TOWARDS WORLD WATER SOLUTIONS

6th World Water Forum

March 2012, Marseille
THE WORLD WATER FORUM

- The world’s largest water event

- Objectives:
  - Gather all stakeholders together to debate questions related to water, its management and access
  - Formulate concrete proposals and encourage action and solutions
  - Solicit true and lasting political commitment

- A platform for debates and exchange on questions that are relevant for improved water management and access to water supply and sanitation

- An open and constructive place for discussion
FACTS AND FIGURES FROM ISTANBUL

- Over 25,000 participants
- 192 countries represented
- 1,300 participants in the political processes
- 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
In Marseille in March 2012

Organizers:
- France, represented by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Ministry of Ecology and the City of Marseille
- The World Water Council

France and Marseille
- Strong political commitment
- A candidature combining energy from the local level to the highest decision-making level
- Highlighting specific capacities and a water culture
- A strong will to federate all stakeholders and encourage action
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- Prefering for action over theoretical discourse and debates
- Encouraging lasting concrete commitments through a follow-up mechanism
- Involving wide participation (in the spirit of the «Grenelle» French model)
- Creating true mobilization of citizens in a friendly, festive 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**
SMART TARGETS AND WISE PROCESS

SMART focuses on the relevance of the targets
- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Achievable**
- **Realistic**
- **Time bound**

WISE focuses on the process
- **Wide Involvement** **Stakeholder Exchanges**
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
IFC BUREAU

- **President**: B. Braga, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- **Vice-President**: O. Gauthier, Ministry of Ecology of France
- **Bureau members**: M. Vassal, City of Marseille and A. Szöllösi-Nagy, UNESCO-IHE
- **Executive Director**: V. Rofort
COMMISSION CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

Political Process Commission
- P. Lacoste, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
- A. Szollosi-Nagy, UNESCO-IHE

Thematic Process Commission
- D. Altinbilek, International Hydropower Association
- P. Lavarde, French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments

Regional Process Commission
- E. Park, Korea Water Forum
- M. Bernard, French Development Agency

Promotion and Events Commission
- M. Vassal, City of Marseille
- H. Kennou, Mediterranean Water Institute
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

3 strategic directions

- Ensure everyone's well-being
- Contribute to economic development
- Keep the planet blue

Conditions for success

- Good governance
- Finance water for all
- Enabling environment
Regional Process

Multi-stakeholder process in place!
To be SMART and WISE

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
Proposed organisation for regional Targets

ICF Regional Committee
Pdt: Ms. Park – VP: Mr. Bernard – Members: M. Smith? P. Victoria?
Experts: xxx

- Coordinates RP
- Informs IFC
- Supports regio. Coordinators

America
AWF+?
- N. America
- S. America

Asia
APF + ?
- SE Asia
- NE Asia
- S. Asia
- Pacific
- CACENA

Europe
French lead + ?
- Northern
- Eastern
- Southern
- ... SE Asia
- NE Asia
- S. Asia
- Pacific

Africa
AMCOW+AfWA +AfDB ?
- SSA
- MENA
- ... NE Asia
- S. Asia
- Pacific

Cross-continental Targets may result in additional regions (e.g. water scarcity discussed at Mediterranean level)
Toward concrete, SMART & WISE solutions!

Proposed agenda for Regional processes

- **Q3 2010**
  - Kick-off meeting

- **Q4 2010**
  - Definition of Regions

- **2011**
  - Regional coordinator CfP publication
  - Selection of Regional coordinators
  - SMARTer & WISEr Targets

- **Q1 2011**
  - Target coord. CfP

- **Q4 2011**
  - WISE approach for each Target

- **2012**
  - Consolidation of Targets by Region
  - Input into the Political Process pre-coms
  - WWF Marseille
Political Commission
*Interact with the international agenda*

- Influence the agenda

**International Events / fora**
- WHO
- Climate
- Right to W&S
- UNGA, HRC, UN Hab.
- Rio+20
- MGDs
- ... 

**Regional initiatives**
- UfM / MED
- SAN-conf.
- Africa WW
- APWF
- AWF
- Bonn+10
- ... 

**Bilateral initiatives**
- ... 

- Bring messages

**Marseille 2012**

- Outcomes endorsed by UN system?
Engagement continues throughout 2010 - 2011

- September 2010 – Proposal by the Thematic Process Commission of a thematic framework derived from the Kick-off Meeting discussions and approval by the International Forum Committee

- September 2010 – Presentation of the framework to the wider community at the World Water Week in Stockholm

- 18-19 November – 2nd Stakeholder Consultation meeting in order to further define the programme and involve stakeholders

- 22 March 2011 – World Water Day – UN-Habitat Cape Town – South Africa
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION