



9th WORLD WATER
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Contribute your knowledge to the 9th World Water Forum!

Call launched for participation in Action Groups and Consultative Groups

The World Water Forum represents one moment every three years where the international community can bring together a diversity of shared knowledge, raise awareness for water issues among political, social and economic decision makers based on shared knowledge, align activities toward a common agenda, and create collective action to reach those shared goals, notably but not limited to the SDGs.

The content development will be articulated around four priorities: Water Security; Rural Development; Cooperation; and Means and Tools, each of which will be coordinated by a Pilot Group. Action groups will be established at a more focused objective level under each of these priority areas, as follows. Potential linkages to SDG targets are indicated in parentheses to create coherence, synergies and facilitate possible direct contributions towards the achievement of Agenda 2030, based on established indicators.

1. Water Security and Sanitation

1.A - Implement the Right to Water and Sanitation and provide access to safe water and sanitation in emergency situations (6.1, 6.2, 1.4, 11.1)

1.B - Improve water quality and waste management (6.3, 11.6, 12.4, 12.5)

1.C - Reduce water-related illness and deaths (3.9, 3.3, 3.2)

1.D - Protect and restore ecosystems and forests, including coastal and marine impacts, and combat desertification (6.6, 14.1, 14.2, 15.1, 15.3)

1.E. - Halt the loss of aquatic biodiversity and invasive species in water ecosystems (15.5, 15.8, 15.9)

1.F - Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change and natural disasters (13.1, 11.5, 1.5, 11.B, 13.3)

2. Rural Development

2.A - Ensure universal access to water (in rural areas) (6.1, 1.4)

2.B - Ensure universal access to sanitation and hygiene (in rural areas) (6.2, 1.4)

2.C - Provide public water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (schools, healthcare facilities, etc.) (4.A, 5.1, 4.5, 3.3, 3.9, 6.1)

2.D - Ensure sustainable agricultural practices, including water productivity and efficiency, reduction of diffuse pollution, and decreased food losses (2.3, 2.4, 12.3, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, 14.1, 14.2)

2.E - Engage and empower rural communities to be the drivers of social-economic development through water (8.2, 5.4, 5.A, 1.4, 2.A)

2.F - Harmonize the rural-urban divide to curb migration (11.A, 10.7, 11.3)

3. Cooperation

3.A. - Implement IWRM at all levels (6.5)

3.B - Implement transboundary cooperation to foster peace and prevent conflicts (6.5, 6.A)

3.C - Expand international cooperation, including ODA, and capacity building to foster peace (6.A,17.2, 16.A, 10.B)

3.D - Enhance cooperation on multipurpose infrastructure, including hydropower (7.A, 7.B, 1.A, 9.1, 9.4, 9.A)

3.E - Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation on data and information sharing, and capacity building (17.6, 12.8, 16.10, 17.9, 17.18)

3.F - Enhance multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships, including with outside sectors (17.16, 17.17)

4. Means & Tools (Transversal theme that relates to all other priorities)

4.A - Mobilize additional financial resources and promote innovative funding (17.3, 2.A)

4.B - Implement the principles of good water governance, including participatory decision-making (6.5, 6.B, 16.7, 5.5, 17.18)

4.C - Foster a water-sensitive approach to legislation and regulation (10.3, 5.C)

4.D - Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and promote integrity (10.6, 16.6, 17.15)

4.E - Increase water efficiency and sustainable management through science, technology, innovation and education (6.4, 12.2, 8.4, 17.7, 17.8, 5.B, 4.3, 9.5, 12.A)

The 9th Forum wishes to concentrate on concrete outcomes, for which collective action will be organized and presented through sessions. That means the action groups will identify ways they can together move the water agenda forward in specific areas in an ongoing way. In this way, the Forum will be more than a series of sessions, but a commitment to getting things done together.

The action groups will also draw from a broader Consultative Group, which can act as a broader community of practice encompassing a variety of stakeholders. The Consultative Groups are formed through an open call process and operate on a voluntary basis. In particular, they can be solicited to react to and comment on different proposals; express interest in being actively involved in various activities; respond to surveys; etc.

The Forum will serve as a point in time to report on those collective activities and enhance future cooperation towards common goals. This will allow the creation of a series of activities aimed at achieving concrete change collectively.

How to apply to become a member of an Action Group or a Consultative Group:

Send an email in English or French to forum@worldwatercouncil.org and dakar2021@worldwaterforum9.gouv.sn stating:

- Your name
- Which organization and country you come from
- Your email, telephone number and Skype name
- Which priority Action you wish to support (1.A through 4.E)
- Whether you wish to be a member of the Action Group or the Consultative Group
- Short motivation (no more than 300 words) of why you want to join the action group or consultative group and how you can contribute—what do you think can be achieved and how?
- Previous relevant experience

When you send us an e-mail with your application, please write in the subject “**WG application**”.

Please note that the list of members will be shared with all organizations.

Deadline for applications: 28 February 2020 12:00 pm

For more information, please refer to the [9th Forum website](#), the [First Announcement](#) and the [Concept Note for Contributing Stakeholders](#) .

If you have any further questions on the working groups’ activities or their way of working, you can also write to:

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