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Ministerial Declaration



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We, Ministers and high-level representatives of the International organizations convened in Marrakech for the XIXth World Water Congress, recognize that water security has become a defining global challenge. In a context of economic instability, geopolitical tensions, and accelerating climate change, the impacts of floods, droughts, and extreme weather events threaten lives, ecosystems, and development gains. These converging crises demand renewed leadership, innovation, and solidarity.

During our roundtable, we exchanged national and institutional experiences demonstrating that significant progress is possible through **effective policy frameworks**, climate-resilient infrastructure, **digital tools and technologies**, **cross-sectoral governance of the basins of lakes, rivers and associated aquifers**, nature-based solutions, improved regulation, and community-driven management models. Yet, we acknowledge that gaps remain in financing, data availability, institutional coordination, and protecting vulnerable groups.

To accelerate progress toward SDG 6 and related goals by 2030, we collectively **agree** to:

- **Advocate firmly for the universal right to water**
- **Place innovation at the heart of water policies**, promoting research, pilot projects, and scalable technologies that enhance climate resilience and operational efficiency.
- **Accelerate the adoption of digital tools**, including real-time monitoring, satellite-based data systems, artificial intelligence, and early-warning platforms for floods, droughts, and water quality.
- **Promote innovative financing mechanisms**, such as blended finance, climate-risk insurance, public-private partnerships, and performance-based investments for water security.
- **Develop and scale up nature-based solutions**, such as ecosystem restoration, green infrastructure, and circular approaches to strengthen resilience, reduce disaster risk, make sustainable use of natural resources, and restore nature-human processes.
- **Foster cross-sector solutions**, through **Integrated Water Resources Management at all levels**, considering interdependencies with energy, agriculture, health, and urban development to maximize co-benefits and resource efficiency.

- **Strengthen scientific cooperation** by supporting joint research programs, open data platforms, and innovation hubs connecting academia, communities, the private sector, and decision-makers.
- **Advance equity and social innovation**, ensuring that vulnerable populations benefit from new technologies, improved services, and climate adaptation measures.
- **Support the rehabilitation of damaged water and wastewater infrastructure**, while strengthening national water institutions' operational capacity and sustainability, particularly in crisis-affected countries.
- **Enhance institutional and scientific capacity-building** through training programs, knowledge exchange, open-data platforms, and innovation hubs linking academia, communities, the private sector, and policymakers.
- **Accelerate the adoption of digital technologies**, including real-time monitoring, satellite-based data, artificial intelligence, and early-warning systems for droughts, floods, and water quality.
- **Develop and scale nature-based solutions**, such as ecosystem restoration, green infrastructure, circular approaches, and disaster-risk-reduction strategies.
- **Prioritize vulnerable populations and fragile regions**, ensuring their access to safe water services, modern technologies, and effective climate-adaptation measures.
- **Reaffirm that this declaration gives renewed impetus to current and future processes.**



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