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## World Water Council: An International Multi-Stakeholder Platform for a Water Secure World



The World Water Council was established in 1996 in response to increasing concern from the global community about world water issues. Its mission is to promote awareness, build political commitment and trigger action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, to facilitate the efficient management and use of water in all its dimensions and on an environmentally sustainable basis. The WWC has been granted special consultative status by UNESCO and ECOSOC. [Read more.](#)

### WWC News

■ 25 April 2008  
**International Discussions on Water Related Disasters** - In view of increasing concern about disasters, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is organizing an international conference to mobilize stakeholders, raise public awareness, promote experience and facilitate cooperation for water related disasters. [Read more](#)

■ 4 April 2008  
**Host the 6th World Water Forum!** - Does your country wish to host the next World Water Forum in March 2012? Express your interest now as the bidding process has been launched this month by the WWC. For the next edition of the World Water Forum, the Government of any country, in collaboration with a city, are invited to demonstrate its capacity to organise such an important event. [Read article](#) or [Access full announcement](#).

■ 4 February 2008  
**30th Board of Governors Meeting**  
On 25 and 25 January, the WWC Board of Governors convened its 30th meeting in Seoul, South Korea, where a warm ambiance reigned despite the chilly temperature outside. A majority of the meeting was dedicated to discussing preparations for the 5th World Water Forum and the Governors' involvement in those activities or in the Council's other

### 5th World Water Forum

■ 21 April 2008  
**Second Regional Meeting of the 5th World Water Forum**  
Within the framework of the 5th World Water Forum regional process, more than 150 people from 6 countries gathered on 16-17 April in Sarajevo to address issues in their respective countries relating to one of the Forum themes: "Managing and Protecting Water Resources and Their Supply Systems to Meet Human and Environmental Needs". The two-day workshop meeting was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Turkey and the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The World Water Council was represented by WWC President Mr Loïc Fauchon, who gave a speech at the closing ceremony and WWC Governor Mr Hachmi Kennou who spoke at the opening ceremony. [Read more](#)

■ 25 March 2008  
**Dünya Su Günü (World Water Day) 2008** - Delegations from 38 municipalities, including the Mayors of Zaragoza, Sarajevo and Rotterdam, convened in Istanbul on 21-22 March to discuss how to give greater priority to water at the local level, in particular in view of the 5th World Water Forum, which will be held at this time next year. The main mechanism to create

### Istanbul 2009

5th Forum Website



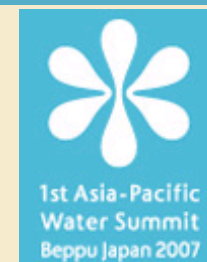
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### First Asia-Pacific Water Summit - Beppu, Japan



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■ 1 April 2008

### **Festival VidéEau - In 2008, Quebec will be hosting the world!**

The Festival VidéEau is an international competition for video clips organized by the International Secretariat for Water (ISW), in preparation for the International Water and Film Events Istanbul in 2009.

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■ 31 march 2008

### **5th World Water Forum International Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii**

Water resource professionals from around the world are expected to attend the 5th World Water Forum International Symposium, held on May 12, 2008, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Environmental & Water Resources Institute (EWRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will host the symposium. [Read article.](#)

■ 31 March 2008

### **Technical Workshop on Urban Water and Sanitation**

'Water in the City and Urban Sanitation' is the name of a technical workshop to be held next June in Paris. Within the framework of the [International Year of Sanitation](#), the Seine Normandy Water Agency will be welcoming representatives from 20 cities or organizations from Europe, Asia, Africa, Americas & Mediterranean area. [Read more](#)

■ 12 March 2008

### **First Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean -**

Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean will meet in Marseilles on 22 and 23 June 2008 to express the expectations and suggestions of the

greater commitment for water by Local Authorities is characterized by the drafting of the [Istanbul Urban Water Consensus](#), which was presented publicly for the first time during this meeting. [Read article.](#)

## Blue news

■ 23 April 2008

### **How Much Water Was Used for that Steak?**

- Adding a label to products that informs on how much water was used for the production is of great public interest, an international water conference has been told. It was during the Water Down Under Conference in Adelaide, Australia, that Economist James Hazelton argued that such disclosure would enable consumers to make informed choices about purchases. A label could also help to inform the public debate and provide an opportunity for industries to differentiate themselves while operating in a water-efficient way.

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■ 23 April 2008

**Plans for New Dam in Africa** - The World Energy Council has hosted a two-day meeting in London to discuss a plan to build the largest and most powerful hydroelectric dam in the world. The plant, that needs \$80bn in financing, would be situated in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is hoped that it will boost Africa's electricity supply by a third, but opponents doubt it will help the poorest Africans without electricity. [Read more](#)

■ 1 April 2008

### **UN Human Rights Council Moves Forward on the Right to Water and Sanitation**

Governments are bound by human rights obligations to ensure water and sanitation. This was clearly indicated by a statement made by the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva last week. Germany and Spain were among the 40 co-sponsors to adopt by consensus a new resolution that also establishes an Independent Expert on Human Rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation. [Read more](#)

■ 25 mars 2008

**Call to Compete in the 3rd Edition of FIFEN** - The third edition of the International Environmental Film Festival



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of Niamey will be held in the Nigerian Capital on 3-8 June, 2008, on the theme of “ Africa and its Knowledge: Environment and Sustainable Development.” The FIFEN festival is a partner for the pre-selection of the films which will be at the IWFE in Istanbul, 2009. the Deadline for entries is 16 May, 2008. [View flyer](#)

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