



PROGRAM

SPECIAL SESSIONS

PROCESS	THEME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS
Citizens' Forum	GOVERNANCE	Rights of the river: perspective of people and citizens till environmental law	<p>New Zealand, Ecuador and Bolivia's law are working on recognition of nature's right. The theory of giving rights to nature was proposed in the 1970s and has been gained concrete examples and cases worldwide in recent years as an environmental defence strategy. As examples, a New Zealand river, Whanganui River, is now a person under domestic law, and India's Ganges River was recently granted human rights.</p> <p>This session will analyze case studies of recognition of river rights, in governance and law perspective, and the diverse cultural approaches and relation to water and rivers, from people, ethnic groups and countries around the world.</p>	Citizen's Forum Process Commission citizens@worldwaterforum8.org
Citizens' Forum	SHARING	Culture of Peace: Cooperative approaches for water sharing through endogenous development and conflict management.	<p>How did conflictual contexts on water issues became an opportunity for sustainable development? And how can we prevent new environmental crises and water conflicts? The overall objective of this session is to rely on cases and sources of inspiration to identify concrete proposals on building social processes from conflict situations. Minamata disease (Japan) and Itaipu Hydroelectric Dam (Brazil) brings us some examples of good practices and projects that can be highlighted considering the potential cultural, natural and human resources on planning and implementing a large social engagement for sustainable development coming from impacted areas. Proactive cooperation can help resolve conflicts over water and help maintain public health, food security, and social, environmental, and economic stability and it can also help prevent violent conflict over water and help build sustainable peace. The session will expose positive 17 experiences and explore how can these be scaled up?</p>	Citizen's Forum Process Commission citizens@worldwaterforum8.org
Citizens' Forum	GOVERNANCE	Building Basin Committees: policy, representativeness and challenges	<p>This session will analyze the political and institutional context for managing basin committees and watershed organisms as a participatory approach to water management. There will be considered three main dimensions in the discussion: a) influencing public policy for implementing and maintaining basin organisms, b) representation of citizens in the committees and c) effectiveness of the society participation as a multi-stakeholder management forum.</p>	Citizen's Forum Process Commission citizens@worldwaterforum8.org

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Partners	SHARING	Global launch of the United Nations World Water Development Report 2018 on 'Nature-based Solutions for Water'	<p>The United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR) is the UN-Water flagship report on freshwater. It is a comprehensive review of a specific topic that also gives an overall picture on the state of the world's freshwater resources and aims to provide decision-makers with the knowledge to implement sustainable management of water. The Report is the result of a joint effort of the UN-Water Members and Partners and it is coordinated by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), UNESCO. It is released on an annual basis with a thematic focus on different strategic water issues; the theme of the 2018 edition is "Nature-based solutions for water".</p> <p>The topic of the report is aligned with that of World Water Day to provide the knowledge basis for discussions taking place throughout the year. For this reason, the report is usually launched annually on 22 March to mark the global celebrations observing World Water Day.</p> <p>The WWDR 2018 global launch at the 8th World Water Forum will give the participants the opportunity to discover for the first time the key findings of the report and get a chance to discuss challenges and opportunities with putting nature-based solutions into policy and practice.</p>	<p>World Water Assessment Programme, l.minelli@unesco.org UN-Water Technical Advisory Unit, daniella.bostrom@unwater.org The session is co-organized by the Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Environment, UNESCO, IUCN, WWF, World Water Council, WaterLex and United Nations University.</p>

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Partners	FINANCE	Continued funding of water research	<p>This session proposes a discussion on stable and sustained funding to support research in the area of sanitation and water resources aimed at improving technologies, systems, practices, methodologies, processes and procedures, with the following objectives: - to discuss mechanisms, processes and solutions for guarantee the continuous financing of actions aimed at the development of scientific research, technologies and synthesis of knowledge in the area of water resources; - propose ways to strengthen and improve human resources training and capacity building initiatives; - define strategies for communicating and disseminating ideas and solutions to problems related to availability and water quality in an efficient manner, adaptable to different local realities.</p> <p>This session is complementary to the High Level Panel proposed by the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq). During the discussions it is hoped to identify effective ways to finance in a stable and continuous way the best experiences, optimizing existing resources and involving users, water and sanitation agencies, and decision makers from different levels of governance, as well as guiding possible mechanisms and financing instruments aimed at compiling and disseminating existing and dispersed information, how to transform it into applicable products, processes and methodologies, and how to make them accessible to society. In order to implement stock financing, new financing models (Foundations, Networking - JPIs, Private Sectors, Seed Money) should be devised, involving partnerships between the different spheres of government and private initiative, making decisions that include the various sectors of society</p>	<p>Organizer: CNPq - Brazil – Mario Neto Borges - President (presidencia@cnpq.br); José Ricardo Santana – Director of Institutional Cooperation (dcoi@cnpq.br); Marcelo Marcos Morales – Director of Rural Sciences, Biology and Health (dabs@cnpq.br). Co-convenors: CAPES - Brasil – Abílio A. Baeta Neves - President (pr@capes.gov.br); CONFAP - Brasil – Maria Zaira Turchi – President (presidente@confap.org.br)</p>

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Partners	SHARING	Get the Grade Game: Interactive Session for Better Basin Management	As we tap our freshwater resources, the impacts of our actions, the current status of basin health and the role of climate change are rarely measured or available in a format that is accessible to communities, policymakers, corporations and media. Without a common understanding of the state of the system, it is difficult to make decisions that secure water for all who depend on it. Basin report cards create a shared vision for sustainable basin management and spur action towards improvement. Some places, like the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Barrier Reef, have ongoing report cards that are go-to resources for media, advocates, businesses and public officials seeking to understand and safeguard water resources. Get the Grade, a serious game, uses “play” to explain the complicated but critical process of stakeholder engagement in natural resource management, and introduce report cards as a tool for bringing diverse water users together for better basin governance. In the game, the room the group is in represents a river basin, and each table represents a sub-basin within that basin. Each player represents a stakeholder who lives in a given sub-basin. Presented with a variety of decisions, players must choose the course of action that is best for the stakeholder they represent. The game creates an opportunity for a range of people—policymakers, conservationists, companies, community representatives, and other stakeholders—to experience and embrace the complexities of basin management, and the benefits of working together to share freshwater resources. For more information on the game, visit https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/get-the-grade-a-game-about-natural-resource-and-water-management	Catherine Blancard, WWF, catherine.blancard@wwfus.org
Partners	SHARING	Water and Rural Migration	The event focuses on the linkages between water and migration, with specific emphasis on agriculture, food security and rural livelihoods. The event will identify the water related drivers of migration in rural areas, how migration impacts water resources and the role of migration as a climate change adaptation strategy. The event will showcase diverse migratory experiences of different countries and potential response options and best practices to improve water security and the livelihoods of rural communities, including refugees. The sessions will also identify the required interventions on the water and agricultural sector to address migration, including policy, investment, data needs and partnerships.	Marlos De Souza, FAO (Italy): marlos.desouza@fao.org Co-organizers Global Water Partnership (GWP) International Organization for Migration (IOM) Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG)

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Partners	FINANCE	Development finance to reach the water SDG 6 - perspectives from International Development Banks	This session, to be coordinated by the World Bank, will involve major international and regional development Banks working in LA&C, Africa, Europe, Middle-East and Asia regions to discuss the official development finance to water and sanitation showing case based situations, with their good results and learned lessons, and new sources of finance. The water sector would benefit from a more coordinated effort among international development institutions, as a tool for addressing most major development challenges, as water is a critical ingredient for achieving all the SDGs.	World Bank Group. Marcos Thadeu Abicalil. mtabicalil@worldbank.org

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Partners	SHARING	Water and spirituality	<p>Inspired by the Brazilian Water Law, the theme of the 8th World Water Forum is "Sharing Water". Polysemic word, share admits several readings, suitable for the relationship between humanity and water. Indeed, in a world troubled by diverse conflicts and divergences, the degradation of natural ecosystems, and their consequences for the availability and distribution of resources, and threatened by the uncertainties of climate variability, which put the various stages of the hydrological cycle under pressure, Forum invites society to share responsibilities in the use and management of water, to share benefits brought by water, to cooperate to build societies in which everyone has the right to access to water and basic sanitation, as well as to enjoy the benefits that flow of its multiple uses.</p> <p>This Special Session aims to explore subjective aspects of humanity's relationship with water, particularly those that mobilize the deepest feelings of the human being and evokes the spirituality and sacredness of water. In effect, sharing presupposes a willingness to dialogue, to accept and offer; to receive and give.</p> <p>To do so, one must seek within each of us, in our most intimate feelings, the desire to share, in every way. Knowing the importance of self-knowledge to reach this goal, we propose the constitution of the thematic session "Water, spirituality, sharing, diversity", in order to foster the meeting of spirituality knowledge, adding to the other topics a debate based on knowledge scientific and traditional, in favor of life, for the defense of water.</p> <p>Above all religious denominations will be invited to lead spiritual leaders, with the primary objective of establishing a dialogue capable of bringing people together in the construction of a culture of peace, in which sharing of water, in addition to the gesture of unity and harmony, is a form of spiritual development, and manifestation of love and compassion</p>	Renata Zuquim, Chefe da Assessoria Internacional da Governadoria do Distrito Federal, Brasil. renata.zuquim@buriti.df.gov.br
Partners	SHARING	Your Voice Wrap-up	Synthesis of Your Voice process and contributions received.	ANA - National Water Agency (Brazil). bruno@ana.gov.br; flavia.oliveira@ana.gov.br UNDP. romolo.tassone@undp.org

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Regional Process	SHARING	Opening Session of the Regional Process	Outcomes of mobilization and engaging stakeholders throughout different regions of the world, which promoted actions at local level, national and sub-regional, and to would contributed to the 8th World Water Forum.	Ministry of National Integration (Brazil). Irani Braga Ramos. irani.ramos@integracao.gov.br
Regional Process	SHARING	Opening Session - The Process of the Americas	This session will present the outputs of the process of the Americas towards the 8th World Water Forum by discussing the outputs of the regional and subregional reports.	IDB - Inter-American Development Bank. Sergio Campos. scampos@iadb.org; celiab@iadb.org
Regional Process	SHARING	Closing Session of the Regional Process	Closing Remarks of the Regional Process at the 8th World Water Forum and Recomendations to the 9th World Water Forum	Ministry of National Integration (Brazil). Irani Braga Ramos. irani.ramos@integracao.gov.br
Regional Process	GOVERNANCE	Upscale innovation for a water-secure Asia and the Pacific	The objective of this session is to discuss the opportunities and challenges to upscale the innovation toward wellbeing for all and the achievement of water related SDGs. It will specifically examine the ways to achieve global, regional and local cross-sector partnerships in the Asia and the Pacific region to gear up efforts and advance more leadership, capability and innovation in policy, institution and education. This session is designed as a follow-up of the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit held in December, 2017	Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF). Japan Water Forum. Korea Water Forum. asayama@waterforum.jp; yoonjinwater@gmail.com
Regional Process	SHARING	National hydrological networks in continental sized countries – past, present and future, problems and perspectives.	Debate conducted by directors of national water institutions responsible for the operation of hydrometeorological monitoring networks of countries of continental dimensions. The focus will be an evaluation of the combined experience and the operational complexity in producing hydrometeorological data regularly and properly distributed in the time and space frame with the required precision, and its availability for the most diverse applications, to the challenges in producing this information in a world with a quick industrial transformation as well as the future needs translated into challenges and opportunities, facing a scenario of climate change and physical changes on the world.	ANA - National Water Agency (Brazil). US Geological Survey Marcelo Medeiros marcelo.medeiros@ana.gov.br

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Regional Process	SHARING	National water quality networks in continental sized countries - past, present and future, problems and perspectives.	Debate conducted by directors of the national water institutions responsible for the operation of water quality networks in countries of continental dimensions. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to: a brief history of the network, how data is used, lessons learned, operational challenges, and future directions. There will be a strong emphasis on the next generation network, on the techniques and equipment of data collection, and methods of physical-chemical analysis; equipment, parameters to be measured, information processing and applications.	ANA - National Water Agency (Brazil). US Geological Survey ney.maranhao@ana.gov.br marco.neves@ana.gov.br regional@worldwaterforum8.org
Regional Process	FINANCE	Africa Investment programme on Water Infrastructure, Job creation and SDG implementation (WAJIP)	Over the last decade, Africa has recorded sustained and impressive economic growth. One quarter of the countries grew an average of about 7 per cent or more, and some were among the fastest-growing countries in the world. However, this growth needs to be reoriented to provide a strong basis for sustainable development. According to UN World Development Report on Water and Jobs (2016), "Investing in water ultimately means investing in jobs". This is especially true given the central role of water. Water is essential in industry, agriculture, irrigation, fisheries and manufacturing. Investment in water infrastructure is essential for industrialisation and job creation. This is again linked to the issue of migration, especially from Africa to Europe. The session will explore the challenge of job creation and the role of water infrastrure investment for job creation, contributing to reduced conflicts and migration. The session will mainly focus on the huge challenges in the Horn of Africa region and in the West Africa region. It is expected that this session will be more of a policy/political forum to urge African Governments and partners to focus on water infrastrucre for job creation and socail development. It is also expected that during this session Africa launches a new program called Africa Investment programme on Water Infrastructure, Job creation and SDG implementation (WAJIP)	New Partnership for Africa Development (NEPAD), African Union/AfDB/GWP Africa. Osward Mulenga Chanda / Maimuna Nalubega / Canisius Kanangire / Nico Azza / Alex Simalabwi / Kidanemariam Jembere. o.chanda@afdb.org; m.nalubega@afdb.org; ckanangire@amcow-online.org; nileman.azza@gmail.com; alex.simalabwi@gwp.org; K.Jembere@cgiar.org
Regional Process	SHARING	Transboundary water: Turning potential tensions into partnerships for regional development	Transboundary waters are will shape the future of development worldwide. The session will be of direct benefit to other regions. The proposed panel will debate with the global audience "Best policy practices and bottlenecks" in moving from potential tension to development opportunities in shared basins in the Arab region and beyond.	League of Arab States. Hammou Laamrani. hammou.laamrani@cimonline.de

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Regional Process	GOVERNANCE	Regulatory services and the promotion of water related SDGs	This session will discuss how regulatory services in water resources and Sanitation can contribute to implement water related Sustainable Development Goals, mainly SDG 6. Successful experiences from Europe and Americas will be presented, focusing in learned lessons. Present and future challenges to be reached by regulatory authorities will be detailed in a way to build new approaches.	Federal District's Water, Energy and Basic Sanitation Board (ADASA). Paulo Salles. paulo.salles@adasa.df.gov.br
Regional Process	DEVELOPMENT	Development and safety of water infrastructure in river basins: risks, monitoring and preventive actions	The aim of this session is to discuss dam safety, identification and monitoring of risks, the development of contingency plans and other preventive measures, remedies and losses in recent cases and their lessons learned, like Lawn Lake Dam and Samarco Dam.	United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) National Water Agency – ANA (Brazil). Ney maranhão. ney.maranhao@ana.gov.br; marco.neves@ana.gov.br
Regional Process	FINANCE	Water Funds in the Americas	Water Funds are financial and institutional mechanisms that promotes public and private sector participation for the conservation of watersheds to improve urban water security through nature-based solutions. They may channel long-term investment for conservation projects in a way to maximize seepage and reduce sediments and other pollutants of water flows that supply cities. They strengthen watershed governance by bringing together relevant stakeholders – users, water utilities, corporations, authorities and civil society – and providing solid scientific knowhow to facilitate the decision-making process. This session will present Water Funds mechanisms and discuss their applications, focusing in good experiences and learned lessons. Conditions to replicate the experience at other locations will be discussed also.	IDB - Inter-American Development Bank. Sergio Campos. scampos@iadb.org; celiab@iadb.org
Regional Process	CAPACITY	Navigating the Water Challenges of the 21st Century with the help of Near Real time Comprehensive Assessments	The speed of global change and the future uncertainties are examples of faced issues that demand a new and dynamic way to manage the water resources worldwide. The recent global agreements (2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, and so) establish a path that demands the political, institutional and technical integration so that the integrated management of water resources can efficiently and rapidly inform with safe evidence the process of public policies. In this way, Big Data technology will be indispensable for a wiser and dynamic water resource management. Data collection, integrated geospatial archive, wise metrics and indexes will be more and more demanded to clearly inform policy makers with evidences. The session will debate the experiences and efforts of institutions in relation to adapt data bases and information to these new rules from the water resources management field.	Water Future / ANA - National Water Agency (Brazil). Andras Szollosi-Nagy / Ney Maranhão. andras.szollosinagy@gmail.com; ney.maranhao@ana.gov.br; marco.neves@ana.gov.br

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Sustainability Focus Group	GOVERNANCE	Discussion towards the Sustainability Declaration of the 8th World Water Forum	Presentation and Discussion of the Sustainability Commitment	Conseil général de l'environnement et du développement durable - Ministère de l'environnement, de l'énergie et de la mer. Pierre-Alain Roche. roche.pierre-alain@neuf.fr
Sustainability Focus Group	SHARING	Business Day- Main Message and Results	Presentation and Discussion of the Main Message and Results of the Business Day (held in first day of the Forum)	Marina Grossi - CEBDS Albano Araújo - Sustainability Consultant sustainability@worldwaterforum8.org
Sustainability Focus Group	SHARING	Sustainability at the 8th World Water Forum	Three main points: a) Actions to have a greener Forum; b) Outcomes related to Sustainability coming from the sessions of other processes (through focal points); c) general discussion on how the Forum can contribute more to the sustainable use of water.	Marina Grossi - CEBDS Albano Araújo - Sustainability Consultant sustainability@worldwaterforum8.org

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Thematic Process	SHARING	From the 7th to the 8th World Water Forum: Three years of Implementation Roadmaps	<p>Implementation Roadmaps (IRs) emanated from the 7th World Water Forum as a mechanism to support continued progress on key water-related issues in between editions of the World Water Forum. They meant to catalyse collective learning and action for water, in addition to identifying ways for the international water community to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Sixteen different roadmaps were created, based on the 7th World Water Forum's Thematic Framework, each one piloted by respected members of the international water community who mobilize a wider range of partners (DGIC Champions). By harmonizing efforts to move forward on the global water agenda, Implementation Roadmaps provide a much-needed framework to help achieve water security and ensure a sustainable, resilient world for future generations. Indeed, they provide dynamic guidance for 90 organizations and other stakeholders to rise to common challenges, offering results that are more impactful than what can be achieved individually. Everyone is welcome to contribute.</p> <p>This special session aims at highlighting IRs achievements of the three past years. To this occasion the World Water Council and Korea Water Forum will launch a final publication compiling successful case studies of implementation of these Roadmaps in addition to their formal contribution to the 2018 High-Level Political Forum, which will be reviewing the SDG 6.</p> <p>The expected outcomes are (1) to bridge the 7th and the 8th edition of the World Water Forum, (2) learn about an innovative mechanism catalyzing multistakeholders action and (3) contribute to global processes, such as the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>Organization 1: Korea Water Forum Country: Republic of Korea Email: Yoonjin Kim yoonjinwater@koreawaterforum.org</p> <p>Organization 2: World Water Council Country: France Email: Camille Giscard d'Estaing <c.giscard@worldwatercouncil.org></p>

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Thematic Process	SHARING	Global Monitoring and Reporting of SDG 6	<p>Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires an integrated approach, as the 17 goals are interlinked and, thus, interdependent. Likewise, this approach is needed within SDGs implementation to safeguard the success of the Agenda.</p> <p>To ensure integration and coherence towards SDG, 6 implementation, UN-Water has developed and leading a coherent and integrated monitoring approach. The UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 encompasses the WHO/ UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP, targets 6.1 and 6.2), the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS, targets 6a and 6b) and the Integrated Monitoring of Water and Sanitation Related SDG Targets Initiative (GEMI), which is responsible supporting the monitoring of SDG 6 targets 6.3 to 6.6.</p> <p>UN-Water has extended its integrated monitoring approach to include reporting by developing the SDG 6 Synthesis Report (to be launched in May 2018). As water-related issues extend beyond SDG 6, the SR SDG 6 will focus on the global status of targets and indicators as well as on an analysis of interlinkages with other goals. Furthermore, key policy messages will be included to assist policy and decision-makers to evaluate and adjust their policies and strategies.</p> <p>The purpose of this session is to review progress in developing an integrated approach towards monitoring SDG 6 targets, to showcase the experience from countries involved in the 2017 baseline exercise, to present preliminary analysis from the SDG6 Synthesis Report and to discuss the implications for policy making.</p> <p>The presentation of the UN-Water monitoring and reporting initiatives at the 8th World Water Forum will give the audience the opportunity to take stock, discuss the challenges faced and opportunities ahead, as well as the lessons learned by countries and other stakeholders for the successful implementation of SDG 6.</p>	<p>Contact people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN-Water Technical Advisory Unit, coordination of the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative Programme, william.reidhead@unwater.org - UN World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), UNESCO, coordination Task Force to produce the SDG 6 Synthesis Report a.ortigara@unesco.org <p>The session is co-organized by CEO Water Mandate, FAO, ILO, UNECE, UN Environment, UNDP, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNESCO, UN-Water TAU, WHO and WMO.</p>

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Thematic Process	CLIMATE	Water Security and SDGs	<p>Water-related international organizations like the World Water Council have played an important role in creating the dialogue and communication platform of World Water Forum and solving global water security issues, and topics about water security are drawing attention from the international community at international water events. The Ministerial Declaration of the 7th World Water Forum called for sound governance of water resources on all levels, encouraged public participation, and asked for better infrastructure and management system to effectively address water security challenges. The Budapest Water Summit 2016 jointly organized and the World Water Council adopted the Budapest Statement 2016, which stated that water resource must be included in relevant policies of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also stressed that all countries should intensify political and technical cooperation, coordinate with each other in making water policies in areas such as economy, energy, climate change, health, food and bio-diversity, and strongly guarantee water conservancy investment and financing, so as to better realize global water security.</p> <p>The water security and SDG session stands ready to conduct multi-level and multi-field exchange and cooperation in the field of water resources. China is willing to work with other countries to identify challenges, take measures, realize water-related goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development facing water security. It is committed to establishing a new pattern of global water governance that is green, circular, economical, efficient and safe, to enhance the wellbeing of the mankind.</p>	<p>Ms.Sun Yan International Economic & Technical Exchange and Cooperation Center, Ministry of Water Resources, China Email: ysun@mwr.gov.cn</p>

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Thematic Process	PEOPLE	Urban Poverty and Water	Rapidly growing cities face the challenge of unequal access to water and sanitation where vulnerable groups in particular women and Youth suffer the most. Urban upgrading of precarious settlements demands specific approaches and urban design standards, aiming at the universalization of essential services and rehabilitation of all neighborhoods. Solutions for these matters require, simultaneously: establishing new governance arrangements, with multisectoral models – sanitation, housing, social and environmental development and water security; as well as developing a legal framework for intervening in these settlements, using land-tenure regularization tools and avoiding unnecessary evictions. The main objective of this session is to raise awareness about the major gap in providing water and sanitation services to all, and to share key successful experiences in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It will be organized jointly with the People Thematic Process and the Citizens process, and will bring together Senior Officials from major Organizations with representatives of Local Governments, Utilities, NGOs and Community Groups. It is expected that this session will complement the ones organized within the Urban Thematic process by highlighting the dimension of poverty and access to services for all that are currently not dealt with, as well as clearly show its crucial contribution to poverty alleviation. It is expected that the session will contribute to the following outcomes: a) act as a call for action if universal access to Water and Services for all and SDGs 6.1 and 6.2 have to be reached by 2030; b) propose key messages to the Political Process and major donor communities; c) foment partnerships that could continue the efforts generated during the World Water Forum into actions Groups.	Francois Brikké, from the Global Water Partnership and Leader of the Urban Theme Coordination Group, francois.brikke@gwp.org FUNASA and Sarah Dousse, coordinators of the People theme, sdousse@sie-isw.org Alice Bouman-Dentener, Leader of the Citizens Process, alice.bouman@gmail.com

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Thematic Process	DEVELOPMENT	Multi-stakeholder Dialogue: Water-Energy-Food Nexus and SDGs Implementation	<p>Building on key milestones from Stockholm (WWW 2016) and Cancun (WWC 2017) promoting WEF Nexus as a foundation for SDGs implementation, the objectives of this special session are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Share WEF Nexus lessons learned across scales and sectors toward SDGs implementation; 2) Facilitate dialogue between funding agencies, banks, academics, private sector, public sector, technology providers, entrepreneurs and civil society on the role of WEF Nexus in SDGs implementation; and 3) Discuss ways to improve policy coherence across WEF sectors and across scale. <p>Facilitated audience engagement (45 minutes) will encourage dialogue between funding agencies, banks, academics, private/public sectors, technology providers, entrepreneurs and civil society on the role of WEF Nexus in SDGs implementation, with the goal of addressing key questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can scientific tools, technology (in particular information, communication technology) data, and case studies contribute coherence to WEF systems / SDGs implementation? 2. What policies and incentives are needed to promote implementation of SDGs in the context of WEF systems? 3. What are some successful, cross-scale, governance and technological lessons? 4. How can we communicate the WEF systems complexities and share positive messaging, while maintaining momentum towards change for a sustainable future? 5. How do we maintain the integrity of human rights issues in the context of WEF systems solutions? 6. How can opportunities be better promoted and coordinated between cross-sectoral players, at different scales? <p>Panel discussions will identify, for different stakeholders, opportunities associated with investment in Nexus solutions; the roles of public/private sectors, entrepreneurs and banks in their implementation, financing, and governance; and the types of interventions to be carried forward. Documentation will include: white paper summarizing discussions and conclusions; factsheets available to participants and published on line; video focused on Nexus dimensions and including farmers, global nexus chokepoints and interviews.</p>	<p>Rabi H. Mohtar, USA, mohtar@tamu.edu</p> <p>Co-organizers include: Texas A&M University, International Food Policy Research Institute, Global Water Partnership, OCP Policy Center, International Water Management Institute, World Wildlife Fund, International Union for Conservation on Nature, Stockholm Environment Institute, The World Bank, Asian Development Bank, World Water Council, International Water Resources Association, Global Environmental Facility, Water Foundry, Circle of Blue, and GIZ, UNU Flores, The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), University of Nebraska, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO), International Water Association(IWA).</p>

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Thematic Process	CAPACITY	Data and tools to facilitate water management and decision making	<p>There is still a great deal of uncertainty on the extent of hydrological cycle disruptions and even more on the efficiency of measures to be implemented to face effects of climate changes and other water challenges such as increasing demand for irrigation, industry or drinking water. Or many countries face a lack of reliable data and water information, covering all the fields necessary for identifying the main challenges and proposing non-regret measures in the frame of resilience-driven permanent analysis. In too many situations the level of monitoring is worse and worse for decades.... The consequence for water and adaptation to climate change and other challenges is clear: you can't manage what you don't measure. There is an urgent need to create or strengthen water information systems at all appropriate levels to allow modeling and forecasting of situations and evolutions and follow-up the measures taken. The session will set effective options and vanguard experiences in the adaptation field, scaling up data production and information for decision making facilitating efficient and adaptive water management.</p> <p>This session will present cases and bring experts that have been working with different ways of addressing adaptation and its decision-making processes. Interesting points include means to identify no-regret measures, intelligent data management, communication for adaptation and, resilience-driven analysis under the context of uncertainty. The expected outcome is a clear setting of effective options and vanguard experiences in the adaptation field, scaling up adaptive water management systems.</p>	<p>Global Alliances for Water and Climate (GAFWaC) - international secretariat@amec-gafwac.org UNESCO - IHP - International - bjimenez-cisneros@unesco.org Euro Mediterranean Information System (EMWIS) - regional e.mino@semide.org International Water Resources Association (IWRA) - c.clench@iwra.org</p>
Thematic Process		Opening Session of the Thematic Process	Presentation of the Thematic Process	<p>Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org</p>
Thematic Process	CLIMATE	Closing Session - CLIMATE	Presentation of the outcomes on Climate	<p>Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org</p>
Thematic Process	PEOPLE	Closing Session - PEOPLE	Presentation of the outcomes on People	<p>Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org</p>

PROCESS	THEME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS
Thematic Process	DEVELOPMENT	Closing Session - DEVELOPMENT	Presentation of the outcomes on Development	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	URBAN	Closing Session - URBAN	Presentation of the outcomes on Urban	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	ECOSYSTEMS	Closing Session - ECOSYSTEMS	Presentation of the outcomes on Ecosystems	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	FINANCE	Closing Session - FINANCE	Presentation of the outcomes on Finance	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	SHARING	Closing Session - SHARING	Presentation of the outcomes on Sharing	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	CAPACITY	Closing Session - CAPACITY	Presentation of the outcomes on Capacity	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org
Thematic Process	GOVERNANCE	Closing Session - GOVERNANCE	Presentation of the outcomes on Governance	Thematic Commission Roger Barbosa - Consultant thematic@worldwaterforum8.org Amalina Rocha - MCI/Dream factory support.thematic@worldwaterforum8.org