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Rural Development Priority: On the road to the 9th World Water Forum

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1- Key Political Messages

1. Achieve sustainable water management schemes to promote the fulfillment of SDGs
2. Create a new framework for governance to provide safe drinking water in rural communities
3. Recognize the urgency of mobilizing national and local decision-makers to support water for rural communities
4. Consolidate coordinated efforts between different levels of government for policy coherence
5. Enhance knowledge and policy coherence between migration, water, climate, and rural development
6. Recognize the impact of inequalities and human rights in access to basic services on the development of communities
7. Involve a participatory approach in the planning and monitoring of water services
8. Empower smallholders' farmers through agroecological techniques
9. Ensure fair access and sustainable use of water resources for agriculture
10. Emphasize the future increase of competition for water resources and the necessity of major changes in water allocation across sectors for continued economic growth.



2- Sessions of the Rural Development priority 1/2

2A. Ensure universal access to water (in rural areas)	2A1. Governance and institutional framework for universal access to safe drinking water in rural areas
	2A2. Mapping and monitoring data platform
	2A3. Sustainable water resources development and technological options for developing growth investments.
	2A4. Service delivery models for rural water supply
2B. Ensure universal access to sanitation and hygiene (in rural areas)	2B1. Institutional Governance for hygiene and sanitation for rural development
	2B2. Technological innovation for sanitation and hygiene development for rural development
	2B3. Capacity building (of sanitation actors) and awareness raising (of users) for hygiene and sanitation development in rural area
2C. Provide public water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (schools, healthcare facilities, etc.)	2C1. Strengthening and promoting the systems strengthening of sustainable WASH service delivery in public institutions through enhanced data and knowledge sharing
	2C2. Professionalizing institutional WASH advocacy across the globe, including healthcare facilities and schools
	2C3. Options for appropriate technologies for WASH in Institutions

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<p>2D. Ensure sustainable agricultural practices, including water productivity and efficiency, reduction of diffuse pollution, and decreased food losses</p>	2D1. Water Productivity for Food Security
	2D2. Transforming from Rural Development to Rural Transformation
	2D3. Reduction of diffuse pollution and food losses
	2D4. Smart management water system
	2D5. Water for agricultural climate resilience
<p>2E. Engage and empower rural communities to be the drivers of social-economic development through water</p>	2E1. Agroecology in action to make productive waters for farmers
	2E2. New paradigms to make productive waters for farmers
	2E3. Innovative technologies and productive waters to empower rural communities
	2E4. The role of women in irrigation management
<p>2F. Harmonize the rural-urban divide to curb migration</p>	2F1. Towards more policy coherence regarding the migration-water nexus in the context of rural development
	2F2. Knowledge exchanges on migration-water nexus in the context of rural development
	2F3. Towards action: maximize the inclusion of youth, migrants and women into rural development and mitigate the water related root-causes of migration

Thank you

Questions?

