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20 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT

# NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## MARCH-JUNE 2016



## MOBILIZE ACTION

### HEADS OF STATE MOBILIZED TO DELIVER SDG6

In April 2016, the United Nations Secretary General and the President of the World Bank named the members of the new [High Level Panel on Water](#). The Panel will provide high-level leadership on water issues to accelerate the delivery of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

The presidents of Mexico and Mauritius co-chair the Panel and, with eight other Heads of State, will advocate for innovation and partnerships to put the world on the path to sustainable water management.

The World Water Council is closely involved in the Panel's work, taking part in the first meetings of Sherpas on 22 - 23 May in Rotterdam and 6 - 7 June in Mexico. The Council is leading work on water infrastructure and investment, and water and human settlements.

## MILESTONES

### April 2016

- United Nations and World Bank launch the High Level Panel on Water

### May 2016

- First meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum International Steering Committee
- HELP Panel on Water and Disasters
- First meeting on preparations for the 8<sup>th</sup> Forum Parliamentary Process
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Conference of Water Ministers
- First meeting of High Level Panel on Water Sherpas

### June 2016

- 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Kick Off meeting
- Second meeting of High Level Panel on Water Sherpas
- World Water Council and Hungary collaborate on Budapest Water Summit



58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the World Water Council Board of Governors, Jodhpur, India, March 2016

## WWC AND HUNGARY CO-ORGANIZING BUDAPEST WATER SUMMIT

The World Water Council accepted the invitation of the Government of Hungary to co-organize the Budapest Water Summit, 28-30 November 2016. The summit will shape actions to deliver Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Under a Memorandum of Understanding being developed with the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the World Water Council will co-organize the summit and mobilize the Council's global network to achieve recognition of water in advancing cooperation, peace and development.

## MAKING THE CASE FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AT WORLD BANK WATER WEEK

At the World Bank Water Week in Washington DC, in April, President Braga made a strong case for investing in infrastructure to achieve water security. During the week, the Council honoured the memory of founding member John Briscoe, who was crucial in laying the foundations of the strategy for a water-secure world.

## STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF WATER IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

At the Conference of Water Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in Istanbul, 17-19 May, World Water Council Vice-President Dogan Altinbilek delivered a keynote speech to ministers and delegations from 35 countries. The President of Turkey attended the opening session of the conference.

## Early start on involving parliamentarians in the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

Involving key political actors as early as possible strengthens the World Water Forum process. With two years to go until the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, a World Water Council meeting 14 May in Paris mapped out a strategy to involve and motivate parliamentarians from kick-off through to the event.



The 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum will be held from 18 to 23 March 2018 in Brasilia, Brazil.  
Photo: Bruno Pinheiro Secretariat of Sport, Tourism and Leisure of Brasilia

## CHALLENGE THINKING

### TOO MUCH AND TOO LITTLE WATER TRIGGER DISASTERS

At the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) 7th meeting in Rotterdam, 11 May, President Braga emphasized the importance of prevention, preparedness and policy to lessen the risk of disasters related to water. The World Water Council, as a member of the Panel, draws attention to the significance of too little water and extreme drought as well as too much water in causing disasters.



World Water Council President Braga drew attention to how water scarcity and drought can result in disasters at the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters, Rotterdam, 11 May 2016

### POSITIONING WATER AT A HIGHER LEVEL AT COP22

The special initiative [#ClimatelsWater](#), coordinated by the World Water Council in the lead-up to COP21, put water firmly on political climate agendas. In the approach to COP22, in Marrakech, 7-18 November 2016, the Government of Morocco is hosting an International Conference on Water and Climate on the theme of “water security for climate justice”, in Rabat, 11-12 July 2016. The Moroccan Ministry of Water, the French Ministry of Environment, Energy and Marine Affairs, and the World Water Council are partnering to place water high on the agenda at COP22. The World Water Council, a member of the Steering Committee, has participated in four preparatory meetings since March 2016.

### Strategy task forces and working groups get underway

At its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting in Jodhpur, India, the Board of Governors appointed the members of Task Forces and Working Groups to oversee delivering the 2016-2018 Strategy:

- Financing Water Infrastructure
- Cities: At the Heart of Growth
- Water and Climate Change
- Integrating the World Water Forums
- Involving Key Political Actors
- Communications
- 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Selection Committee
- Integrated Water Resource Management
- Youth Delegates Working Group
- Governance Commission
- Ongoing and Member initiatives
- Member Initiatives Working Groups
  - › SMART Water Management
  - › World Water System Heritage
  - › Climate Change Resilience
  - › Water and Food Security

## ENGAGE IN DEBATE

### PREPARATIONS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE UNDERWAY

Rodrigo Rollemberg, Governor of the Federal District of Brasília, and President of the World Water Council, Benedito Braga, set preparations for the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in motion at the first meeting of the International Steering Committee in Brasília, 2-3 May 2016.

Committee members discussed the groundwork for the kick-off meeting, 27-28 June 2016, in Brasília, and the framework for the Forum. The committee confirmed the date of the Forum, 18-23 March 2018, and the venues, the Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center and the National Stadium in Brasília. Members approved the logo and the theme, “Sharing Water”.

The 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum website is now live.

[www.worldwaterforum8.org](http://www.worldwaterforum8.org)



# WATER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

### CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT WITH OUR MEMBERS

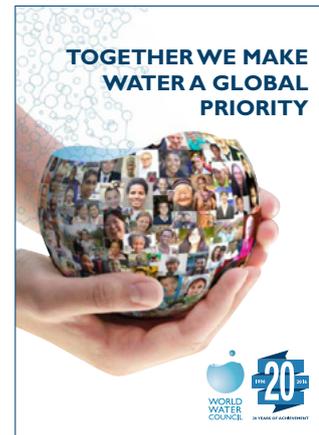
The [World Water Council Anniversary Toolkit](#), launched at the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors in India, provides members that wish to get involved in the celebrations with materials they can use to promote the Council, and in social media and publications. Celebrations will last throughout 2016. Keep a look out for events on our dedicated page.

### KEEPING WORLD WATER COUNCIL MEMBERS INFORMED

The Council is deeply committed to keeping members up-to-date with its activities. Complementing the activities reports provided for Board meetings, the Council recently launched a monthly newsletter. Positive responses from members greeted the first edition in early April.

All activities reports and newsletters are available on the [WWC website](#).

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS



> World Water Council brochure

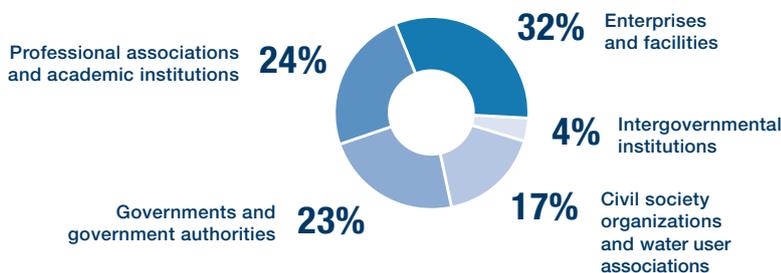


> World Water Council contributed with global experts to the Nine strategic recommendations document for a more prominent role for water in the New Urban Agenda

More at: [worldwatercouncil.org/library](http://worldwatercouncil.org/library)

## MEMBERS UPDATE

### COLLEGE DISTRIBUTION

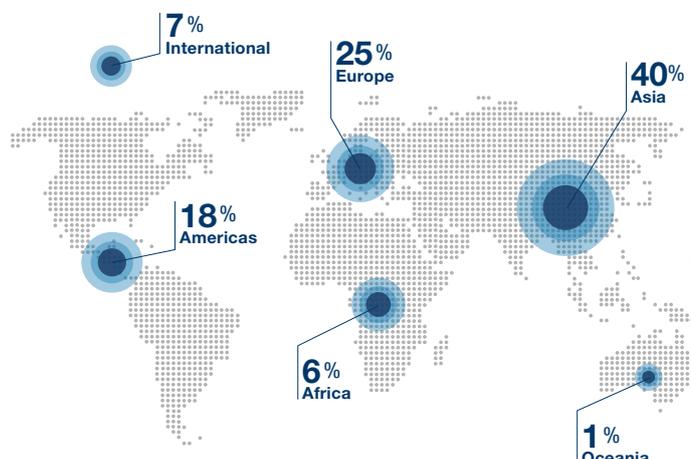


### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS\*

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