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Yun Byung-se,
Minister of Foreign Affairs



Water is the ultimate resource that can decide the fate of human civilization and history because it is an irreplaceable natural resource. That's why water is also called 'blue gold,' the last high value-added resource in the world.

Now, water security is threatened all around the world. We see cases of regional disputes over water ownership, children in underdeveloped countries dying of unclean water, water scarcity, and so on.

These problems are directly linked to the realization of a sustainable society and the world's security. To resolve the international challenges, it is highly important that the world should cooperate and share achievements made in the process, building upon the efforts by stakeholders—policymakers, international organizations, NGOs, public/private sectors, academia, experts, etc.

The 7th World Water Forum focuses on 'implementation.' I am certain that people from all over the world will gather to discuss solutions to various water challenges, and those solutions will lead to the implementation at a national level.

To this end, an open discussion arena will be provided in Daegu & Gyeongbuk ensuring that anyone interested in water issues can participate in the 7th World Water Forum in diverse ways. Also, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will spare no efforts in cooperating with our counterparts.

It is truly an honor to invite you to the 7th World Water Forum, the largest water event in the world, in April, 2015. I hope all of you will participate in the 7th World Water Forum and be with us for "Water for Our Future."
I extend my warmest welcome to you.

Suh Seung-hwan
Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport



As the 7th World Water Forum is just a year away, the expectation for the 7th Forum has indeed been realized. Vague ideas have been articulated, and many people aware of the severity of water-related issues are taking part in the preparation of a successful Forum in 2015.

Due to water shortage, one billion people are already suffering. After three decades, it is estimated that more than two billion people will suffer from water-related problems. The number of children dying of polluted drinking water has been on the rise as well. Securing safe and abundant water has been regarded as a matter of survival and human rights.

Resolving water challenges is our mission to guarantee the survival of future generations and sustainable development. However, they cannot be addressed by a single nation or organization. That is why participation from all stakeholders and cooperation among nations are essential in tackling water challenges.

I believe that meaningful achievements have been made throughout the previous editions of the Forum. However, considering that water-related issues become aggravated at a fast pace, it seems that time is not on our side. Implementation is needed now, before it's too late.

In this regard, there is a high expectation for the 7th Forum, in which solutions to water-related problems with a focus on 'implementation' will be discussed.

At this moment, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Ministry of Environment, the National Committee for the 7th World Water Forum, the Daegu Metropolitan City Government, the Gyeongbuk Provincial Government, and the World Water Council are working in tandem to prepare the 7th Forum.

I hope you will show your kind interest and support for a successful Forum.

Lee Jung-moo

Chairman of the National Committee



The deterioration of water environments and water shortages caused by excessive use of water is not a problem of a single nation. Rather, it is a global challenge that requires sustainable and shared responses based on cooperation among various stakeholders such as governments, civil society, academia, and others.

During the Kick-off Meeting in Daegu in May 2013 and the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting in Gyeongju in February 2014, we were able to witness joint efforts and passion for tackling water challenges.

At the 7th World Water Forum to be held in April 2015, we will establish concrete implementation plans regarding the agenda that has been discussed throughout the six previous Forums in order to ensure participation and implementation from diverse stakeholders.

To this end, we newly added the Science & Technology Process in which countries will share experience and know-how in water-related technology. Also, the Thematic and Regional Processes will help participants discuss more specific issues and will implement solutions drawn from the 6th World Water Forum. In the Political Process, policymakers and international organizations will cooperate to establish the leadership of implementation to address water-related problems. In addition, we are working hard to make the Citizen's Forum with more lively discussions by global citizens.

Since the 7th World Water Forum invites the world to discuss the water challenges we all face and to develop solutions beyond the difference in nationality and culture, active participation is greatly needed from governments, academia, research institutions, industry and others, to overcome common water challenges and crises.

The 7th World Water Forum is just a year away. To guarantee that all your activities in each process will be meaningful, the National Committee will spare no effort and support. I sincerely hope to see all of you gather in Daegu & Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju) next April to implement solutions to world-wide water challenges together.

Benedito Braga

President of the World Water Council



Water is the common thread connecting social stability, human wealth, prosperity, economic growth and sustainable ecosystems. The World Water Council through the World Water Forum has focused its efforts on increasing awareness, fostering dialogue and encouraging the emergence of effective measures. As a response to global changes, the World Water Council has been carrying a unique message: water is the key for all sources of development.

Next year, the 7th World Water Forum will be a milestone in securing water for human well-being and the environment. The transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals will require measuring the successes and assessing the failures in building a sustainable future for water.

Following the Forum of Solutions held in 2012 in Marseille, implementation will be the motto of this next edition. By participating in this unique event, all stakeholders, ranging from local community representatives to international decision makers, will be sharing their knowledge and experience to build a common objective, making water security a global priority. By proposing a substantive program that addresses today's most important water-related challenges and bringing means to prepare sound water policies according to regional specificities, we will reach a turning point in the history of water.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Republic of Korea for its hospitality and its commitment to increase awareness on the social, economic and environmental benefits of water security. By gathering the water community to speak with one voice, we will elaborate the framework for our water future in a sustainable and equitable manner. The preparation of tomorrow's global agenda starts now.

Join us to formulate these messages and bring them to Daegu and Gyeongbuk in April 2015.

Lee Soontak
Co-Chair of ISC



The 7th World Water Forum, where water makes the world become one, will take place in the Republic of Korea next year under the slogan of "Water for Our Future".

The 7th World Water Forum carries an extraordinary significance because it is held in 2015 when the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) finish. From the perspective of 'implementation,' the 7th World Water Forum will give us opportunities to review the achievements drawn from previous editions of the Forum and to open a new horizon for the future.

Starting with the Kick-off Meeting, we have announced the core value of the 7th Forum, 'implementation,' discussed how to design each Process, and shared the progress towards the 7th Forum at the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting in February, 2014.

Our efforts for a successful Forum will continue. We will come up with programs that will embody 'implementation' and diverse side events.

The success of the 7th Forum depends on active contributions from various stakeholders, convergence of their expertise, and passion and efforts for new inspiration.

Thus, I would like to urge you to participate in the 7th World Water Forum, where you can design implementation for addressing water challenges and for moving towards a sustainable future.

Kim Bum-il
Mayor of Daegu



Kim Kwan-yong
The Governor of Gyeongbuk



Choi Yang-sik
Mayor of Gyeongju



So far, humanity has excessively used water because it seemed abundant and unlimited. However, things have changed. So many people have suffered from water shortages and natural disasters related to water. Also, water disputes among nations have occurred.

In the 21st century, overcoming water shortages and improving water quality have been discussed worldwide. However, these challenges have not fundamentally been resolved, despite relentless efforts by governments.

At this juncture, it is highly significant to hold the 7th World Water Forum, the largest water-related event in the world, in Daegu & Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju) with the core value of 'implementation.'

The venue has clear and abundant water with the Nakdong River, about 170 miles (275 km) in length, and the Gumho River, where otters live. Also, it was the place where the Buddhist culture of the Silla Kingdom (57 B.C. – A.D. 935) and the Confucius culture of the Joseon Dynasty (1392 – 1910) flourished. It has a wide range of historic and cultural heritage.

For a successful Forum, Daegu & Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju) are putting their utmost efforts in establishing systematic infrastructure that prioritizes visitors' convenience. More specifically, Daegu is putting its utmost efforts such as upgrading facilities of EXCO to create an optimal environment for the 7th World Water Forum and exhibition. Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju) created a committee that supports the preparation of the 7th World Water Forum.

We will spare no effort in preparing the 7th World Water Forum so that visitors will experience no inconvenience. We will look forward to see you all next April.

Water for Our Future

The slogan of the 7th World Water Forum is “Water for Our Future”. It stands for our will to move forward to the future with concrete actions and implementation of solutions to water challenges.

As the focus of the Forums has shifted successively from “Vision” to “Difference” to “Local Actions” to “Bridging to Solutions” throughout the previous editions, the aim and goal of the 7th World Water Forum have become clearer – it is ‘implementation’ of solutions for a better future.

To this end, a system ensuring ‘implementation’ will be established at the 7th World Water Forum. An implementation plan for each theme will be produced and reflected in political declarations, policies, and so on. Then, those action plans will be monitored. This implementation mechanism will help to develop the World Water Forum further.

2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting Outcomes

The 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting aimed to encourage further preparation of the 7th World Water Forum by delving deeper into the program development for each process, and by involving the international community in designing the way forward for concrete progress on water issues.

A total of 725 participants attended from 59 countries, with a particularly strong international presence, with over 250 coming from overseas. Participants worked diligently to identify which specific subjects should be discussed in the 7th World Water Forum. About 300 suggestions were derived through each break-out session.

- Thematic Process: 108 Issues under 16 Themes
- Political Process: 40 program ideas on 3 sub-processes
- Regional Process: 46 Issues under 7 Regions
- Science & Technology Process: 137 Sub-focuses under 6 Main Focuses
- Citizen’s Forum: 20 program ideas around 12 subjects

In addition, more than 420 organizations expressed their willingness to support various working groups.

- Thematic Process: About 250 organizations/institutions
- Regional Process: 62 organizations/institutions
- Science & Technology Process: 114 organizations / institutions

During the Thematic Process break-out session, the participants attended roundtable discussions on each of the 16 themes of the Thematic Framework to generate an issue list per theme and thematic working group applicant lists. The identified issues are crucial in view of implementation and which action tools are most appropriate for various subjects.

As explained during the Political Process session, this process will aim to increase political will and global awareness about water. It also hopes to bring together as many politicians and government officials as possible for active interaction during the Forum week. While focusing on how to implement the solutions derived from the 6th World Water Forum (Time for Solutions), the Political Process intends to negotiate a ministerial declaration and prepare dedicated programs and activities. Each, sub-process-Ministerial, Parliamentary, and Local and Regional Authorities-will be further elaborated

in the coming months. In the run up to the 7th World Water Forum, each sub-process will elaborate its own outcome documents, such as declarations or messages in addition to concrete action plans.

During the Regional Process break-out session, the participants sought ways to link the 7th World Water Forum’s thematic framework to regional priorities, in continuity with efforts from previous Forums. Regional processes are key in addressing local realities and generating political will and awareness to make concrete progress on the ground.

Discussions about potential sub-regions revealed a consistency with what has been done in the past. The Preview Sessions will be a significant stepping stone to identify water issues from regional perspectives of the 7th World Water Forum’s preparatory process.

The regional priorities for regional water issues will be confirmed following discussions held during regional-specific events.

The participants of the Science and Technology Process break-out session were initially assigned to six main focus areas to develop their issue lists and the working group applicant lists. In order to avoid duplication of themes with the Thematic Process, it was reduced to 5 main focuses.

Approximately 150 people attended the Citizen’s Forum Session on the second day of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting. Meeting to share the points of view of youth, gender and other representatives from civil society organizations (CSO).

The discussions held during the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting scoped the issues and approaches to be considered by process Co-chairs in coherence with the development of their frameworks roadmaps and action plans.

Both Co-chairs closed the event by thanking the numerous participants attending the event. They recalled the crucial role played by water security for the development of all sectors and environmental conservation.

Based on the successes and the commitments of the previous editions of the Forum, the messages and the suggestions carried by the participants of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting will be strengthened and reinforced to allow their implementation for the 7th World Water Forum.



Official Opening Ceremony of the 7th World Water Forum 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting (SCM), Gyeongju, 27 February 2014

7th World Water Forum's Thematic Framework

The Forum's 16 Themes aim to identify which priority subjects require immediate attention in view of implementation and what action tools are most appropriate for affecting change. Not only building the future we want, but also identifying engines for change and sharing knowledge are our main goals to step further towards implementation.

The framework consists of 'action goals' and 'action tools'. To achieve sustainable development through water in accordance with its three main pillars, 'action goals' will touch on various subjects from social, economic, and environmental perspectives. In the 'action tools', we can find concrete and tangible ideas relating to real implementation that can be applied in a broad scope. Under this framework, the implementation roadmaps will be introduced.

The Thematic Framework

| ACTION TYPES | PILLARS | THEMES(16) |
|---|---|--|
| ACTION GOALS The Future We Want | 1. Water Security for All | 1.1. Enough Safe Water for All |
| | | 1.2. Integrated Sanitation for All |
| | | 1.3. Adapting to Change : Managing Risk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness |
| | | 1.4. Infrastructure for Sustainable Water Resource Management and Services |
| | 2. Water for Development and Prosperity | 2.1. Water for Food |
| | | 2.2. Water and Energy |
| | | 2.3. Water and Cities |
| | 3. Water for Sustainability : Harmonizing Humans and Nature | 3.1. Green Growth, Water Stewardship and Industry |
| | | 3.2. Managing and Restoring Ecosystems for Water Services and Biodiversity |
| | | 3.3. Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge to Reef |
| | | 3.4. SMART Implementation of IWRM |
| | ACTION TOOLS Engines For Change | 4. Constructing Feasible Implementation Mechanisms |
| 4.2. Effective Governance : Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information | | |
| 4.3. Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water Management | | |
| 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity | | |
| 4.5. Enhancing Education and Capacity Building | | |

See Appendix 1 : Contact points corresponding 16 Themes in the Thematic Framework

Thematic Process

Special Program

The Thematic Process has two special programs to shed light on the way towards implementation: Action Monitoring System (AMS) and Water Showcase.

The Action Monitoring System will continue to keep track of progress of the implementation roadmaps. Design Groups, which are in charge of each theme and devise the roadmaps, will periodically access the AMS after the 7th World Water Forum and post information on progress in the system – whether their roadmaps are conducted as planned, what significant lessons can be shared, what unexpected breakthroughs/hindrances occurred etc. By presenting vivid records initiated from the 7th World Water Forum at the 8th World Water Forum, all of us can witness substantial continuity throughout future editions of the World Water Forum.

Through the Water Showcase, you will find the most innovative and intriguing cases and learn practical lessons from both successes and failures. Not only can you learn about extraordinary cases, but also vote for the best cases among those presented on site. Innovative cases chosen by you will be rewarded at the Forum's closing ceremony and become major outcomes of the Forum.

Participation

The Thematic Process welcomes everyone who wants to share their ideas and deliver their cases to the Water Show Case. Please visit our Virtual Forum.<http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> 'Virtual Forum' – 'Thematic Process'

Also, If you want to actively participate in Thematic Process Session as a session holder, please discover the most relevant subject among 16 themes in the Thematic Framework and then contact to the corresponding Design Group who is in charge of coordination. You can find contact points in Appendix 1.

Your collaboration and contribution will make the 7th World Water Forum a great success.



The Thematic Process Break-out Session of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 27 February 2014

Regional Process

In the regional process, solutions to local-specific water challenges will be shared, and implementation at a regional level will be put forward in order to strengthen global cooperation regarding water. Considering the flow of regional water-related issues, the implementation of the solutions drawn from the previous forums will be reviewed at the 7th World Water Forum and will be developed further.

Progress

The Regional Process is comprised of four main regions (Asia-Pacific, Africa, America, and Europe) and three cross-regions (Arab, Economically Water Insecure, and Mediterranean).

The Regional Process will define issues with a bottom-up approach thus creating ownership and ensuring multi-stakeholder participation. In this effort, a Preview Session will be conducted by each Region and Cross Region. Regions will then draw their themes from those outlined in the Forum's Thematic Framework; search for cross-cutting synergies with the Political and the Science & Technology Processes; and discuss practical and feasible solutions with special consideration on regional aspects.

Economically Water Insecure Region, the newly introduced component in the Regional Process, will draw from inter-country dialogues rather than a geopolitical definition. Financing for water scarcity is required, as well as governance and policies to overcome the challenge of water scarcity.

Participation

For the selection of the practical agenda and establishment of implementation plans, participation from a wide range of stakeholders and active interaction are much needed. You can use various platforms for discussions and opinion gathering.

Please visit our Virtual Forum. <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> 'Virtual Forum' – 'Regional Process'

You can also actively participate in the Regional Process by contacting your regional coordinator. You can find contact points in Appendix 2.

Your collaboration and contribution will make the 7th World Water Forum successful.



One of the Regional Process Break-out Sessions of the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 27 February 2014

Political Process

The Political Process aims to generate political will and concrete actions to solve water problems. It is, therefore, necessary to provide ministers, parliamentarians, local and regional authorities opportunities to come together, share their experiences, and interact with each other about water issues.

The Political Process consists of three sub-processes; Ministerial, Parliamentary, and Local & Regional Authorities, which will evolve during the coming months. In the course of the preparation for the Political Process, each sub-process will be informed of the progress of the Thematic, Regional, and Science and Technology Processes, and present declarations or political messages including concrete action plans as an outcome document. Means to increase stakeholder representation within the Political Processes will be activated with enhanced communications and PR support.

Ministerial Process

The Ministerial Process is the basic element of the Political Process. Ministers will be invited to work together to prepare a consensus-based Ministerial Declaration. The process includes two Preparatory Committee Meetings (PrepComs): the first PrepCom will take place in November 2014 in New York, and the second in February 2015. The 7th World Water Forum will feature high-level roundtables, a plenary session, and special meetings for each sub process.

Parliamentarian Process

One of the top priorities of the Parliamentarian Process is to strengthen parliamentarians' legislative capacity on water and sanitation issues. National, regional, and international parliaments are the main body for enacting laws and allocating budgets. A series of PrepComs will provide the opportunity to discuss means to support parliamentarians in strengthening their legislative capacity and increasing water budgets. Two main outcomes are expected from the Parliamentarian Process: the Parliamentarian Manifesto and a fully-functioning Parliamentarian HelpDesk.

Local & Regional Authority Process

Considering the location of the venue for the 7th World Water Forum, it is important to mobilize local and regional authorities from Asian countries. Local authorities will explore ways to contribute to the SDGs, and discuss how to reflect ongoing progress of water issues. Champion cities of the Istanbul Water Consensus will play a key role in bringing more visibility to the Local and Regional Authorities Process.

Participation

The Political Process will be informed by all the discussions of the other three Processes. If you want to get involved, contact our coordinators. You can find contact points in Appendix 3.



The Political Process Plenary Session of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 27 February 2014

Science and Technology Process

The Science and Technology Process is at the heart of the 7th World Water Forum's 'implementation' objective. It aims to be the process where technology and know-how meet and exchange, and to provide ways for science, policy, technology, and people to interlink. The process will be in charge of collecting plans and solutions drawn by previous and on-going discussions.

Composition

The Science and Technology Process has selected five main focuses where action plans and tools are the most needed. The main focuses have been categorized by maintaining a good balance with the themes outlined in the Thematic Process and based on the opinions collected during the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting.

The five main focuses are: Efficient Water Management, Resource Recovery from Water and Waste-Water Systems, Water and Natural Disasters, Smart Technology for Water, and Understanding and Managing Ecosystem Services for Water. These main focuses will be divided into sub focuses by the participants of the process that form design groups and session groups. Sub focuses will be embodied by the sessions, which will be convened by the session groups.

To facilitate the realization of the action plans resulting from each session and to activate diverse presentations on sustainable and appropriate technologies and action tools, the Science and Technology Process is currently being developed with the following special programs:

- The Publication of a White Paper will identify areas of main focuses based on case studies and innovative technologies discussed during the related session, and compose with background information and results from each of these sessions. It will also provide a directory and guidelines for implementing the results drawn from each session of the Science and Technology Process. Selected contents of the White Paper representing the results of the Science and Technology Process will be included in the synthesis report of the 7th World Water Forum.
- The Organization of a CEO Innovation Panel will serve to provide opportunities for high-level dialogues between representatives of the corporations and policy makers, as well as professionals in diverse water associated fields. The CEO Innovation Panel will enable practical and influential communications between the public and private sectors so that it results in close partnerships leading to concrete outcomes in the global water society.



The Science & Technology Process Break-out Session of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 28 February 2014

- World Water Challenges will be a competition program for sustainable and innovative scientific and technological projects serving to bridge problem owners and solution providers. By sharing know-how and best practices, leading cases of water policies and strategies from both the public and private sector will be selected to form the basis of a coherent set of 'Policy-Economy-Technology-Practice' examples.

Progress

During the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting (SCM) held in Gyeongju, the Science and Technology Process collected voices of participants including potential design groups and session groups. Once identified, the Main Focuses will be broken down into Sub Focuses. Special Programs are being developed in order to attract more participants from the public and private sectors. Plans for the programs of the Science and Technology Process will be continuously updated for potential participants.

Participation

The Science and Technology Process has encouraged different participants from diverse fields to realize cross sector collaboration and actualize integrated action plans. We look forward to your enthusiasm and commitment in taking a leading role in implementing solutions for water, which is the core value of the 7th World Water Forum.

If you wish to be involved, contact the Forum Secretariat to learn how to be part of the focus groups: yoonjin2015@worldwaterforum7.org

Please visit our Virtual Forum. <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> 'Virtual Forum' - 'Science & Technology Process'



The Plenary Session of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 27 February 2014

Citizen's Forum

The 7th World Water Forum aims to create an open platform where various stakeholders can exchange their views on water, find solutions and interact. Therefore, the Citizen's Forum is meant as a mechanism to reach out to citizens by various means. Programs and activities within the Citizen's Forum will center on specific stakeholder groups such as women, children, and youth.

The Citizen's Forum programs will be designed in a way to contribute to 'Implementation', the core value of the 7th World Water Forum. To this end, civil society stakeholders are strongly encouraged to engage directly and collaboratively in different aspects of the Forum's development, through the Thematic, Regional, Political and Science and Technology Process. Furthermore, many programs of the Citizen's Forum will focus on having educational value to enhance public awareness on water and to encourage dynamic interaction to seek solutions together.

Progress

The Citizen's Forum session during the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting provided the first opportunity for domestic and international CSOs to meet and share their expectations for the 7th World Water Forum. Groups were assigned to gather ideas for potential proposals according to a field of interest such as women, youth, water

education, and water and culture. Participants not only discussed to develop a proposal, but they also called attention to the need to develop clear linkages between CSOs and other Processes. These ideas are now being developed into more systematic proposals which will be considered as the official components of the Citizen's Forum in 2015. Final programs of the Citizen's Forum will be confirmed by the end of 2014.

How to Participate

If you want your voice as a citizen to be heard throughout the Forum, you can participate in the discussion on the Virtual Forum ► <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> 'Virtual Forum' – 'Citizen's Forum'

If you are a CSO with a water-related agenda, and want to create and execute your own program at the 7th World Water Forum, you are welcome to submit your own proposal. You can develop various types of activities that can serve to enrich the Forum's program, such as sessions, exhibitions, cultural performances, and lectures. If you need more guidance or want to submit your proposal, contact citizens7@worldwaterforum7.org



The Citizen's Forum Break-out Session of the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting, Gyeongju, 28 February 2014

Water Expo & Fair

The Expo & Fair for the 7th World Water Forum will take place in Daegu EXCO. In conjunction with other Processes, the Expo & Fair will be designed as a place where participants can exchange information and discover scientific and technological solutions, as well as water related services.

Public agencies, private enterprises, and many other types of institutions and organizations will be represented. The planned exhibition space for the Expo & Fair is over 18,000m². The theme is "Water for our future".

Registration information of the Expo & Fair is posted on the official web site at <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/>. We are looking forward to your active participation. expo@worldwaterforum7.org

Exhibition Space Rental prices* per square meter

| Type | Early Bird Rate (by Nov. 30, 2014) | Regular Rate |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Raw Space | 135m ² or more | € 243/m ² |
| | Under 135m ² | € 270/m ² |
| Standard Booth | € 291/m ² | € 342/m ² |

*These prices do not include additional costs (ex. electricity, internet, etc.).

Water Prizes

Created in order to reward positive actions in the field of water and to raise public awareness for global water issues, the Water Prizes will be awarded during the Forum week, and will include prestigious prizes such as the King Hassan II Great World Water Prize, and the Kyoto World Water Grand Prize.

Side Events

Numerous on-site side events will be organized during the Forum week. For information on how to register your own side-events, please contact event@worldwaterforum7.org

In addition, cultural events such as a film festival and water leisure sports will be revealed as the 7th World Water Forum approaches.

For more information, please visit <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org>

Registration

| Category | | Early-Bird (by Dec.31, 2014) | Standard (by Mar.12, 2015) | On-site (Apr. 12~17, 2015) |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Forum Pass | OECD Countries | 650€ | 750€ | 850€ |
| | Other Countries | 325€ | 375€ | 425€ |
| | NGO Citizen Organization | 520€ | 600€ | 680€ |
| | Student under 35 years graduate student | 130€ | 150€ | 170€ |
| 3 Days Pass | OECD Countries | 390€ | 450€ | 510€ |
| | Other Countries | 195€ | 225€ | 255€ |
| | NGO Citizen Organization | 310€ | 360€ | 410€ |
| | Student under 35 years graduate student | 80€ | 90€ | 100€ |
| 1 Day Pass | OECD Countries | 195€ | 225€ | 255€ |
| | Other Countries | 100€ | 115€ | 130€ |
| | NGO Citizen Organization | 155€ | 180€ | 205€ |
| | Student under 35 years graduate student | 40€ | 45€ | 50€ |

For further information on registration, please visit <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org/>

Press and Media

The 7th World Water Forum media team will welcome requests from national and international journalists all throughout the preparatory processes, the 7th World Water Forum week, and the post-Forum period.

Press and Media: Please refer to the official website's Media Corner at <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> for general information, press releases, and media reports related to the 7th World Water Forum.

Journalist accreditation for the 7th World Water Forum: Registration for journalists during the 7th World Water Forum will be open and available on the 7th World Water Forum's website at <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org>.

Media contact: For further information such as special requests and interviews, please write to media@worldwaterforum7.org.



Media covering the 7th World Water Forum Kick-off Meeting, 13-15 May 2013



Press seats at the Expert Symposium, 6 November 2013



Advertisements on the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting for the 7th World Water Forum, 27-28 February 2014

Forum Venues

Daegu Metropolitan City



The Four Seasons of the Year, Daegu
Summer (Gangjeong Goryeong Weir in the Nakdong River)

Daegu, with its population of around 2.5 million, is the third largest city of the Republic of Korea. The well-preserved ecosystems of the Nakdong and Geumho Rivers, and Shincheon stream that flow through the city are symbols of its accomplishments in sustainable development.

Daegu features:

- A green city: in addition to improving the water quality of the Shincheon stream, Daegu has also enhanced its green spaces by planting many trees and creating a number of parks.
- A center for Korean industries: Daegu has a growing variety of industries, such as textile, which makes it one of Korea's industrial centers.
- An international city: Daegu has held multiple international events such as the 2011 IAAF World Championships, the XXIV International Congress on Entomology, and the 2013 World Energy Congress.
- A convention center: The EXCO venue where the 7th World Water Forum will be held, contributes to regional development by attracting and managing a variety of exhibitions and international conferences from all over the world.



Spring (Outdoor concert)



Fall (National Debt Redemption Park)



Winter (Duryu Park)

Gyeongju in Gyeongbuk Province

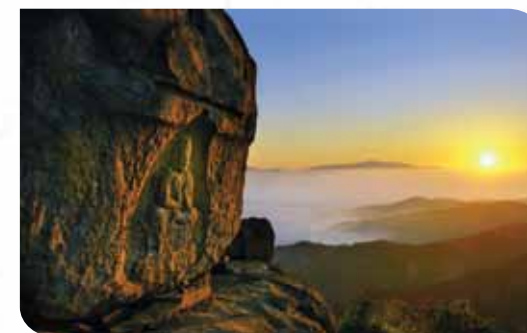
Gyeongju, the largest city of Gyeongbuk province and former capital of the Silla Dynasty (57 BC – 935 AD), belongs to one of UNESCO's major Cultural Heritage Sites such as Rome, Istanbul, Baghdad and Xi'an. During its heyday in the 8th century, over one million people lived in the city.

Gyeongju features:

- A museum without walls: 3 World Heritage Sites (the Seokuram Grotto and the Bulguksa Temple, the Gyeongju Historic Areas, the Yangdong Folk Village) and 217 cultural properties designated by the Korean government;
- A city of water: 3 rivers, 400 lakes, around 3,000 wells;
- A wide range of accommodations: 340 including 12 large hotels;
- An international destination easy to access: 2 hours from Seoul by bullet train (KTX), 3 airports within a one hour radius;
- A convention center: Gyeongju HICO located in the Bomoon Complex.

The Bomoon Tourist Complex, in which the 7th Forum will take place, is famous for its beautiful cherry blossom surrounding the Bomoon Lake in April. The Gyeongju HICO is a convention center located in the Bomoon Complex that will welcome the 7th World Water Forum participants.

The Shapes of a Day, Gyeongju



Sunrise (Sinseonam Rock in the Namsan Mountain)



Daytime (Traditional Houses of Yangdong Village, UNESCO World Heritage)



Sunset (Donggung and Wolji, the banquet hall of the Silla Dynasty)



Night (Cheomseongdae, the orient's first observatory)

Transportation

Daegu & Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju), the two host cities of the 7th World Water Forum are accessible by airplane from Incheon, Gimpo, and Gimhae Airports and by KTX (High-speed train) from Incheon Intl' Airport and Seoul Station.

Information centers will be located at Incheon Intl' Airport, Gimhae Intl' Airport, Dongdaegu Station and Singyeongju Station. Our Staff will provide information on the Forum program, transportation possibilities, and other logistical information.

Free shuttle buses will connect from Gimhae Intl' Airport, Daegu Airport and Dongdaegu Station, and Singyeongju Station to hotels and the venue.

For more information on the flight and shuttle schedules visit the official web site at <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org>

Accommodation

Hotel rooms with special rates for Forum participants will be reserved in Daegu & Gyeongbuk (Gyeongju). Specific information will be made available on the official website for participants to book their accommodation according to their preferences.

For further inquiries, please visit our website at <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org>

Access route for the Forum Venue



Major downtown hotels



Financial Support

The participation of representatives from developing countries will be encouraged and supported, since therein lie many of the world's major water challenges.

The 7th World Water Forum Secretariat is to receive requests for financial support to attend the 7th World Water Forum.

Following criteria will be applied in granting financial support covering travel expenses:

- An applicant is from a developing country/region with water issue(s) is not in the position to pay for the travel expenses;
- Priority will be given to those with water initiatives in his/her country/region or organization (NGOs).
- An applicant is expected to greatly contribute to the 7th World Water Forum (including, but not limited to speakers, youth supporters, women, children, etc.)

Please visit our official website <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org> or contact invitation@worldwaterforum7.org for more information on how to apply.

Support the 7th World Water Forum

The 7th World Water Forum provides a strategic opportunity for companies concerned by water issues to gain international exposure and recognition. Several corporate sponsorship categories will be made available for companies interested by this unique opportunity. Detailed information will be made available on the 7th World Water Forum's official website.



Meeting with water-related enterprises, 7 April 2014

Appendix1 Thematic Process Contact Points (Design groups)

| Themes | Acronym | Organization | Sectoral | Contact |
|--|---------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Enough Safe Water for All | | | | |
| 1.1 | SDC | Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation | Governmental | |
| | SKKU-GSWR | Graduate School of Water Resources, Sungkyunkwan University | Academic Institution | |
| | UNESCO-IHP | UNESCO-International Hydrological Programme * coordinator | Intergovernmental | wwf7thematic1-1@googlegroups.com |
| | FANMEX | FANMEX/ Butterfly Effect | NGO | |
| | AWWA | American Water Works Association | NPO, Network | |
| | WB-WSP | World Bank – Water and Sanitation Program | Intergovernmental | |
| Integrated Sanitation for All | | | | |
| 1.2 | PSEau | Programme Solidarité Eau (Water Solidarity Network) * coordinator | NPO | wwf7thematic1-2@googlegroups.com |
| | AquaFed | International Federation of Private Water Operators | Private Sector Network | |
| | KSWW | Korean Society of Water and Waste Water | NPO, Network | |
| Adapting to Change : Managing Risk and Uncertainty for Resilience and Disaster Preparedness | | | | |
| 1.3 | ACF | Action Contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger) | NPO | |
| | ICHARM | International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk * coordinator | Intergovernmental | |
| | AGWA | Alliance for Global Water Adaptation | Network | wwf7thematic1-3@googlegroups.com |
| | KICT | Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology | Research Institute | |
| | | Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment – The Netherlands | Governmental | |
| | USACE | US Army Corps of Engineers | Governmental | |
| Infrastructure for Sustainable Water Resource Management and Services | | | | |
| 1.4 | DRC under MWR | Development Research Center, Ministry of Water Resource, China | Governmental | |
| | ASCE | American Society of Civil Engineers | Network | |
| | ICOLD | International Commission on Large Dams * coordinator | NPO, Network | wwf7thematic1-4@googlegroups.com |
| | WI | Wetlands International | NGO | |
| | K-Water | Korea Water Resources Corporation | Public Enterprise | |
| | | Federal Institute of Hydrology, Germany | Scientific Institution | |

| Themes | Acronym | Organization | Sectoral | Contact |
|---|--|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Water for Food | | | | |
| 2.1 | FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization * coordinator | Intergovernmental | |
| | IFPRI | International Food Policy Research Institute | Research Institute | |
| | GW | Global Water Initiative | NPO | wwf7thematic2-1@googlegroups.com |
| | ICID | International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage | NPO | |
| | KRC | Korean Rural Community Corporation | Public Enterprise | |
| | | University of Nebraska Water for Food Institute | Academic Institution | |
| Water and Energy | | | | |
| 2.2 | EDF | Electricité de France | Public Enterprise | |
| | UN ESCAP | UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | Intergovernmental | |
| | WWF | World Wildlife Fund | NGO | wwf7thematic2-2@googlegroups.com |
| | | Itaipu Binacional | Business | |
| | IWA | International Water Association *coordinator | NPO, Network | |
| | WB | World Bank | Intergovernmental | |
| Water and Cities | | | | |
| 2.3 | UN Habitat | UN Habitat * co-coordinator | Intergovernmental | |
| | IWA | International Water Association * co-coordinator | NPO, Network | |
| | | Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company | Utility | |
| | LHI | Land & Housing Institute | Research Institute | wwf7thematic2-3@googlegroups.com |
| | UCLG | United Cities and Local Governments | Local Authority | |
| | UN ESCAP | UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | Intergovernmental | |
| Green Growth, Water Stewardship and Industry | | | | |
| 3.1 | GGGI | Global Green Growth Institute | Intergovernmental | |
| | WWF | World Wildlife Fund | NGO | |
| | AWS | Alliance for Water Stewardship | Network | |
| | | Both Ends | NGO | |
| | | K-water Institute *coordinator | Research Institute | wwf7thematic3-1@googlegroups.com |
| | WBCSD | World Business Council for Sustainable Development | Business | |
| UN ESCAP | UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | Intergovernmental | | |

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|--|------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Managing and Restoring Ecosystems for Water Services and Biodiversity | | | | |
| 3.2 | ASTEE | Association Scientifique et Technique pour l'Eau et l'Environnement | Network | wwf7thematic3-2@googlegroups.com |
| | NIER | National Institute of Environmental Research | Research Institute | |
| | | Ramsar Convention Secretariat *coordinator | Intergovernmental | |
| | MWR, China | Ministry of Water Resource, China | Governmental | |
| | | European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology, Poland | Research Institute | |
| Ensuring Water Quality from Ridge to Reef | | | | |
| 3.3 | IWRA | International Water Resources Association *coordinator | NPO, Network | wwf7thematic3-3@googlegroups.com |
| | UNEP | UN Environment Programme | Intergovernmental | |
| | WSDAC | Water for Sustainable Development and Adaptation to Climate Change (Serbia) | Research Center | |
| | KEI | Korea Environment Institute | Research Institute | |
| | NWP | Netherlands Water Partnership | NPO, Network | |
| SMART Implementation of IWRM | | | | |
| 3.4 | GWP | Global Water Partnership *co-coordinator | NGO | wwf7thematic3-4@googlegroups.com |
| | UNESCO-RSB | UNESCO Regional Science Bureau (Jakarta office) *coordinator | Intergovernmental | |
| | AWRA | American Water Resources Association | NPO, Network | |
| | NARBO/ JWA | Network of Asian River Basin Organizations/ Japan Water Agency | Network | |
| | KWRA | Korea Water Resources Association | NPO, Network | |
| | | Department of Water Affairs - Government of South Africa | Governmental | |
| Economics and Financing for Innovative Investments | | | | |
| 4.1 | ADB | Asian Development Bank *coordinator | Intergovernmental | wwf7thematic4-1@googlegroups.com |
| | AFD | Agence Française de Développement | Governmental | |
| | ISW | International Secretariat for Water | NPO | |
| | KRIHS | Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements | Research Institute | |
| | WB | The World Bank | Intergovernmental | |
| | IsDB | Islamic Development Bank | Intergovernmental | |

| Themes | Acronym | Organization | Sectoral | Contact |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Effective Governance : Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information | | | | |
| 4.2 | OECD Water Governance Initiative | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development *OECD, coordinator On behalf of Suez Environnement, Transparency International, SIWI, WIN, UNESCO IHP, INBO and ASTEE | Intergovernmental | wwf7thematic4-2@googlegroups.com |
| | | Water Youth Network | Network | |
| | | The Asan Institute for Policy Studies | Research Institute | |
| | K-water | Korea Water Resources Corporation | Public Enterprise | |
| | FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization | Intergovernmental | |
| Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water Management | | | | |
| 4.3 | INBO | International Network of Basin Organizations *coordinator | NPO, Network | wwf7thematic4-3@googlegroups.com |
| | UNECE | UN Economic Commission for Europe | Intergovernmental | |
| | IUCN | International Union for Conservation of Nature | International Organization | |
| | SIWI | Stockholm International Water Institute | Research Institute | |
| | UNESCO-IHP/ ISARM | UNESCO International Hydrological Programme/ Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management | Intergovernmental | |
| | GEF | Global Environment Facility | Intergovernmental | |
| | GCI | Green Cross International | NPO | |
| Water Cultures, Justice and Equity | | | | |
| 4.4 | UNESCO | UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization *coordinator | Intergovernmental | wwf7thematic4-4@googlegroups.com |
| | WiWP | Women for Water Partnership *co-coordinator for the "equity" component Water-Culture Institute | NPO, Network Research Institute | |
| | | | Research Institute | |
| | RIHN | Research Institute for Humanity and Nature | Research Institute | |
| Enhancing Education and Capacity Building | | | | |
| 4.5 | INWTC | International Network of Water Training Centres *coordinator | Network | wwf7thematic4-5@googlegroups.com |
| | WYPW | World Youth Parliament for Water | Network | |
| | KWF | Korea Water Forum | NPO | |
| | UNESCO-IHE | UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization | Intergovernmental | |
| | 2ie | International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering | Academic Institute | |
| | CapNet | Capacity Development in Sustainable Water Management | Network | |

*NPO(Non-Profit Organization), NGO(Non-Governmental Organization)

Appendix2 Regional Process Contact Points (Regional Coordinators)

| Region | Coordinators | Contact |
|---------------|--|--|
| Africa | Africa Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW) | worldwaterforum7_africa@googlegroups.com |
| Regions | America Comision Nacional del Agua (CONAGUA), Asociacion Nacional de Empresas de Agua y Saneamiento de Mexico (ANEAS) | worldwaterforum7_america@googlegroups.com |
| | Asia-Pacific Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), Korea Water Forum (KWF) | worldwaterforum7_asia-pacific@googlegroups.com |
| | Europe Danish Water Forum (DWF), French Water Partnership (FWP) | worldwaterforum7_europe@googlegroups.com |
| Cross-regions | Arab League of Arab States (LAS) | worldwaterforum7_arab@googlegroups.com |
| | EWI Global Water Partnership (GWP) | worldwaterforum7_ewi@googlegroups.com |
| | Mediterranean Mediterranean Institute for Water (IME), GWP-Mediterranean | worldwaterforum7_med@googlegroups.com |

Appendix3 Political Process Contact Points

| Process | Coordinators | Contact |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Parliamentarian Process | | worldwaterforum7_parliamentarian@googlegroups.com |
| Local & Regional Authorities Process | ICLEI & ICLEI Korea Office UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments) GWOPA (UN Habitat) Daegu & Gyeongbuk Development Institute | worldwaterforum7_local@googlegroups.com |