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World Water Council addresses Indian Water Leaders on Water Security and Development

Delhi, 13 January 2015 – The World Water Council (WWC) starts a week of intense hydro-politics in India, meeting high-level government officials at bilateral meetings, speaking at the India Water Week and the Confederation of Indian Industry Partnership Summit 2015, and visiting water resource centers with local experts. This Indian tour will also be the occasion to gather the members and partners of the World Water Council and to glean a better understanding of the challenges that face this sub-continent.

In support of the strong political will and recent initiatives of the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, regarding water and sanitation, the World Water Council applauds the efforts of the Indian government to connect all sectors and move the water agenda forward at this crucial juncture towards global water security. These events demonstrate the visionary approach of the Government of India towards integrated and sustainable development. They will provide excellent opportunities to exchange on the challenges of water management, gather stakeholders' commitments towards water security, and accelerate positive change and sustainable development.

Meet the World Water Council:

> **India Water Week 2015** - "Water Management for Sustainable Development: Experiences and future course of action" with World Water Council Vice-President Dogan Altinbilek - Opening Plenary Tuesday, 13 January at 10:00 AM, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

> **CII Partnership Summit 2015** - "Partnerships for Shared New Realities," B M Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.

The World Water Council Vice-President will address on Thursday, 15 January, at the Plenary Session 1 "Defining Shared New Realities," the stakes of water security and the benefit of shared solutions.

The World Water Council will also meet high level Indian governmental representatives this week in India, including Dr. P.K Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India; H.E. Suresh Prabhu, Honorable Minister of Railways; H.E. Uma Bharti, Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; H.E. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change ; his Highness Maharaja Gaj Singh II, Chairman of the Jal Bhagirathi Foundation;; H.E. Vasundhara Raje, Chief Minister of the Government of Rajasthan.

A World Water Council Members meeting is also organized in Delhi on 13 January with the support of the Jal Bhagirathi Foundation.

About the World Water Council (WWC): It is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, founder and co-organizer of the World Water Forum. The World Water Council's mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, to facilitate the efficient conservation, protection, development, planning, management and use of water in all its dimensions on an environmentally sustainable basis for the benefit of all life on earth. The World Water Council, headquartered in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together over 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries.

Among the Indian members of the World Water Council are the Central Board of Irrigation and Power - Government of India; the Jal Bhagirathi Foundation; the Dhan Foundation; the Association for Rural Area Social Modification,

Improvement and Nestling; Veolia Water India as well as international member organizations established or headquartered in India such as for instance the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

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