ISC by November 2016. Having that ready by then means theme and topic coordinators should be chosen by the end of the year.

Participation in worldwide events, held with WWC support in 2016 (e.g. Stockholm Water Week in Aug. 28 – Sep 2; Budapest Water Summit – 28-30 November), and the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation meeting for the 8th Forum by March 2017 – will also be of extreme value in this consolidation process. The use of an on-line consultation platform to support the stakeholder consultation needs is being considered not only for the thematic process, but for all the other processes too.

Considering the overall quality of the Kick-Off Meeting and of the discussions in the breakout sessions, a very promising Thematic Process can be predicted.

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2. Process Design

Under the leadership of the other 4 Process Commissions Chairs and Co-Chairs (please see the 8th Forum Governance Structure) Plenary was invited to participate in 4 breakout sessions. The Secretariat provided facilitators for the work of the Sustainability Focal Group and the Citizens Forum.

By using a roundtable work scheme, the objective was to discuss each process and get guidance and design on how to progress towards the 8th Forum. The 4 sessions were:

- Sustainability Process;
- Regional Process;
- Political Process;
- Citizens Forum.

2.1 Sustainability Process

Introduction

Around 80 people participated in the breakout session. The Sustainability Focus Group should be seen as an innovative component of the main event agenda. It will be responsible for bringing together reflections on several water themes from different sectors of society, considering the three bottom lines of sustainability (social, environmental and economic) and including broadly accepted concepts (such as the 2030 SDGs). It is expected that the actions proposed by this Focus Group can effectively contribute to more sustainable water management models and practices by current and future generations.

The main outcomes were presented at the end of all the breakout sessions by Maria Silvia Rossi (Sustainability Focus Group member).

Preliminary Outcomes

The participants welcomed the process and main elements proposed by the Sustainability Focus Group (SFG), namely: a) Mapping sustainability opportunities for the Forum; b) Facilitation and interlinkage between the different processes, towards sustainability ("multi-logues" and "Arena"); c) Conveying key messages to the Political Process; d) Articulating other Processes.

The UN SDGs were suggested as the main reference for the SFG to work with. Other global conferences and agreements such as UN Habitat, COPs (Climate Change) and previous Water Forums should also be referred to in order to avoid a "reinventing the wheel" effort.

Nine thematic groups will form the main framework for the SFG to mainstream sustainability in all thematic discussions (cross-cutting guidance on sustainability).

In regard to handling the process itself, the main ideas put forward may be summarized as follows:

a) SFG role: use the sustainability process to better summarize key messages from all sessions/Commissions and convey them at a high level to the political process.

b) Focal points: SFG should have focal points that represent the diversity of sectors that the Commission is supporting (government, civil society, businesses, academia, etc.) as well as be aware of gender balances, social classes and age groups (e.g. youth). Their role is critical.

c) Integration: the different Commissions should work in an integrated way. Consider the creation of a "panel" with members from each Commission. There should also be integration with other external participatory processes and discussions regarding water.

d) Support a process to define sustainability in the context of the participating groups.

e) Decentralize and take the key discussions to grass-root level whenever possible. Work more with volunteers. Reach out to poor communities. Reach out internally as well, among the Forum participants.

f) Ensure the broadest possible spectrum of participants and empower people to fully participate and provide suggestions.

g) It is essential to communicate well before, during and after the Forum. Keep communications simple and objective. Think about different ways to communicate appropriately to different audiences. Decision-makers are a key target audience. Use mass media in Brazil to engage society.

h) Make extensive use of information technology to engage those who cannot attend physically and for sharing and learning (e.g. virtual portals). Reduce the use of materials, replacing them with IT solutions whenever possible.

i) Ensure that good practices and practical examples are showcased for learning and replication whenever possible. Maximize the opportunities for showing how water solutions development has been tackled in partnerships with several stakeholders.

j) Participants emphasized the need for realistic capacity within the SFG, including human resource management, logistics management, integration management, communication (internal and external), and conflict resolution.

k) The SFG proposal should include indicators and plans for monitoring and evaluating the results of the Forum, as well as the implementation of the deliberations once the Forum is over (to put it all into practice).

The Sustainability Focus Group dedicated a part of its breakout session to detailing its view on the thematic areas proposed by the Thematic Commission.

Future Actions

The sustainability Focus Group (SFG) will work to ensure that all the related questions and issues are incorporated in all processes. Final results will constitute a worthy legacy of the 8th Forum.

2.2 Regional Process

Introduction

The Regional Process objectives are:

- Catalyze knowledge sharing around the Forum themes;
- Collectively identify key issues affecting the various regions and propose solutions;
- Capitalize on political commitments;
- Maximize stakeholder engagement and internalize local perspectives on Forum themes.

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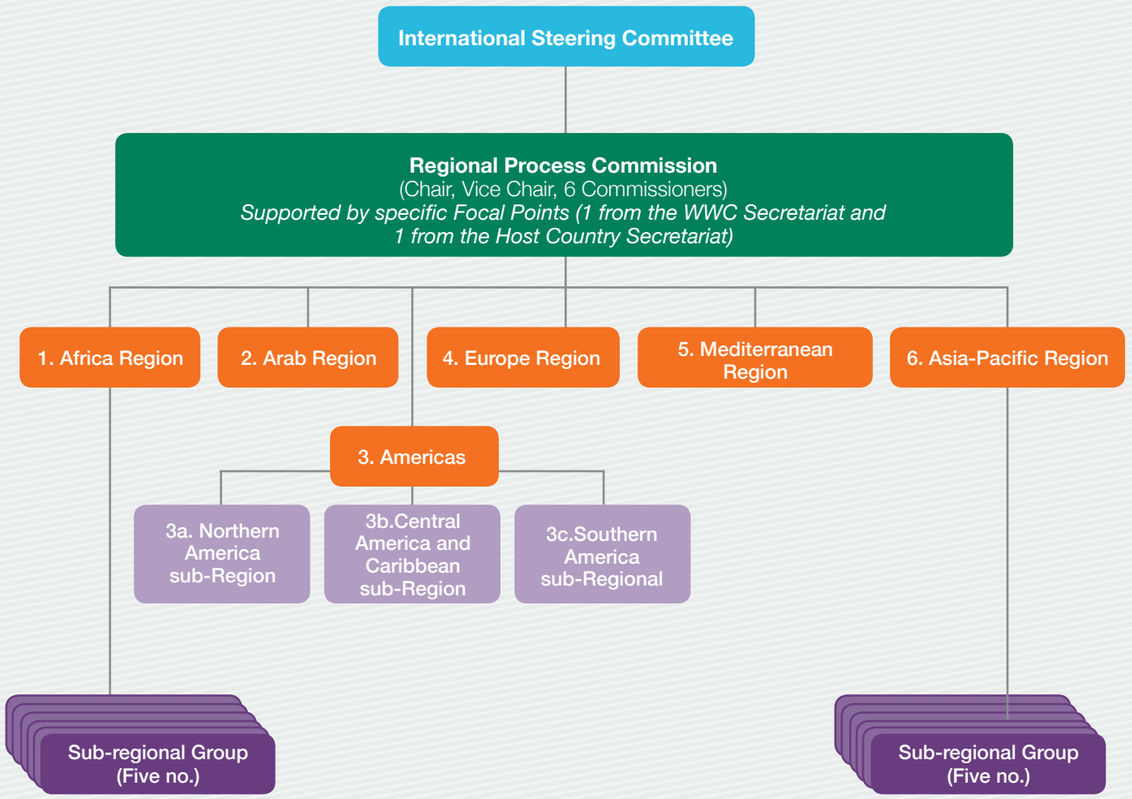
The RP Commission started its initial work during the first ISC meeting (May, 3) developing a Concept Note about objectives and responsibilities, as well as a proposed arrangement at regional and sub-regional level, to orient and facilitate debate and suggestions at the Kick-off meeting, in line with the overarching theme of the 8th Forum, “Sharing Water”.

The Regional Process is to be divided and organized as follows:



Proposed arrangement at regional and sub-regional level

Around 180 people participated in the breakout sessions which were split into two blocks. The first one focused on how the Regional Process should be integrated with the Sustainability, Citizen and Political Processes.

The second block brainstormed the question “Which future steps may not have been predicted yet?” The main outcomes from the breakout sessions were summarized and presented by Ney Maranhão (Regional Process Co-Chair).

Preliminary Outcomes

a) Regions are large and diverse, but there are existing platforms that can help discussions;

b) Methodology was seen as adequate, but it would be necessary to detail the organization per continent and the regional networks that will be necessary to produce effectiveness. It would be advisable to identify in these platforms the most pressing issues, such as scarcity and other regional problems.

c) Consultation must be carried out in the regions and across regions to ensure inclusion of as many stakeholders as possible and to identify points of reference to allow engagement with thematic issues and other regional issues as well.

d) To achieve this target, the following steps are recommended:

- Design a regional session in dates to be defined;
- Develop both Regional and Inter-regional discussion analysis.

e) Discussion format still needs perfecting, particularly on the regional scale. Several suggestions were presented and the Commission should take it as an inclusive bottom-up process, with all stakeholders represented.

f) In the overall concept of the regional process, attention must be paid to vocations, vulnerabilities, solutions, recommendations, restrictions, and incentives of all kinds. Also they should be debated by stakeholders in all scales and incorporated into the solutions.

g) We have differences in capacity in each region and so it will be necessary to build further capacities according to identified needs. Capacity building should take into consideration a regional integrative perspective regarding vocation and all needs mentioned before.

h) Regional process is not by any means disconnected from other processes, but the regional and thematic processes are mutually dependent. The Thematic Process cannot move ahead without a regional approach and the Regional Process depends on the organization by themes provided by the thematic process. At the same time, both should incorporate sustainability in their processes.

Future Actions

The regions arrangement established at the kick-off meeting will work. It is important to ensure dialogue between the Regional and Thematic Commissions and attention should be given to how they interact. Each region should have a thematic leader (for each main and cross-cutting theme) to guarantee that regions will discuss the thematic framework and link with the Thematic Coordinator for the theme.

A final roadmap for all aspects will be developed by the Commission and then approved by ISC to establish a path of activities and regional events.

Regional (and sub-regional) Coordinators as well as Focal Points by theme in the regions are also to be established and approved by ISC by the end of 2016.

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2.3 Political Process

Introduction

Around 50 people participated in the breakout session. This process has to be understood as the sum of three sub-processes related to Governments, Parliamentarians and Local / Regional Authorities.

Within the idea of ensuring continuity with the political processes and achievements of previous Forums, the 8th Forum also looks for an additional engagement of authorities and further emphasis on practical commitments that lead to the understanding that all solutions in water management can only be implemented via political decisions and leaderships.

The breakout session was held under the leadership of the Commission Chair and Co-Chair, respectively (Min. Raphael Azeredo and Andras Szöllösi-Nagy). The main outcomes from the breakout session were later presented by the Commission Co-Chair.

Preliminary Outcomes

Several suggestions emerged from the session such as:

1. There is a need to integrate the three other processes to the political process and the political process to each one of them.

2. Forum should focus on SDG nº 6, but not exclusively. Crosscutting issues such as energy, climate and adaptation to climate change represent a common platform upon which final new commitments may be built. In that respect, contributions could be obtained by attending the Budapest Water Summit in November 2016;

3. Linkage with the High Level Panel on Water;

4. Strong support for the creation of a worldwide Parliamentarian network;

5. More Mayors' participation in key water events;

6. Communication among all political authorities should also be a fundamental aspect in the political process activities as well as filling the current huge gap in education on water resource management.

7. Importance of citizen participation in the process.

Future Actions

The political process commission will propose a roadmap for all activities to be developed as well as defining how to constantly interact with the other processes. Results from the other processes will be shared in line with the concept above: the future of water will always involve political decisions.

2.4 Citizens Forum

Introduction

Around 50 people participated in the breakout session. Seven tables discussed the process itself and its relationship with all the others. The meeting was held under the leadership of the Commission Chair Lupércio Antonio and Co-Chair Iman Abdel Al. Its outcomes were presented by the Chair.

Preliminary Outcomes

1. Mobilization: through actions, projects and programs:

- Emphasis on mapping institutions, leadership and best practices in water use and management;

- Promote debates and produce qualified information aiming to engage social actors and best practices during the Forum and in dialogue with the other (Thematic, Regional, Political and Sustainability) processes;

- Promote diffuse communication to mobilize civil society (youth, women, indigenous people, farmers, local user associations etc.) in regard to the World Water Forum and water issues, addressing problems, vulnerabilities, technologies and other individual / collective solutions;

- Meetings: take part in existing events and promote new events in Brazil and in the world to mobilize different social actors and institutions. Ensure adequate participation in the regional processes.

2. Considering some other Communication suggestions:

- Build a Virtual Platform to inform about the Forum itself, and to articulate and disseminate projects that will attract actors and proposals for effective participation in the Forum;

- Promote existing films and the production of new films on Water issues, through festivals, competitions and other processes, as well as other forms of artistic expression. They should be presented at the 8th Forum.

3. Insert Social Perspectives into the dialogues among Thematic, Regional and Political Perspectives:

- Highlight vulnerabilities in water management and use, and debate human rights connected to water, considering case studies, at local and global levels;

- Create, during the Forum, an Assembly of the Peoples in which national and international leaders / politicians observe and dialogue with presentations (on stage) and suggestions coming from civil society";

- The Citizens Forum must produce recommendations for public policies on water issues.

4. Develop Educational actions in formal and non-formal fields, with schools and communities, considering their participation in the 8th World Water Forum and water issues;

5. Research new ways to achieve decentralized water management. Considering the aspects

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of education and research, the promotion of Reference Centers on Water issues was suggested.

6. Social Actors / Groups and Institutional Actors that were identified in the sessions: Educational Community, Rural Communities, Leaderships and Activists, Environmentalists (movements and organizations), Social movements and organizations, Women, Indigenous People, Refugees, Handicapped, Youth, Politicians, Users and Water Management professionals, Basin Committees. The mobilization of the ordinary citizen in the discussions and information promoted by the World Water Forum were also highlighted.

In addition to the above, "Road to Brasilia 2018" project was described and explained as a means of promoting awareness on the use of water in a creative and conscious manner to the general public in Brazil and in Latin America. Between November 2015 and November 2017, "Road to Brasilia 2018" is scheduled to be held in 4 (four) Brazilian cities and 2 (two) Latin-American cities with cultural events and interactive seminars open to the public. With the objective of leaving a legacy in each of these cities, the project will include important workshops for children, youth and vulnerable communities, addressing the theme of water in a fun and innovative way, fostering future water leaders and local water-related talents. The Commission will evaluate whether this project could represent an important contribution to the Citizens Forum.

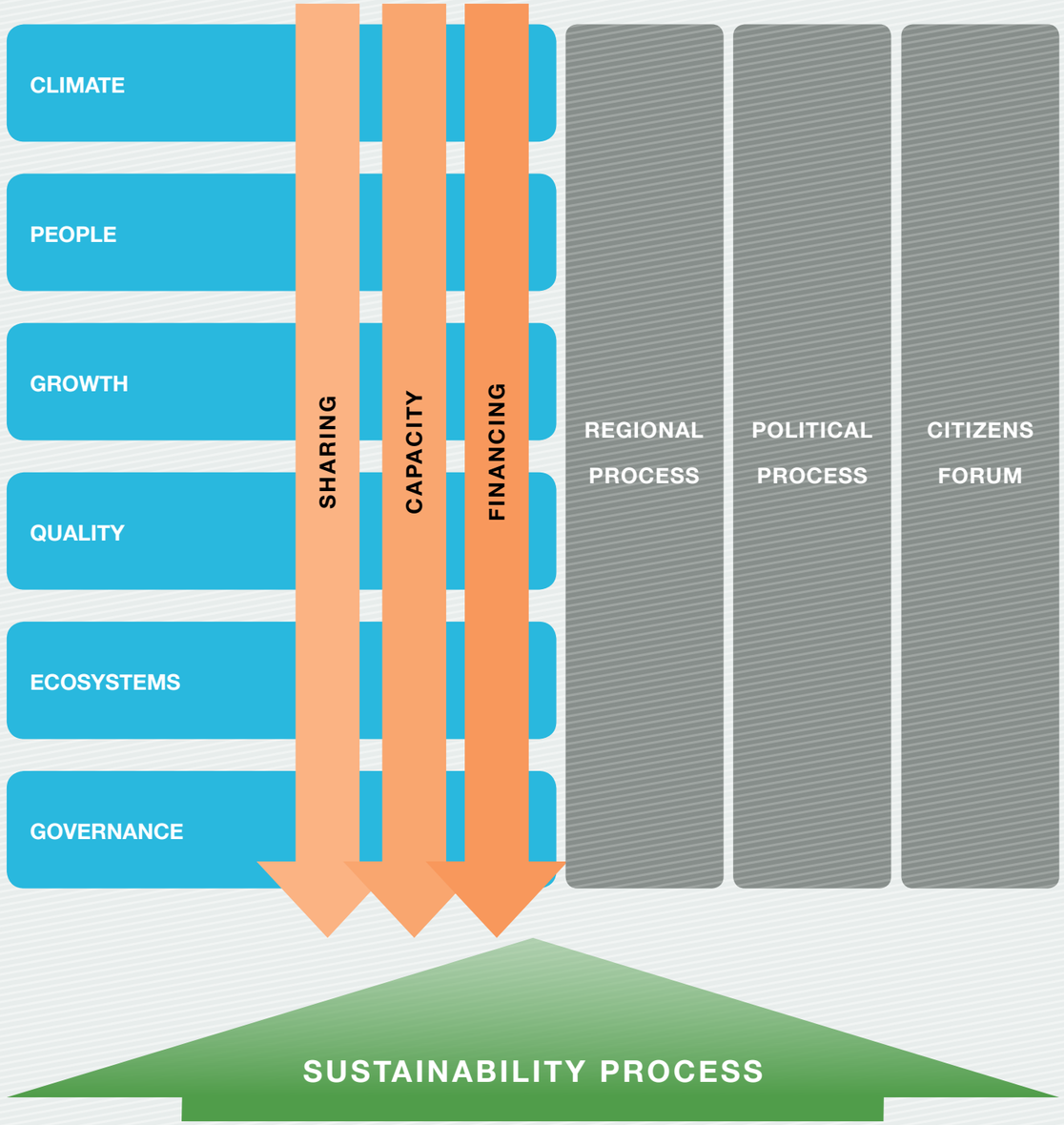
Future Actions

The established Commission will immediately work on the considerable number of suggestions received in a single 60-minute session and will prepare a comprehensive program to carry on the Citizens Forum from now to 2018. The commission will shortly send out a call for concrete contributions. Depending on the budget made available, they will also see which proposals could be financially supported. The commission will connect to other processes to ensure participation of CSO/ NGOs and exchange of views and messages. Some more thought will be put into communicating with different groups "on the ground", e.g. making use of affordable, accessible technologies but also local meetings, through existing mechanisms such as water/ river basin committees. A challenge will be to involve refugees and other displaced groups. Special attention will be paid to highlighting local solutions and existing local, traditional knowledge.

From left to right: Mr. Andras Szöllösi-Nagy (Political Process Commission Co-chair), Mr. Ney Maranhão (Regional Process Commission Co-chair) and Ms. Maria Silvia Rossi (ISC Member and Sustainability Process Focus Group member)

3. Forum Design Methodology

Summarizing the desired integration of the water issues with all the processes, the scheme below represents the first approach coming from the 3-day Kick-off meeting.



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Technical Visits

On an optional basis, three interesting technical visits were attended by some participants on June 29. They took place in the outskirts of Brasilia.

Paranoá Lake (Lago Paranoá)

Paranoá is the only fully unpolluted inland tropical lake in the world. Built in 1959, its covers around 38 km^2 with a water volume of 498 million m^3. The depollution process started in the 70's, and evolved as result of a partnership between CAESB (public water & sanitation company of the Federal District) and ADASA (Regulatory agency of the Federal District). Today, thanks to two sewage treatment plants in Brasilia, water returns to the lake with a bathing quality of 92%. In addition, 300 tons of sludge per day from the plants are used in agriculture. A monitoring system ensures constant quality and quantity control.

Participants of the technical visit to the Paranoa Lake

Pipiripau river basin

With an extension of approximately 235 km^2 the basin covers about 90% of the northern part of the Federal District. It is an environmental preservation area with usage control and protection of water and soil. Forest restoration, horticultural chain enhancement, fruit and grain production, together with water catchment to supply Brasilia are the major outcomes of this project, which was supported by several partners such as ANA, ADASA, Banco do Brasil, EMBRAPA (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation) and EMATER (Public Company for Technical Assistance and Rural Development). This is one of the most important and emblematic Payment for Environmental Services (PES) experiences in Brazil, the "Produtor de Água" project.

Participants of the technical visit to the Pipiripau River Basin

Brasilia National Park

The main purpose of this Protected Area is to preserve natural ecosystems with top ecological importance and scenic beauty. Scientific research, development of educational activities related to environmental knowledge and ecological tourism are constantly carried out there. The park also helps to protect the surrounding savanna biome and embraces several rivers flowing into the Santa Maria dam, responsible for providing around 25% of Brasilia's water supply.

Participants of the technical visit to the Brasilia National Park

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1st day – june 27th, monday

8:30	Reception/ arrival of the participants	**Registration**	
9:30	Opening Ceremony	**Keynotes**	**Rodrigo Rollemberg** (8th World Water Forum Co-Chair and Federal District Governor) **Benedito Braga** (8th World Water Forum Co-Chair and President of WWC) **Vicente Andreu Guillo** (President of ANA)
10:30	Opening plenary	**Introduction (30')** What is the World Water Forum? Forum Governance (20') Questions? (10')	**Jerry Delli-Priscoli** (WWC Permanent Observer) as Chair **Dogan Altinbilek** (Vice President of WWC and 8th World Water Forum Bureau Member)
		Panel: from the 6th to the 8th Forum (60') 1. Results and achievements of the 6th World water Forum – (15') 2. Results and achievements of the 7th World Water Forum – AMS and the 16 Roadmaps (15') 3. Perspectives and uniqueness for the 8th World Water Forum (15') - Sharing Water - Sustainability - Preparatory events (Roadmaps) Questions? (15')	**Patrick Lavarde** (8th World Water Forum Bureau Member) **Soontak Lee** (8th World Water Forum ISC Member) **Prof. Paulo Salles** (President of ADASA and 8th World Water Forum Bureau Member)
		Presentations of the Forum Processes (30') • Guidance for the Kick-Off Meeting (10') - Purposes - Aims & Objectives: What will be done over the next 2 days and how? - Expected Outcomes • Overview of all the Processes and Chairs & Co-chairs (20')	**Ricardo Andrade** (8th World Water Forum Bureau Member)
12:30	Lunch		Restaurant
14:00	Guidance plenary for the breakout sessions Thematic Process	A) Share the vision for the thematic process as a whole + results from the survey (20') B) Instructions for the breakout sessions – Thematic Commission (10')	**Torkil Clausen** (Thematic Process Chair)
14:30	Breakout sessions	6 groups per theme (six rooms) (120') 1. *CLIMATE – Water security and climate change: resilience and disasters, adaptation, mitigation, Science/Policy interface.* 2. *PEOPLE - Water, sanitation, health and cities* 3. *GROWTH - Water for sustainable production: energy and food, industry, efficiency, infrastructure.* 4. *QUALITY - Water quality, wastewater and reuse* 5. *ECOSYSTEMS - Water and ecosystems: biodiversity, hydrological systems, land use.* 6. *GOVERNANCE - Water governance: IWRM, transboundary and participation.*	**Torkil Clausen and Commission members**
16:15	Coffee Break		1st Floor – Yellow Area
16:30	Breakout sessions	3 groups per cross-cutting theme (6 rooms. 2 rooms per theme) (90') 1. *SHARING - Involving stakeholders at all levels for sharing water benefits* 2. *CAPACITY - Education, capacity building, science and technology, international cooperation* 3. *FINANCING – Implementing solutions, financing water infrastructure and climate change adaptation*	
18:00	Closing	Acknowledgments and general guidance	**Jerry Delli-Priscoli**

2nd day – june 28th, tuesday

09:00	Guidance for the breakout sessions of the Commissions	Summary of the first day and guidance for day 2 – (30')	**Torkil Clausen**
09:30	Breakout sessions	Breakout sessions for the commissions 1. Sustainability Process: Design and Outcomes (90') - Directions for 8th Forum (30') - Roundtable Work (60') + guiding questions on how to integrate with the thematic process 2. Regional Process: Design and Outcomes (90') - Provide results of 7th Forum (15') - Directions for 8th Forum (15') - Roundtable Work (60') + guiding questions on how to integrate with the thematic process	**Maria Silvia Rossi** (sustainability focus group member) **Ney Maranhão** (Regional Process Commission Co-chair)
		3. Political Process: Design and Outcomes (90') - Provide results of 7th Forum (15') - Directions for 8th Forum (15') - Roundtable Work (60') + guiding questions on how to integrate with the thematic process 4. Citizens Forum: Design and Outcomes (90') - Provide results of 7th Forum (15') - Directions for 8th Forum (15') - Roundtable Work (60') + guiding questions on how to integrate with the thematic process	**Andras Szöllösi-Nagy** (Political Process Commission Co-chair) **Lupercio Antonio** (Citizens Forum Commission Chair)
11:00	Coffee Break		1st Floor – Yellow Area
11:15	Breakout sessions	1. Sustainability Process: Design and Outcomes (60') - Roundtable Work (30') + guiding questions on how to progress towards the 8th Forum - Wrap up (30') 2. Regional Process: Design and Outcomes (60') - Roundtable Work (30') + guiding questions on how to progress towards the 8th Forum - Wrap up (30') 3. Political Process: Design and Outcomes (60') - Roundtable Work (30') + guiding questions on how to progress towards the 8th Forum - Wrap up (30') 4. Citizens Forum: Design and Outcomes (60') - Roundtable Work (30') + guiding questions on how to progress towards the 8th Forum - Wrap up (30')	**Process Commission Chairs and Co-chairs**
12:30	Lunch		Restaurant
14:00	Breakout sessions summing up	Each commission present its main outcomes and top line conclusions including synergies with other processes (90') (20' each)	**Process Commission Chairs and Co-chairs**
15:30	Coffee break		1st Floor – Yellow area
16:00	Closing plenary - The Way Forward: Road map for 8th World Water Forum.	Brazilian representatives (ANA/ADASA/ABDIB) present the proposed roadmap (schedule of preparatory events) + Road to Brasília	**Ricardo Andrade** **Newton L. Azevedo** **Prof. Paulo Salles**
17:00		Acknowledgments and guidance for the field trips on day 3	

3rd day – june 29th, wednesday (optional)

09:00	Arrival of participants	Technical Visits	

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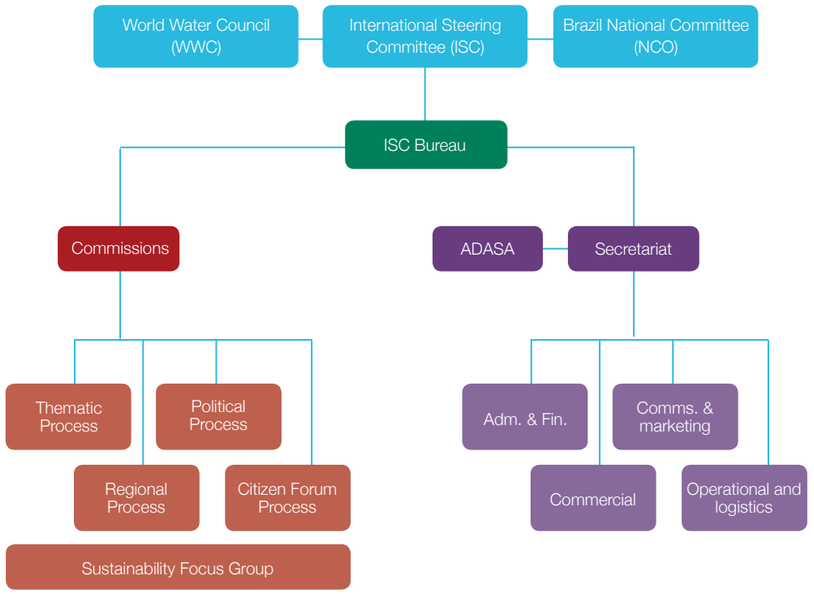

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