

Regional Process Commission Message from the 8th World Water Forum

The Regional Process of the 8th World Water Forum affirms the importance of the commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and recognizes the achievements made to date by countries, but stresses that the pace of progress is insufficient in many regions to accomplish the agreed targets.

The process recognizes that, different regions and countries are moving toward the Sustainable Developments Goals at different speeds and the starting points vary considerably.

In order to achieve the commitments of the agenda it is necessary to expand the investments in water in a sustainable way. Financial resources will need to be found globally and within the countries of the different regions. Mobilizing finance requires a foundation of good governance.

The challenges to achieve SDG 6 continue to increase, in part due to climate change. Climate change represents challenges seen around the globe, have varying intensities, peculiarities and effects that are observed in the regions and experienced locally.

It is also important to recognize that the development and implementation of solutions should take into account regional contexts. Enhanced regional cooperation, including through platforms, networks and regional commissions, can help to build capacity and mobilize resources to enable and



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act on the promotion of the water related SDGs, including all aspects of water security.

In the regional reports¹, the regions share best practices, lessons learned, challenges and solutions registered. In the best spirit of the 8th World Water Forum, they represent an effort to share ideas and actions on water in an environment for building sustainability, jointly with national governments, local and regional authorities, private sector and civil society.

The Regional Process commission offers the following key messages resulting from the Regional Process of the 8th World Water Forum:

- 1) Progress towards SDG 6 is not at the rate that the 2030 Agenda will be achieved;
- 2) Financing, of many types, will need to be significantly increased;
- 3) The impact of climate change may increase the difficulty of achieving the 2030 Agenda.

¹ Available in English and Portuguese at the Regional Process page: <u>http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/en/regional-process-commission</u>

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The Regional Process calls upon the international Community to take action as we move from Brasília towards Dakar 2021.

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