IWRA's XVII World Water Congress


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IWRA’s World Water Congress is the largest congress of its type—bringing together international water researchers and policy practitioners. It has taken place once every three years since 1973.

It is the best international event to share your latest work, and to better understand the latest developments in water resource management from other parts of the world.

It offers a unique networking opportunity for scientists to inform policy development, and for policy practitioners to steer upcoming research.

The theme of water security and resilience is a critical issue for researchers and practitioners everywhere, as we face increasing uncertainty due to climate change, population growth and urbanisation.

It is also an occasion for national and international institutions to present through special sessions their latest projects, calling for feedback and collaboration in this work.

The first World Water Congress to be held in East Asia; find out more about Korea’s world leading water industry.

**Why Attend the XVII World Water Congress?**

- IWRA is a global knowledge network of water experts who are passionate about protecting the world’s water resources.
- A non-profit, non-governmental, educational organisation, established in 1971.
- A global forum, bridging disciplines and geographies to connect professionals, students, institutions and corporations.

XVII World Water Congress will be a Milestone to on the road to the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar in 2022.
- Shared theme on Water Security
- Specific sessions and activities
- Invited representatives
The issue of water security and resilience is divided into three cross-cutting issues and five sub-themes. Papers and Special Sessions presented at the Congress will correspond to these cross-cutting and sub-themes.

**Cross Cutting Issues**

1. **Sharing and communicating data, knowledge and information**
   - Education & capacity-building: meeting the needs of developing countries
   - ICT platforms & apps: new initiatives & approaches to information sharing
   - Bridging science & policy: reflections on the Cancun Declaration from the XVI World Water Congress

2. **Catalysing private sector engagement and participation**
   - Water risks: improving water use & quality at sites & in supply chains
   - Financing needs: making the water sector more attractive for investors
   - Local participation: emerging roles & opportunities for small & large business

3. **Delivering SDG outcomes: Five years on and looking to 2030**
   - Progress on implementation: national, regional & thematic perspectives
   - Predictions for 2030: best case, likely & worst-case scenarios
   - Technology & knowledge needs: availability, affordability & sustainability

**Sub-Themes**

**Theme A**
- Building resilient systems for climate change and growing populations

**Theme B**
- Maximising social, cultural & economic benefits

**Theme C**
- Adopting smart technologies, policies and processes

**Theme D**
- Securing healthy waters, catchments & ecosystems

**Theme E**
- Implementing pathways for development & cooperation

**Sub-Theme A**
- Balancing critical water needs: the people-food-energy-environment nexus
- Managing water scarcity: supply-side & demand-side options
- Reducing disaster risks: improving preparedness & resilience
- Water sanitation & health: deepening inclusion, access & service
- Financing resilience: challenges, opportunities & risks

**Sub-Theme B**
- Valuing water: perspectives from grass-roots to governments
- Water allocation & governance: balancing equity, legal & economic needs
- Access & authority: empowering youth & other disadvantaged groups
- Cultural water: traditional & indigenous values in water policy, planning & law
- Community participation: local programmes improving water access & quality

**Sub-Theme C**
- Water-smart cities: re-thinking the urban water cycle from site to basin scale
- Smart water & ICT: applications for developing and developed countries
- Water & food: improving efficiency, productivity & nutritional outcomes
- Appropriate technologies: low-cost innovations from concept to business plan
- Smarter water: latest advances in education, research & development

**Sub-Theme D**
- Basins & catchments: implementing IWRM from source to sea
- Rivers & wetlands: ecological and engineering approaches to rehabilitation
- Environmental water: innovations and outcomes in policy, law and practice
- Improving water quality: new economic, legal, regulatory & technical approaches
- Climate change & ecosystems: repairing impacts & preventing damage

**Sub-Theme E**
- Managing trans-boundary waters: advances, regressions & prospects
- Water & migration: understanding and mitigating key drivers & risks
- Water governance: reflections on progress in policy, law & institutional reform
- River basin organisations: case studies highlighting successes & challenges
- Grass-roots action: collaboration in local government & civil society programmes
High Level Panels

High level experts from around the world have been invited to participate in three high level panels to set the scene for the week's discussions and presentations. The panel topics are:

- Delivering SDG Outcomes: 5 Years on and Looking to 2030
- Private Sector Adaptation to a World of Climate Change and Water Extremes
- Water Related Data, Technology and Capacity Building for Developing Countries

Welcome Reception

Break the ice with your fellow participants with a drinks reception held on the first night. This is a great chance to get to the speakers from the first day, and increase your professional network.

Gala Dinner

Enjoy another great networking opportunity accompanied with good food and excellent Korean cultural entertainment. This is a fun chance to dress up and talk in more detail with fellow participants on what you have learned so far during the Congress.

Awards Ceremony

Join us in celebrating the excellent work of numerous water experts being recognised for their efforts in the sector, including the coveted Ven Te Chow memorial lecture award - IWRA's most prestigious honour, and the Crystal Drop.

Programme Highlights

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And, remember:
- **Share** your latest research papers in oral and poster presentations
- **Learn** about the latest developments in water resource management from other parts of the world
- **Network** with scientists to inform policy development, and policy practitioners to steer upcoming research
- **Present** as a national or international institutions through special sessions latest projects, calling for feedback and collaboration opportunities
- **Register** today and benefit from early bird discounts. You can also obtain a special reduction in your registration fees if you are or become an IWRA member!

We look forward to welcoming you next year to
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