TOWARDS WORLD WATER SOLUTIONS

6th World Water Forum

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THE WORLD WATER FORUM

• The world’s largest water event

• Objectives:
  ➢ Gather all stakeholders together to debate questions related to water
  ➢ Formulate concrete proposals and encourage action and solutions
  ➢ Solicit true and lasting political commitment

• A platform for debates and exchange on questions relevant for improving water management and water supply and sanitation access

• An open and constructive place for discussion
THE WORLD WATER FORUM
FACTS AND FIGURES FROM ISTANBUL

- Over 25,000 participants
- 192 countries present
- 1,300 participants in political process
- 106 sessions prepared by over 400 organizations
- 150 side events
- Over 1,000 accredited journalists
- 135 children from over 20 countries and over 200 youth participants
- 1,000 sponsored participants
THE 6th WORLD WATER FORUM

• Marseille, 12 – 17 March 2012

• Organizers:
  – France (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs + Ministry of Ecology) and the City of Marseille
  – The World Water Council

• France and Marseille
  – Strong political commitment
  – Combining energy from local level to the highest decision-making level
  – Highlighting specific capacities and a water culture
  – Federate all stakeholders and encourage action
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• Preferring for action over theoretical discourse and debates

• Encouraging lasting concrete commitments through a follow-up mechanism

• Involving wide participation

• Creating true mobilization of citizens in a friendly, and popular atmosphere
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Examples of possible solutions:

• Governments agree to initiate an intergovernmental process on water and prepare a resolution for Rio+20

• 1,000 schools in Africa are equipped with basic sanitation facilities

• Creation of a « World Water Parliament »

• 100 scholarships for « Water Innovation » are offered to students throughout the world

• 1,000 cities sign the Istanbul Water Consensus
Toward concrete solutions!

The Process

- THEME
- ISSUE
- RECOMMENDATION
- TARGET
- SOLUTION

April 2011

March 2012
SMART TARGETS AND WISE PROCESS

- **SMART Targets (relevance of targets)**
  - Specific
  - Measurable
  - Achievable
  - Realistic
  - Time bound

- **WISE Targets (process)**
  - Wide Involvement Stakeholder Exchanges
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Solutions are first and foremost of a political nature and must be found by reinforcing dialogue between:

- Governments
- Local Authorities
- Parliamentarians
- Intergovernmental Organisations / United Nations
- NGOs / Civil Society / Users
- Professionals / Scientists / Experts
- Public and Private Companies
### THEMATIC FRAMEWORK

#### CREATING A BLUE MOVEMENT!

**12 key priorities for water action:**

- Guarantee access to water services for all and the Right to Water
- Guarantee access to integrated sanitation services for all
- Contribute to improved hygiene and health through water
- Protect populations and economies from risks
- Contribute to cooperation and peace
- Balance multiple uses
- Ensure food security
- Harmonize energy and water
- Protect and value ecosystem services and green growth
- Improve the quality of water resources and ecosystems
- Adjust pressures and footprints of human activities on water
- Respond to climate and global changes in an urbanizing world
- Good governance
- Finance water for all
- Enabling environment
REGIONAL PROCESS

Feedback on Regional process questionnaire

- Added value of a Regional Process
- Expected results
- Criteria for defining a region
- Building a participatory Regional process
- Interaction with Political and Thematic processes
Organisation for regional process

- Coordinates RP
- Informs IFC
- Supports regio. Coordinators

- Manage regio CfP
- Support subregio. Platforms
- Identify cross-continental issues
- Implement multi-stakeholder proc. by Target
- Report outcomes

Cross-continental Targets may result in additional regions (e.g. water scarcity discussed at Mediterranean level)
A multi-level approach:

- Ministerial Process
- Local Authorities Process
- Parliamentarian Process
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