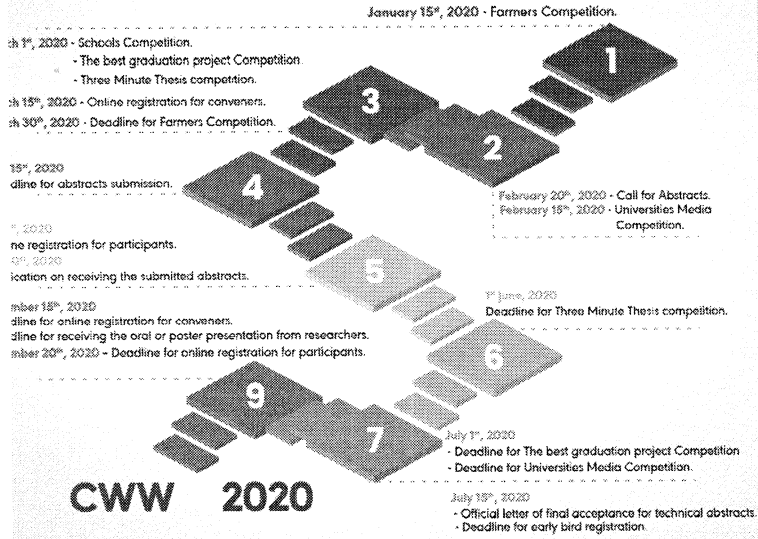


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Announcement

**Water Security for Peace and Development
in Arid Regions
The Road to Dakar 2021**

18 – 22 OCTOBER 2020, CAIRO - EGYPT

Water Security is defined as the capacity of a population to safeguard sustainable access to adequate quantities of acceptable quality water for sustaining livelihoods, human well-being, and socio-economic development, for ensuring protection against water-borne pollution and water-related disasters, and for preserving ecosystems in a climate of peace and political stability. This definition implies that water is managed sustainably throughout the water cycle and is done so through an inter-disciplinary focus, so that it contributes to socio-economic development and reinforces societal resilience to environmental impacts and water-borne diseases without compromising the present and future health of populations and ecosystems.

Achieving water security requires allocation among users to be fair, efficient and transparent; that water to satisfy basic human needs is accessible to all at an affordable cost to the user; that water throughout the water cycle is collected and treated to prevent pollution and disease; and that fair, accessible and effective mechanisms exist to manage or address disputes or conflicts that may arise.

A secure water world is emerging as a top human

development priority on the sustainable development agenda. To this end, Cairo Water Week 2020, is marking this year's version of CWW series of conferences, with the theme "Water Security for Peace and Development in Arid Regions" The Road to Dakar 2021, emphasizing how water is an essential asset to all aspects of our lives including livelihood, health, economy and environment. Ensuring more equitable and sustainable access to water will ensure more progressive efforts towards reducing poverty and building peace to give practical transformative effect to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Water is fundamental to human security and its achievement through development. In order to one day reach a point of global water security, the most vulnerable impoverished groups must first be targeted within a wider framework catering to country-specific needs whilst also supporting governments through equitable funds necessary for country-wide investment in water purification, distribution and extraction facilities. This will more collectively help tackle the underlying symptoms of water security. In so doing, more concrete movements towards social well-being and inclusive growth will transform the livelihoods of billions.

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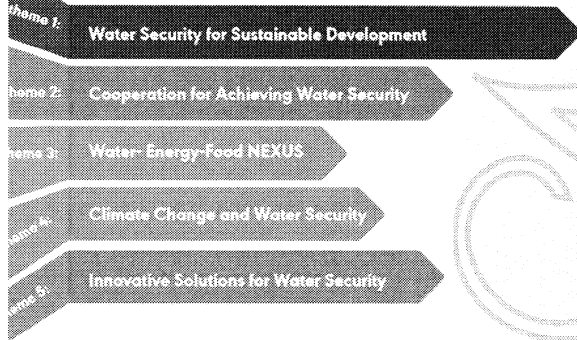
Cairo Water Week 2020 is not a one-off event, but rather part of a series of activities aimed at better connecting water organizations and wider water sector industries, regional interests, and communities.

Cairo Water Week (CWW) is considered one of the biggest water-related events at the national, regional and international levels. It is an annual event organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Abdel Fatah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, in collaboration with national, regional and international partners.

This year's Conference is the third in a series concerned with the broad topic of water and sustainable development. The 2020 Conference is also part of a longer agenda of conferences, symposia, and meetings that will consider the topic of Water Security. The conference is an important platform for professional engagement, the exchange and sharing of ideas, learning from others and identify areas for partnerships and collaborations. The key events at which activities associated with the topic will be proposed, are several recent events and discussions that would highlight the links between water security, sustainable development and international peace.

Cairo Water Week 2020 will take place during the period from 18th to 22nd of October 2020 in Cairo - Egypt, and will address main theme "Water Security for Peace and Development in Arid Regions - The Road to Dakar 2021", through five sub-themes overarching a broad spectrum of the water security. The main theme was chosen as a significant step towards achieving the goals of the strategic cooperation between the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI) the Executive Secretariat of the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar - Senegal. In the framework of this cooperation, MWRI support the Executive Secretariat as a strategic partner on the issue of water cooperation, one of the focus areas of the forum. The CWW 2020 will pave the road for that important international high level water event that will be reconvened in Dakar after that long time since the first World Water Forum was convened in Morocco in 1997.

In CWW 2020, variety of topics will be covered under the main theme and five sub-themes. The Sub-themes will include the following:



WHO COULD ATTEND?

The Conference is relevant to representatives of:

- Government authorities combining the experts of water and water-related issues as well as the financing /planning tracks.
- Water resources management organizations and authorities.
- Private sector with an interest in water issues;
- Financing sector interested to invest in water activities;
- Regional and National Stakeholder Organizations including Civil Society Organizations, Academia and Media.
- International and Regional Institutions and Organizations
- Donor and financing institutions active in water sector
- Individuals who are interested in water issues.

WHY CWW2020?

The 2020 Conference has a number of objectives, which include the following:

To bring into dialogue those organizations and communities concerned with water from different perspectives. There is a considerable benefit from such diverse groups working together to seek sustainable solutions arising from modern world challenges (climate change, population growth, and urban development, for example).

To promote water awareness and foster innovative approaches to face the most pressing water-related challenges.

To keep updates on global movements to address water challenges and identify modern tools and techniques for managing water resources.

To bring together a diversity of communities of practice to explore opportunities for working together and with communities of interest.

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED?

The CWW 2020 will present multiple opportunities and events to promote and enhance interactions and knowledge sharing among members of the water community and stakeholders. These will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Different Forums.
- Plenary sessions, Technical sessions and Workshops.
- Round tables.
- Kids' Hub.
- Cairo Water Prizes.
- CWW National Awareness Campaigns.
- Exhibition.

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Dear Partner Organizations,

Building on the celebrated success of the CWW2018 and CWW2019, the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt is pleased to announce the organization of Cairo Water Week (CWW2020), the third edition in the series of Cairo Water Week conferences, that will address the main theme **“Water Security for Peace and Development in Arid Regions - The Road to Dakar 2021”**. The event will be held during the period from 18 to 22 October 2020 in Cairo, Egypt under the auspices of H.E. Mr. Abdel Fatah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Cairo Water Week (CWW) is considered one of the biggest water-related events at the national, regional and international levels. It has grown significantly over the past 2 years with an all-time record of 1000 participants so far, and we anticipate that the event in October 2020, will break the barrier of 1200 participants from all over the world. You can have a role in achieving this success!

CWW2020 will include a number of plenary sessions, technical sessions, workshops, special and side events, which will cover variety of topics related to the main theme and the five sub-themes. The program activities shall be led by experts and distinguished speakers from different leading institutions worldwide. The event aims to bring together all water stakeholders to exchange experiences on facing the growing water challenges and to deliberate on water issues, which influence the daily life of people and have an impact on sustainable

development.

We are pleased to invite you to take part in this flagship event as a sponsor or partner. Your involvement will play a significant role in achieving the success of the event.

Kindly find attached the announcement of the event. Please note that the online registration for partners will be available starting from the 15th of March 2020 on our website.

Please visit the official website at www.cairowaterweek.eg, for more information and updates.

We are looking forward to welcoming you as a strong partner of CWW2020!

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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