

Pre-view Session / Kick-off meeting – European Process

WORLD WATER FORUM 2015

19th May 2014

10.00 – 16.00

MCE Conference Center,
Rue de l'Aqueduc 118,
1050 Brussels

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Kick-off meeting – first announcement

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European
Regional
Preparatory
Process



One of the key components in the World Water Forum and the process leading towards the Forum is the Regional Component. Key stakeholders from 7 regions in the world gather to discuss challenges, best practices and solutions and propose recommendations for actions to be proposed to World Water Forum participants in 2015: policy makers, water planners, managers, researchers and all stakeholders.

It is now time to start the European preparations for World Water Forum. French Water Partnership and Danish Water Forum have been appointed by the forum organisers to facilitate the European process.

We would like to invite all European Water Stakeholders to participate in the kick-off meeting on the 19th May.



Programme:

General introduction:

- World Water Forum 7 and links to Marseille European regional process and objectives:
- SDG's and how the WWF process can contribute to a Global Water Goal
- Water security and sustainable growth

Action Goals:

- European priorities and global links
- Climate Change adaptation
- EU directives
- Transboundary water management
- Water efficiency
- Discussion session

Implementation mechanisms:

- Science and technology process
- Partnerships
- Innovation in the water sector
- Financing mechanisms
- Discussion session

Way forward

- Inclusion of Youth
- Agreeing on 4-5 key topics for European process
- Identifying Session Group Coordinators
- Events to be included



On the agenda for the meeting is: Topics for the regional process, activities and events to include, opportunities to participate in the event, outcomes of the process.

More information and detailed programme to follow soon on www.danishwaterforum.dk and www.french-water-partnership.fr

Background

The regional process has been a key element in the World Water Forum since 2003. The purpose of the regional processes is to discuss measures to address water issues in relation to a specific regional context.

The European regional process has been facilitated by Netherlands Water Partnership (2006), European Water Partnership (2009) and Europe-INBO (2012).

Topics

The following Action Goals for the thematic process have been identified by Forum organisers:

1. A water-safe world for all
2. Water for Development and Prosperity
3. Water for Harmony between Humans and Nature
4. Implementation mechanisms

The European topics should link to these and reflect water related challenges in the whole European region as well as the objectives of the Science and Technology Process which are to:

- Improve the understanding of the role of S&T for innovation in the water sector,
- Develop guidance on the use of S&T to implement and innovate water policies
- Create market and network opportunities for water problem owners to interact with science, technology and engineers.

Stakeholder consultation in Korea

During the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held in Korea 27-28 February 2014 present European stakeholders made a preliminary discussion of topics to serve as a starting point for the discussion:

1. Improving water efficiency
2. Climate change and water management
3. Integrated implementation of EU directives
4. Transboundary water management
5. Responsibility for the global development – water and SDG's

Implementation mechanisms were also discussed such as economics and financing, Horizon 2020, Partnerships and Implementation of EIP Water, Solidarity Financing Mechanisms.

Contributions from European Stakeholders

French Water Partnership and Danish Water Forum, the regional coordinators will now start to identify European sub-coordinators, who will volunteer to take responsibility for facilitating certain topics and to conduct the thematic meetings within that topic.

We invite all stakeholders to participate in the kick-off meeting and to participate actively in the European Regional Preparations.

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