6th World Water Forum
Regional Process Outcomes

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Regional Process Design

Composed of 6 sub-processes
• 4 regional: Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe
• 2 cross-continental: Arab and Mediterranean

Financially supported – except Arab process

Regional/CC Prioritie and Targets (53 in total)
• Africa (9), Americas (11), Asia-Pacific (8), Europe (12)
• Arab (5), Mediterranean (8)
AFRICA

- **Coordinator:** African Ministers Council On Water (AMCOW)
- **Budget:** 250,000 € (200,000 € actually disbursed)

- **9 Targets**
  - Home-Grown Innovative Solutions
  - Youth and Gender Strategy
  - International Legal Frameworks for Shared Waters
  - Centers of Excellence
  - Financing of Water and Sanitation
  - Africa’s Water Management Function at Sub-Regional Level
  - Pan African Water and Sanitation Monitoring & Evaluation
  - Improving Governance of Water Resources
  - Water Security and Climate Resilient Development
Africa Highlights and Commitments

Key message:
“Africa must multiply the workable solutions that already exist.”

- Establish a framework for pan-African Water Governance Systems and Management Structures
- Advance access to water and sanitation through multi-stakeholder dialogue at national scale

A range of commitments
- 33 Finance Ministers and some international organisations adopted the Declaration of Partnership for Strengthening Water Security. Pledge of 40M€ from France
- Congo, Chad, Niger and the Ivory Coast committed to increase funding for water within their national budgets
- 9 countries in the Niger basin committed to improve access for over 100 M people
The AMERICAS

Coordinator: Representative of IHP-UNESCO
Contributing organizations: More than 40
Budget: 150,000 €

6 priorities and 11 targets:

- Access to water and sanitation for all, and human right to water
- Respond to global climate change
- Governance for improving IWRM
- Ensure food security
- Harmonize energy and water
- Improve the quality of water resources and ecosystems
The new **Water Agenda of the Americas**: both a long-term vision and an invitation to join forces with over 40 regional organizations

Key topics of the Water Agenda:
Water and sanitation for all; Water and climate change; Ecosystem services; Food security; Water and energy; Towards integrated management of water resources

- The Inter-American Development Bank will continue to support the implementation of public policies for the right to W&S
- **CONAGUA and WWF** will revise the first national level standard for environmental flows
- **$ 27M** raised to create 32 water funds in South and Central America
ASIA-PACIFIC

**Coordinator:** Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF)
**Budget:** 150,000 € (APWF), 60,000 € (SIC-ICWC, Central Asia)

**8 targets:**
- Household Water Security
- Towards a New Framework for Action on Water in Green Growth
- Enabling Solidarity: Scaling-Up Local Financing Mechanisms
- Urban Water Security
- Flood Risk Management Strategy in the Himalayan Region
- Water Education Centre for Sustainable Future in North-East Asia
- Strengthen River Basin Governance to accelerate IWRM
- Input of Central Asia to the World Water Progress
Asia-Pacific Highlights and Commitment

- 10 key messages for decision-makers through the ADB’s Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO)
- Asia-Pacific Water Summit - Chiang Mai, 16-20 May 2013
- Continuity ensured towards the 7th World Water Forum

Regional Commitment

In recognition of the significance of water resources and the serious water challenges our region faces related to development, shocks and resilience, and human well-being, various organizations agree to move forward the vision of a water secure Asia-Pacific region.
• **Coordinator:** International Office for Water (IOWater)
• **Contributors:** 100 organizations, 150 experts
• **Budget:** 250,000 €

### 12 Targets

- Transboundary water cooperation
- Achieving good ecological status of Europe water resources
- Adapting to climate change
- Developing a water-friendly agriculture
- Inland waterways, a multi-usage network
- Sustainable hydropower
- Access to water and sanitation for the underprivileged E. population
- Promoting sustainable financing of water and sanitation (3 Ts)
- Protecting and restoring river ecosystems
- Science-Policy interface and dialogue
- Adapting Water Policy and Legislation to the Specificities of the Outermost Regions
- Cooperation with third countries in the water field
Europe Highlights

- **Management of river basins** (International Network of River Basin Organizations or RIOB)
- **Multiple use of water** including inland navigation, and integrated water resource management
- **Towards “green and blue growth”**: fostering innovation and building capacity
- Strengthening **European cooperation** for water management at a pan-European scale and beyond
- The European Parliament called upon member states to encourage 1% of collected levies towards **solidarity actions**
ARAB Cross-Continental Process

Coordinator: Arab Coordination Committee for the 6th World Water Forum

5 Targets:
- Increasing water use efficiency
- Integrated policies across sectors, with special emphasis on achieving the Water and Sanitation MDG in the Arab countries
- Bridging the ‘water gap’ in the Arab Region: the promise of desalination, water reuse and renewable energy
- Shared water resources with neighboring countries
- Increasing understanding and capacity on climate change impact on water

- 2nd Arab Water Forum - Cairo, 20-23 November 2011
- Convention on shared groundwater resources in the Arab Region to be adopted by Ministerial Council for Water by 2015
- Commitment to implement IWRM
MEDITERRANEAN Cross-Continental Process

- **Coordinator:** Mediterranean Water Institute
- **Budget:** 60,000 €

4 Priorities and 8 Targets (2 targets per priority)
- Water demand management
- Non-conventional water resources in water planning
- Water governance
- Industrial and urban wastewater management

- **1st Mediterranean Water Forum,** Marrakech, 19-20 December 2011
- Launch of a Mediterranean Water Supply and Services Cost Recovery Observatory
Major Outputs and Outcomes

Forum Event
- Target sessions (including a few jointly with thematic)
- Synthesis sessions
- Trialogues
- Side-events
- Exhibition boots

Major Outputs reported in:
Global Water Framework - Marseille 2012 Highlights

Solutions and Commitments on:
Platform of Solutions
www.solutionsforwater.org
Challenges and Lessons towards the 7th Forum

- **Financial monitoring** of the sub-regional processes
- Collaboration and **communication with the IFC**
- Selection of the regional/cross-c. **Coordination organisation**
  -> area representativeness and organization agenda
- Preparation of the **Forum sessions**
  -> possible discrepancy b/w Forum event outcomes and preparation
- Stakeholder **Forum attendance**
- Tight schedule for the **preparation**
  -> actual implementation start in 2011
Added-value of the Regional Process

- Identification of **priorities and targets by regional/cc stakeholders**
- Implementation, **ground-testing** of frameworks, concepts notably the ones proposed through the thematic process
- **Complementarity and interactions with the other Forum processes:** joint preparation (T), triologue (P), stakeholder exchanges (G&C)
- **Significantly increased stakeholder participation:** geographically, multi-levels, diversity; multi-stakeholder approach of each sub-process
- Leverage or **trigger for commitments** by regional actors at different levels (Ministries, NGO/CS, river basin committees, etc.)
Thank you
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