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5th World Water Forum: “*Bridging Divides for Water*”

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TURKEY

- At the crossroads between East and West, North and South, Europe and Asia, rich and poor, developed and developing countries
- A history rich in water resources, culture and technology
- A region where the availability of water resources is essential to maintaining cooperation for peace and prosperity





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When: 16-22 March 2009



Preparatory Process



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Future
Action

2007



2008

2009





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Our Ambition for the Istanbul Forum

The 5th Forum in Istanbul:

1. Is uniquely a multi-stakeholder platform and dialog for water
2. Is focussed on the critical issues in water today
3. Is focussed on the political dimensions of these issues
4. Engages stakeholders in a facilitated and meaningful dialog
5. Results in policy and political changes leading to problem resolution and meaningful change



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"Bridging Divides for Water"

Water users ↔ Politicians ↔ Practitioners

Local ↔ National ↔ Regional ↔ Global

Rich ↔ Poor, Present ↔ Future

Private ↔ Public, Women ↔ Men

inside ↔ outside water sector





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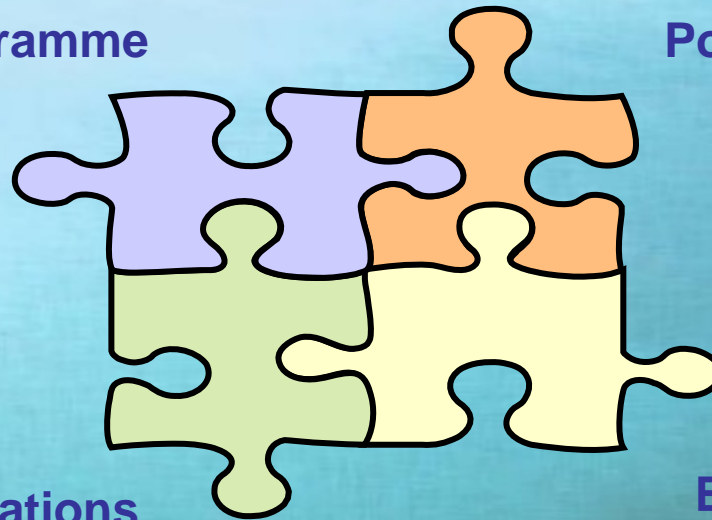
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Interlinking activities

Thematic Programme

Political process



Communications

Basic organization:
logistics &
related events





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Bridging Divides for Water



aim



6 themes



25-30 topics



100 sessions



Thematic framework

- Limited number of themes with quality inputs
- Enabling participation of a large diversity of stakeholders
- Each topic & session prepared using a short series of key questions



Kick-off => 6 Themes

Providing Water for Sustainable Development:

- ◆ **Global Changes & Risk Management**
- ◆ **Advancing Human Development and the MDGs**
- ◆ **Managing and protecting water resources and their supply systems to meet human and environmental needs**

Enabling Mechanisms for Development

- ◆ **Governance and management**
- ◆ **Finance**
- ◆ **Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building**





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Theme 1: Global Changes & Risk Management

- Adapting to climate change: understanding the impact of climate change, vulnerability assessments and adaptation measures
- Water, changing land uses and mitigating impacts of migration and human settlements.
- Water related hazards and water in disaster areas – mitigating impacts





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Theme 2. Advancing Human Development and the MDGs

- Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all
 - ensuring adequate infrastructure
 - protecting public health in the near term
- Water for energy and energy for water
- Water and agriculture for ending poverty and hunger
- Optimizing multiple uses of water systems e.g. water supply and irrigation.





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Theme 3.

Managing and protecting water resources and their supply systems to meet human and environmental needs

- Basin Management and Trans -boundary water cooperation: institutional frameworks and benefit sharing
- Ensuring adequate water resources and storage infrastructure to meet rural, urban and energy needs
- Preserving natural ecosystems in catchments and coastal zones
- Managing and protecting surface, ground and rainwater





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Theme 4.

Governance and Management

- Implementing the Right to Water and Sanitation for improved access
- Improving performance of water service provision through regulatory approaches
- Elevating ethics, transparency, and empowerment of stakeholders in water services management.
- Optimizing public and private roles in water services.
- Institutional arrangements for efficient and effective water management





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Theme 5. Finance

- Sustainable means of financing local water authorities and systems.
- Pricing strategies to ensure fairness and sustainability in water service delivery
- Pro-poor financing policies and strategies to enhance access to water and sanitation



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Theme 6. Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building

- Education and capacity development strategies for sustainable water use and service provision.
- Water science and technology: appropriate and innovative solutions for the 21st Century
- Using professional networks and associations to strengthen the water sector
- Data for All
- Water and Culture





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Thematic Coordinators

- Theme I: CPCW; WMO; UNEP
- Theme II: UN Water; FAO
- Theme III: DSI, ve AWRA; TNC
- Theme IV: UN-Habitat
- Theme V: World Bank
- Theme VI: UNESCO





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5-6 November 2007: 1st Meeting of the Thematic & Regional Coordinators

- A limited core group of organizations convened in Istanbul on 5-6 November 2007, for a first "Thematic & Regional Coordination" meeting aiming at building a shared understanding vision for the 5th forum and introducing major themes and topics; clarifying the preparatory process; exploring ideas for an active engagement of all key stakeholders.





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7-8 February 2008: 2nd Meeting of the Thematic and Regional Coordinators

- More than 400 representatives from approximately 200 organizations gathered for the Second Thematic and Coordinators' meeting in Istanbul on 7-8 February.
- The two-day meeting provided an opportunity for different stakeholders, organizations and institutions to work together and develop plans for the preparation of particular topics. Prior to the meeting, the participants had expressed their particular interest and split into 24 topic working groups within six thematic groups.



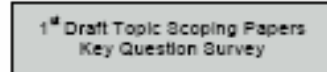
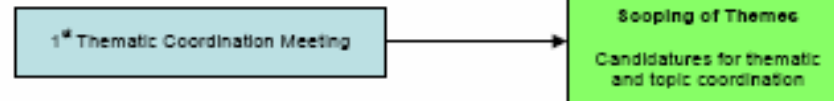


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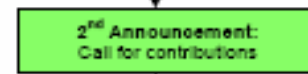
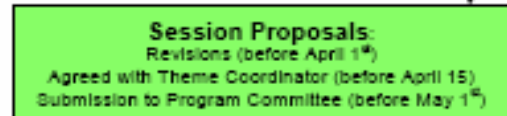
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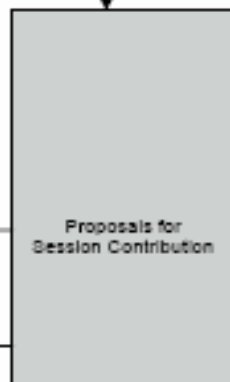
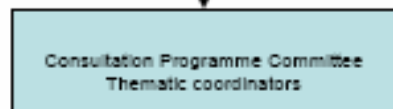
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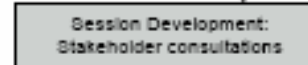
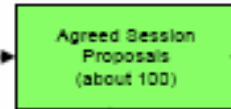
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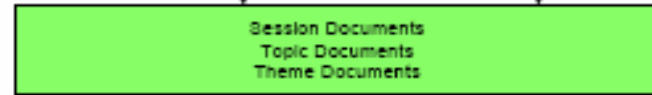
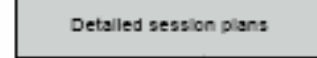
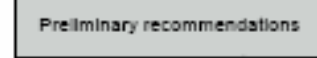
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Other Forum Components:

- Panels
- Fair & Expo
- Social & Cultural Events
- Water Prizes
 - King Hassan II Great World Water Prize,
 - Kyoto World Water Grand Prize,
 - Turkish Prime Minister's Water Prize,
 - "Compromise Mexico" Water Prize
- Side Events





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The World Water Forum is the main water-related event in the world, aimed at putting water firmly on the international agenda. A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, the Forum offers the water community and policy-and-decision-makers from all over the world the unique opportunity to come together to

create links, debate and attempts to find solutions to achieve water security.

The 5th World Water Forum will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 16 to 22 March 2009.

On the road to Istanbul...

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Political Process Video
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Virtual Meeting Space

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Water Expo & Fair



Focus on

The Istanbul urban
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Forum Political Process

1. Involve decision-makers and trigger commitment
2. Bridge the thematic process and the political process of the Forum;
3. Do not duplicate UN processes but design a process based on a dialogue and interactions between three political groups:
 - **Governments**
 - **Parliamentarians**
 - **Local Authorities**





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Forum Political Process

Preparatory

Work

- Involve representatives of the three groups
- Address themes from a political perspective in relation with the thematic framework
- Define and work on concrete objectives

Final

Results

- Define, design and implement Forum processes: Dialogues, preparation of final documents/resolutions





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Regional processes

- Build on existing processes in the regions to mobilize and commit stakeholders at all levels
- Identify priority issues for the regions and promote the action required to solve them
- Provide input to the political processes





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Regional processes

- Africa
- Americas
- Asia-Pacific
- Europe
- Forum Focus Area:
 - Turkey and its surrounding region
 - Mediterranean
 - MENA/Arab countries





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Thank you &
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