

New Limited Call for Proposals

From 9 September to 9 November a new call for proposals for Oral, Poster presentations and Special Sessions will be opened for future participants at IWRA's XVII World Water Congress. Please note that only a limited number of places are available.

Oral and Poster Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Submitted by Water expert, academic, professional, private sector practitioner, or civil society stakeholder· Selected one of the Congress themes· Online submission only· A maximum of 350 words
Special Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Proposed by an organisation or group of organisations· Aligned with one or more of the Congress themes· One 90 minutes slot assigned· Under 1000 words
Side Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Hosted independently by an organisation outside of IWRA· Relevant topics in conjunction with the Congress· E-mail submission only (congress@iwra.org)

Make sure to visit the congress website (www.worldwatercongress.com) to find out all the details on how to participate and access the corresponding submission platform.

Review process

- Oral, Poster presentations and Special Sessions that were accepted for the Congress in 2020 have been automatically transferred to the new dates in 2021. So, if your proposal was already accepted, you do not have to resubmit it.
- New submitted abstracts and proposals will be reviewed by International Scientific Committee (ISC). All accepted oral presentations will be assigned to the final programme in the XVII Congress in 2021.
- Peer-review is to be offered to a strictly limited number of oral presentations if peer-review is required for the participant to obtain funding from employer or funding agency.

After the review process has finalised, please note that all presenters (oral and poster speakers, special session hosts and side events panel lists) are required to register to attend the XVII Congress by 18 July 2021 in order to book a place in the programme of this major water event.

Presenter's registration

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New Theme Added!



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**Foundations for Global Water Security and Resilience:
Knowledge, Technology and Policy**

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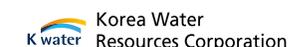
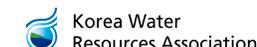
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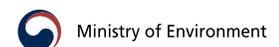
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Why Attend the XVII World Water Congress in 2021?

- ◊ The largest congress of its type – bringing together international water researchers and policy practitioners
- ◊ To share your latest work, and to better understand the latest developments in water resource management.
- ◊ 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
- ◊ To present through special sessions your latest projects, calling for feedback and collaboration
- ◊ The first World Water Congress to be held in East Asia

Programme Highlights

◊ High Level Panels

Distinguished 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 on:

- 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

◊ Awards Ceremony

Join us in celebrating onsite the excellent work of numerous water experts being recognised for their efforts in the sector in 2020, including the coveted Ven Te Chow Memorial Lecture Award – IWRA's most prestigious honour, the Crystal Drop and Water Drop. Please discover the distinguished recipients of the Association's 2020 awards on the XVII Congress website.

◊ Gala Dinner

Enjoy another great networking opportunity accompanied with good food and excellent Korean cultural entertainment. This will be a fun chance to dress up, share a formal dinner and discuss in more detail with other participants on what you have learned so far during the Congress, the sessions you assisted to or any other highlight moments of the XVII Congress.

◊ Welcome Dinner

Celebrate the first night of the XVII Congress and meet fellow participants having an official banquet. This will be a formal way to meet distinguished speakers, and the perfect setting to warm up for the XVII Congress.

◊ Technical and Cultural Excursions

If finding out more about Korea's unique culture and history in the congress venue, Daegu and around Daegu is more your thing. Several cultural tours will be available, visiting local historical temples, markets, folk villages, museums and sites of natural beauty. Stay tuned for more details soon!

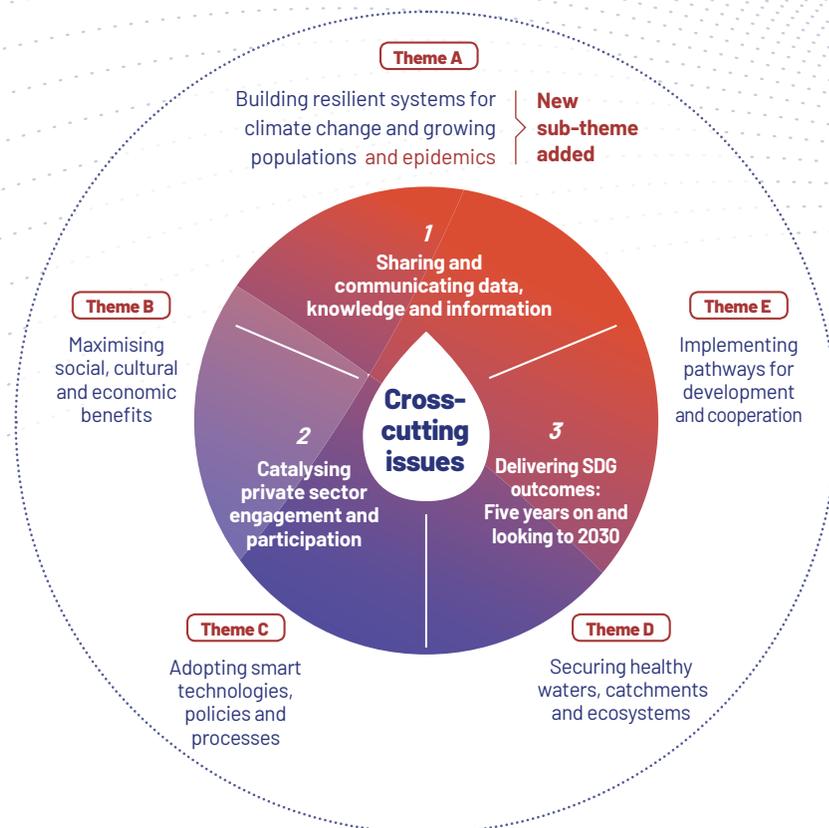
◊ Activities for accompanying people

You can make this Congress a family occasion with separate tours offered for accompanying people, and have the chance to invite them to join the XVII World Water Congress programme, including the Welcome Dinner, Gala Dinner, the Exhibition Hall, as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies

NEW Key Dates



Congress Themes and Issues for the XVII Congress in 2021



🚰 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 & growing populations**
 - 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
 - **(NEW) Responding to a crisis: lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic**
- Theme B Maximising social, cultural & economic benefits**
 - Valuing water: perspectives from grass-roots to governments
 - Water allocation & governance: balancing equity, legal & economic needs
 - Access & authority: empowering youth women & other disadvantaged groups
 - Cultural water: traditional & indigenous values in water policy, planning and law
 - Community participation: local programmes improving water access & quality
- Theme C Adopting smart technologies, policies & processes**
 - 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 and nutritional outcomes
 - Appropriate technologies: low-cost innovations from concept to business plan
 - Smarter water: latest advances in education, research & development
- Theme D Securing healthy waters, catchments & ecosystems**
 - 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
- Theme E Implementing pathways for development & cooperation**
 - 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