

# NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## JUNE-OCTOBER 2019

Report to the 70<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting



Dakar, Senegal, 20-21 June 2019. The kick-off meeting for the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the world's largest event on water marks the beginning of a 2-year preparatory process which will lead all the way up to the next World Water Forum.

### 9<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM KICK-OFF IN DIAMNIADIO

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum kick-off meeting brought nearly six hundred organizations and experts from around the world to Dakar for two days of collaborative work.

“Africa is rich in natural resources, in land resources and especially rich thanks to the intelligence and energy of its children, women and men living here. For two years, Africa, Senegal and Dakar will be the Capital of Water. Let’s use this opportunity for African voices to be heard,” said the President of the World Water Council, Loïc Fauchon, during the opening ceremony with the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Serigne Mbaye Thiam.

Over the course of two days, policy makers, academia, international organizations, civil society and the private sector, contributed with the strength of their ideas and the weight of their experience in the construction of the program for the Dakar World Water Forum in March 2021. This new edition will provide the answers that citizens around the world expect to improve their lives and regain their dignity.

*“Faithful to its ideal of peace and fraternity, Senegal is delighted to host the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in 2021, for the first time in sub-Saharan Africa.”*

Macky Sall,  
President of Senegal,  
74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly





WWC member Franz Rojas (CAF) speaks during the seminar “Transforming Societies to meet the SDGs: The Role of Finance”, World Water Week, Stockholm, 27 August

## WWC @ STOCKHOLM WORLD WATER WEEK

At Stockholm World Water Week, Loïc Fauchon opened the seminar on Financing co-organized by the WWC, where he called for political leaders to help unlock capital for investments for ambitious water projects. “A strong signal of commitment needs to come from all levels of political governance to create the right environment that will reassure investors and attract capital.” The World Water Council proposed ten practical responses to improve financing for water.

In addition, the WWC co-organized a lively event on blended finance entitled “The right blend: tailoring finance vehicles for context-specific success” and a showcase on the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (see page 3.). Last, but not least, and with the aim of creating new dynamism and favouring concrete synergies, among the supporting organizations, the WWC gathered the #ClimatelsWater members attending the World Water Week to discuss upcoming key activities and the needed efforts to promote the water cause in the climate community.

## WATER TO FEED THE WORLD: WIF3



3<sup>rd</sup> World Irrigation Forum, Bali, Indonesia, 2 September. Felix Reinders, President of ICID (third from left); Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia (fourth from left); Tjokorda Oka Artha Ardana Sukawati, Vice Governor of Bali Province (second from right); and other dignitaries. Photo: ICID

The World Water Council President addressed high-level dignitaries and hundreds of delegates gathered in Bali during the opening ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Irrigation Forum (WIF3), organized by the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), a founding member of the Council. The President emphasized that adapted technical solutions in agriculture can help ease pressures on water resources that are already vulnerable to growing populations and climate evolution.

## KIWW 2019 AND WATER LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Korea International Water Week opened with strong political presence from the Minister of Environment of Korea, as well as Ministers from Senegal, Algeria and Sri Lanka, the Mayor of Daegu, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and other esteemed participants. Loïc Fauchon made recommendations on preserving the balance between humans and nature and emphasized that instead of a digital divide, technology must serve humankind. He further reminded the importance of political will during the meeting of the Water Leaders Roundtable, in which over 30 high-level politicians and decision-makers from around the world participated.



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The showcase “Join the Youth at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum ‘Dakar 2021’” held at Stockholm World Water Week on 27 August was a great success.

## FORUM EVENT IN STOCKHOLM

The “Join the Youth for the World Water Forum Dakar 2021” event aimed at presenting the innovative Framework of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and its preparatory process, including stakeholders’ involvement. Emphasis was given to the engagement of youth in the Forum process.

The session facilitated intergenerational dialogue between decision-makers and youth about the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum priorities and provided an opportunity for them to collectively create recommendations for the Forum.

## SIGNATURE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AT FORUM KICK-OFF

The WWC, the Secretariat of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and IWRA, signed an MoU to further collaborate on international activities such as organizing events in different regions of the world, engaging with key local stakeholders, and developing inputs for the Working Groups and other priority areas towards the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum.

## ISC BUREAU MEETING IN STOCKHOLM

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum ISC Bureau members held a meeting in Stockholm during the World Water Week. The gathering was the occasion to discuss the Forum preparation process and important documents to be submitted to next ISC, which will take place in Cairo on 21 October 2019.

## WORKSHOP AT WWC HQ

A working group of the Secretariat of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and the World Water Council had working sessions from 11 to 13 September 2019 at the WWC HQ in Marseille. The purpose of the workshop was to further develop and prepare the documents necessary to the Forum preparation.



From left to right, Guy Fradin (IWRA), Abdoulaye Sene (9<sup>th</sup> Forum Secretariat) and Asma El Kasmi (WWC) signing an MoU to facilitate positive collaboration in view of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

## WATER SECURITY IN MARRAKESH

On 1 October, in Marrakesh, Morocco, Loïc Fauchon opened the International Summit on Water Security organized by the Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco, the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) and the Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH).

By answering questions from Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies Division at OECD, and by meeting political representatives, paths of collaboration to achieve water security were explored by the WWC.

## MEMBERS EVENT IN STOCKHOLM



Callum Clench, Executive Director of IWRA, speaking at WWC's members event, Stockholm, 28 August

At World Water Week, a special members event was organised around the Council's four newly created Task Forces. This meeting allowed members to associate their efforts with the WWC's four priority areas: Water Security, Financing, Global Changes, IWRM - Transversality. All participants were invited to share their views on activities to be led and the Task Forces they wish to engage in.

Digital communications tools were also shared with members to support them in their outreach activities. Members also participated in a live survey to better understand their expectations related to a potential online members platform. Members meetings provide unique networking opportunities with fellow Council members.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



On 27 August, the World Water Council presented the 2019 edition of the Membership Directory. This list of member organizations is a testimony to how the Council is growing in influence and reach every day. It provides members with new and unique networking opportunities with fellow Council Members to make water a global priority.

### LATEST COMMUNICATION FIGURES\*

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

7,522 followers (+665)
 2,097 followers (+273)
 5610 followers (+373)
 182 subscribed (+19)

#### WEBSITE

45k visitors  
(1 June – 10 October)

## MEMBERS UPDATE\*

### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

# 377

#### GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

12%	Africa	19%	Europe
15%	Americas	7%	International
46%	Asia	1%	Oceania

### COLLEGE DISTRIBUTION

- 3% Intergovernmental institutions
- 23% Governments and government authorities
- 22% Enterprises and facilities
- 21% Civil society organizations and water user associations
- 31% Professional associations and academic institutions

\* As of 10 October 2019



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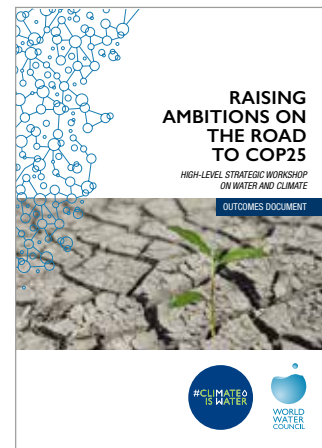
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## OUT NOW



The [Outcomes Document](#) and the [recordings](#) of the sessions of the High-level Strategic Workshop "Raising Ambitions on the Road to CoP25", which was held in Bonn on 13 June, are now available.

Organized by the World Water Council, the workshop mobilized a range of political, governmental, institutional, technical, and scientific stakeholders, as well as NGOs and CSOs, to work together to keep water as an important element of climate discussions.