



# 7th World Water Forum 2015

April 12-17, 2015, Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Rep.of Korea

## [Regional Process] Session Proposal Form

Inter-regional session proposal – Europe, Arab region and Asia-Pacific  
INR. 2.3 EU, AR, AP  
Water in Cities  
14th April 2015 in Gyeongju – 11.20 – 19.00

### 1.Session

<b>Region</b> (Multiple selection is possible, in case of the join with other regions)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Africa (Sub-Region : )	
<input type="checkbox"/> Americas (Sub-Region : )	
<input type="checkbox"/> xArab	
<input type="checkbox"/> xAsia –Pacific (Sub-Region : )	
<input type="checkbox"/> xEurope	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economically Water Insecure Region(EWI)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean	
<b>Session type*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Concluding Session(Design Group only) <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Session(Session Group)
<b>Joint Session with different processes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> xThematic Process(please specify: Water in cities 2.3 ) <input type="checkbox"/> Political Process(please specify: ) <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology Process(please specify: )
<b>Session title*</b> (please kindly use media-friendly language)	
<b>Living with water in cities of tomorrow</b>	
<b>Challenges and ways forward towards implementation of solutions based on cases from Europe, Asia-Pacific, Americas and Arab countries</b>	
<b>Session description</b>	
<p>By 2050, more than 70% of the world's population will be living in cities. In Europe, this process stagnated in the 1950'ies, but in many other parts of the world this development is continuing fast with more and more people seeking towards cities for better opportunities. This development may well be irreversible and cities are giving many people better options for employment, education and growth, but there are still many challenges related to this process.</p> <p>These challenges have been discussed over the world in the preparations for World Water Forum. We have identified challenges related to urban water governance, integrated management of the cities' water resources, climate change adaptation, finding ways to live with the water and the use of water in the urban landscape, infrastructure development for new cities and upgrading for old cities, capacity development and stakeholder integration.</p> <p>In this session, we aim to discuss global challenges, share lessons on solutions and find ways to improve global cooperation on integrated urban water management. The session has the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interregional introductory plenary session (50 minutes)</li> <li>2. European sub-session (90 minutes)</li> <li>3. Arab sub-session (90 minutes)</li> <li>4. Asia-pacific sub-session (90 minutes)</li> <li>5. Joint concluding session (40 minutes)</li> </ol>	
<b>Session Duration</b>	120min x three



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Order and time	Topic	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
<b>1</b> 30 minutes	Welcome and introductory keynote speeches		
10 min	11.20 – 11.25	Introduction to session	Bjørn K. Jensen, Danish Water Forum
	11.25 – 11.30	Urban Water Challenges, Climate change and integrated solutions	Ms. Kirsten Brosbøll, Minister of the Environment, Denmark
10 min	11.30 – 11.40	Overview of global water challenges related to increased urbanization	Bert Diphooorn, UN Habitat-Water
10 min	11.40 – 11.50	OECD – presentation of governance study – key governance issues	Aziza Achmouch, OECD
<b>2</b> 90 minutes	European regional session		
10 min	11.50 – 12.00	Introduction to session and outcome of European regional process	Ms. Miriam Feilberg, Danish Water Forum
10 min	12.00 – 12.10	European policies, legislation and experiences on implementation related to urban water management	Ms. Marta Moren-Abat, DG ENV.
10 min	12.10 – 12.20	Rotterdam: Climate Resilient Delta City by smart Urban Design	Mr. Pex Langenberg, Vice Mayor of Rotterdam
10 min	12.20 – 12.30	The paradigm shift: from resource management to urban water management in Istanbul	Ms. Burcu YAZICI, SUEN, Turkey
10 min	12.30 – 12.40	Integrated water management and innovative wastewater treatment techniques.	Mr. Denis Penouel, Prospective Deput Director, Greater Paris Sanitation Authority.
10 min	12.40 – 12.50	Integrated modelling and control in Urban areas, a case from Aarhus, Denmark	Dr. Michael Brian Butts, Head of Innova DHI
10 min	12.50 – 13.00	Improving water management in small urban settlements, experiences from East and Central Europe	Mr. Richard Müller, GWP CEE
20 min	13.00 - 13.20	Facilitated roundtable discussion – European experiences to be presented for final discussion and for Discussion of input to 2.3 Water in Cities Implementation Roadmap.	All speakers participate in discussion
	13.20 - 14.40	Lunch Break	
<b>3</b> 90 minutes 14.40 – 16.10	Arab Countries regional session		
		Water Governance and integrity.	TBD
		Urban water transfer- Mega projects	Dr. Mukhtar Shaglouf



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		Civil society engagement in IWRM decision-making process.	Eng Ali Almalki, C&EE  Ali Mohammed Al-Ali, Director Customer services
		Tarriff structure and cost effectiveness approach in urban water.	TBD
		Water reuse in urban landscaping.	Eng Ali AlMalki, C&EE
		Water harvesting at household level in big cities VS national water budget.	TBD
4 90 minutes 16.10– 18.10	Asia-Pacific regional session		
		Opening words by UNESCO: Ecohydrology and Ecotechnologies for Urban Water security in Asia Pacific, challenges of urban water management in Asia Pacific	Prof Shahbaz Khan, UNESCO
		Keynote 1 : Urban Water Management challenges in Singapore	Mr Moh Tiing Liang, PUB
		Keynote 2: Water management in Urban ecosystem	Mr Kulwant Singh, UN-Habitat
16.30 – 17.00	Tea Break		
		Panel discussion and synthesis ( including the 2 keynote speakers) moderated by Prof Shahbaz Khan, UNESCO	
		Eco-efficient water infrastructure towards sustainable urban development in Asia-Pacific	Mr Ram S. Tiwaree, ESCAP
		Asian Water Development Outlook perspective on urban water management in the region	Dr Fu, APWS
		Industrial aspect of urban water management in Chinese cities	Mr Alan Thompson Suez Environment
		Urban water management challenges in the Philippines	Dr Olivia Castillo UNSGAB
		Ecohydrology solution for Beijing City	Prof Demin Zhou UNESCO Chair in Ecohydrology
		Water management Challenges in Ulan Bator, Mongolia	Prof Davaa Basandorj, GWP Mongolia
		Urban water management in Arid Area: Challenges and Solutions	Dr Ali Chavoshian UNESCO Category 2 Centre RCUWM



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5 50 minutes	18.10 – 19.00	Joint concluding session	
10 min	18.00 – 18.10	Key messages from regional processes and regional sessions are presented	3 x 3 minutes – each regional coordinator
10 min	18.10 – 18.20	Input to discussion: Brief presentation of World Bank Study on integrated urban water management – is IUWM the right approach to take urban water management forward?	Diego Rodriguez, World Bank, Water advisor
10 min 18.20 – 18.30	18.20 – 18.30	Input to discussion: IWA: Key objectives of the draft Implementation roadmap from Theme 2.3 – Water in cities	Corinne Trommsdorff, IWA
30 min	18.30 – 19.00	High level discussion How can we learn from each other and share global solutions for water in cities?	High level representatives of Arab countries, Asia-pacific and Europe.  Ministers from other regions  Representatives of organisations and key stakeholder groups

## Session objectives and outputs

An overview of basic urban water challenges, collection of cases that others can learn from and suggestions for good solutions

## Session Contribution

Recommendations for implementation of solutions based on regional experiences in overcoming these

## Contact Points of 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Regional Process

Africa	Americas	Arab	Asia-Pacific
Africa Minister's Council for Water (AMCOW)	CONAGUA, ANEAS	League of Arab States	Asia-Pacific Water Forum Korea Water Forum
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Europe	EWI	Mediterranean	Any other business
Danish Water Forum (DWF), French Water Partnership	Global Water Partnership (GWP)	Mediterranean Institute for Water (IME) in cooperation with GWP-Mediterranean	Regional Process Secretariat



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