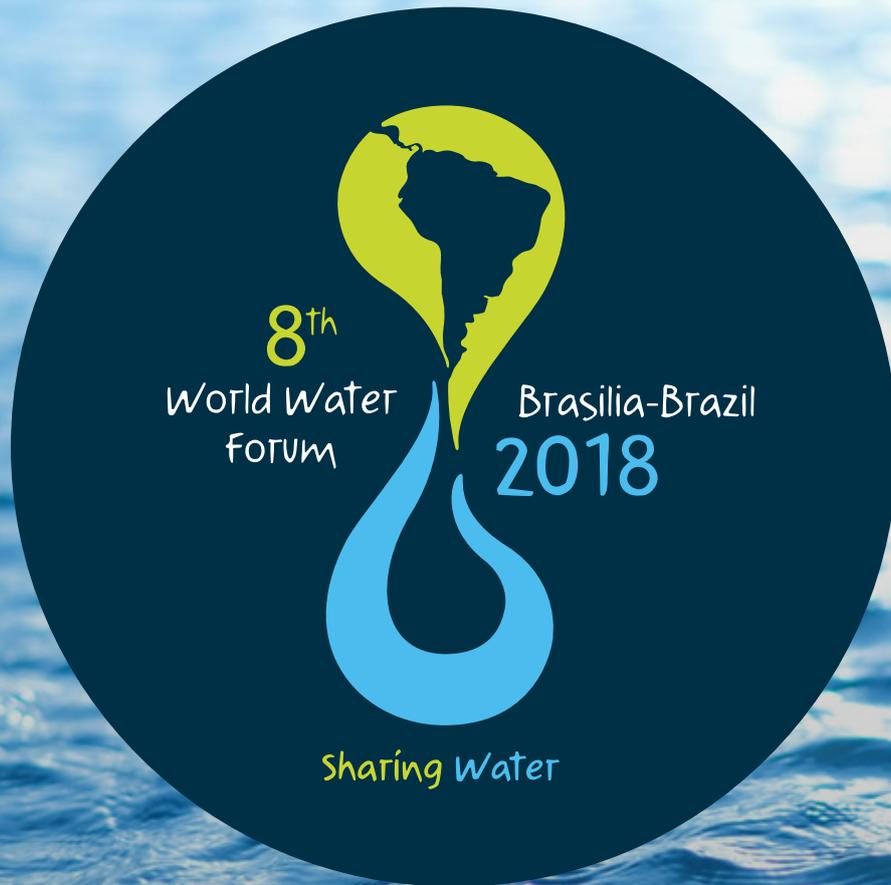


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Aloysio Nunes
Minister of
Foreign Affairs

“When establishing 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reasserted the need of an integrated approach to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions -economic, social and environmental!”

There is an increasing understanding about the importance of water not only for human survival, but also for sustainable development. A recent survey conducted by the UN indicates that more than 30% of the world population does not have access to basic sanitation and 25% is still exposed to contaminated water, despite the increase in access to treated water since the beginning of the millennium. Intensive water use by all sectors, in some countries has already outnumbered the amount of available water resources, and projections of increase in water demand in the next years bring sustainable water resource management to the center of the development agenda. Promoting sustainable water use in an integral and cross-cutting manner is one of the biggest challenges of present and future society and will require the involvement, commitment and innovative approaches of all sectors and States.

When establishing 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reasserted the need of an integrated approach to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental. SDG-6 reflects this understanding by establishing targets for overcoming cross-cutting challenges to ultimately ensure sustainable sanitation and water management and availability for all. To achieve SDG-6, we should work on several fronts, such as equal access to drinking water and basic sanitation for all; better water quality and protection and restoration of ecosystems; higher efficiency in water use by all sectors and implementation of an integrated water resource management, among others. In this road, until 2030, international cooperation, capacity building in developing countries, and the support to the participation of local communities and their strengthening will be essential.

More than ever, the dialogue between different actors is required for innovative solutions and for the mobilization of public and private actions in order to promote better water resource quality and sustainability. With the overarching theme “Sharing Water”, the 8th World Water Forum indeed proposes to foster this dialogue to promote cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and perspectives. The Exhibition Hall of the 8th World Water Forum will bring the most modern solutions and equipment and will enable business transactions and the presentation of new technologies.

This Forum edition is especially important as it will be the first Forum to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. With 20% of freshwater in the world and with one of the largest semi-arid regions in the planet, subject to chronic water crises, Brazil could not be left out of the center of this debate.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all participants to the Forum in Brasília. We make ourselves available to help obtain the best results as much as possible in the event.



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Over the last few years we have faced enormous challenges in different parts of the world regarding availability of water for human consumption, production of goods and protection of ecosystems; factors which, together with critical events of floods and droughts, which are becoming more and more frequent, has placed on the agenda of all countries water security as a key element around which we will have to find solutions that minimize the harmful effects to these countries and establish strategies of action and behavior that make life on the planet more sustainable, in their relationship with water.

Events such as the World Water Forum, now one of the most successful events in the world, are of enormous importance in this scenario. It is for this reason that at each new edition, these events have been reaching a more expressive participation.

This will not be different at the 8th World Water Forum, which will take place in Brasília, from March 18 to 23, 2018. We already have a great expectation about this event and we are sure that, as in the previous ones, the main issues related to problems we face will find an environment conducive to debate and exchange of experiences that the water theme rises.

The event, for the first time, will be held in the Southern Hemisphere which, in turn, brings up another important aspect of water issues: the Southern Hemisphere comprises half the terrestrial globe, characterized by the greater concentration of poor populations. It is expected that, while all emerging water issues are debated, it should be felt the preponderance of issues that are typical of countries most deprived of solutions.

In addition, the theme chosen for the 8th World Water Forum, "Sharing Water", represents not only an incentive for solutions that overcome political limits in the search for water issues, but, above all, a call for alternatives that bring together rich and poor countries, either from the same continents or not,

that can think globally about water issues that threaten us as a species, aiming at sharing not only water, but concepts, formulations, technologies and methodologies.

Thus, it is in this context that I call on everyone to participate in the 8th World Water Forum, in all its aspects expressed in the sessions and panels of the thematic grid, in the initiatives of Citizen Forum, Focus Group on Sustainability, Trade Show and Exhibition, and other manifestations that may be added to this great event.



José Sarney Filho
Minister of
Environment

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Rodrigo Rollemberg
Governor of the
Federal District

"... we hope to mobilize relevant actors and reach understandings that can indelibly mark a new era in water management, in a global perspective."

Bringing the World Water Forum to Brasília is an unprecedented action with capacity to generate equally unprecedented effects. The Forum is the most relevant global meeting focused on the theme, and Brasília, which has historical identification with water resources in Brazil, enthusiastically embraces an agenda that can and should be transformative worldwide, besides representing an immediate opportunity for business achievements.

Brasília was born under the sign of the new, and when looking into the future, Brasília needs to remain in the forefront. Hosting the Forum here is an opportunity for the city to reflect on its own needs and potentialities - under that same sign - but that also includes in the global agenda an innovative understanding of water management as a safe path to sustainability.

There are great international expectations about the Forum in Brasília. In the capital of Brazil, and source of waters that irrigate important Brazilian basins, we hope to mobilize relevant actors and reach understandings that can indelibly mark a new era in water management, in a global perspective.



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In 2018, the 8th World Water Forum will be held in Brasília, the Federal Capital of Brazil. It is the first time that the Forum will be held in a country in the Southern Hemisphere, in recognition of the importance of the participation of developing countries in discussions on global water resources management.

It was time for the most relevant event to world's water theme to be held in Brazil, that holds about 12% of the world's fresh water, and is the great hub of connection for all South America.

Brazil is a nation with unique characteristics that are still alive in the daily life of the various types of "Brazilians" that we recognize in this territory of continental dimensions.

The Forum is the ideal environment for local discussions to gain breadth and become global; it is where municipalities, states and countries meet to share experiences; where universities meet for the joint promotion of Science; where companies present their products and services aiming at increasing the supplying of water, both in quantity and quality, and where entities of the third sector foster and facilitate this great exchange in a horizontal way.

Divide perceptions, exchange experiences, integrate sectors and connect people to act in this global cause, which is water. Sharing Water is the central theme of this edition.

The role of all those who work in the water sector is to engage young people, making them fall in love and take ownership of all knowledge generated by a great event like this one, encouraging them to participate at once.

Share your experience, take part in the Forum, and help us make the 8th World Water Forum memorable.



Benedito Braga
Co-Chair of the 8th
World Water Forum
President of the
World Water Council

"The Forum is the ideal environment for local discussions to gain breadth and become global..."



Paulo Salles
Co-Chair of the 8th
World Water Forum

“There is no doubt that hosting the 8th World Water Forum in Brasília is a big opportunity for Brazil to learn, interact and exchange experiences...”

The world lives in a period with a lot of tension and conflict, economic imbalance, ecosystem degradation, changes that have climate changes as background, such as droughts, floods, heat and cold waves. We are learning that water is not only an environmental factor, but it also affects all human activities, evoking social, economic, cultural, institutional, political, scientific, spiritual issues, etc.

What do stakeholders from all countries have to say about water issues? Part of this answer will be discussed in Brasília, from March 18th to 23rd, 2018, during the 8th World Water Forum. In this context, the greatest commitment of the event is to place water on the top of public political priorities in all countries.

When applying for hosting the 8th World Water Forum, Brazil has proposed the overarching theme “Sharing Water”. Inspired by Law 9,433, of January 8th, 2007, the word sharing has a lot of meanings and evokes other very current concepts. In alignment with Article 1, item I – “water is a public asset” –, this theme indicates that water is an asset that must be shared with all Brazilians. Water resource management also has shared responsibility, that is, it must be decentralized and participative, having River Basin Committees as their basis. The law still ensures multiple water uses – the generated benefits must also be shared. We can keep listing other semantic aspects of “sharing” that in practice are strongly related to water, such as solidarity, fraternity and cooperation.

Because of its importance for the unification of interests and conflict solutions, if we want to develop a new culture of peace in the world, it is necessary to ensure water security and to invest in sanitation and in conditions to maintain the quality of life. In this sense, the 8th World Water Forum proposes to progress and to support the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); to promote institutional strengthening in all countries by the integration between Executive, Legislative and Judiciary bodies; to widen the dialogue between science, technology, innovation, creation and implementation processes of public policies and decision-making processes related to water; to strengthen the integrated water resource management and to ensure active and informed participation of the entire society; and to implement a wide environmental and scientific education program on water, among other actions.

There is no doubt that hosting the 8th World Water Forum in Brasília is a big opportunity for Brazil to learn, interact, exchange experiences and to contribute so that the world, in such delicate moment in history, may take a large step towards sustainability through rational water use and promotion of the culture of peace among nations!





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Introduction

Sharing Water - overarching theme of the 8th World Water Forum

The choice of the overarching theme represents the essence and the spirit that must guide the 8th World Water Forum, its preparatory events and, mostly, its benefits and outcomes.

In its core, this general theme points towards the ideas of sharing, balancing and cooperating. In this edition of the World Water Forum, "Sharing Water" is suggested within the technical, political and institutional context to share ideas among the civil society, share solutions and good practices, share benefits for water use and, more generally and widely, share actions between countries.

As this concerns water, an essential resource to mankind, to balance ecosystems in the planet and to develop nations, the thematic framework proposed for the 8th Forum also takes into consideration the global relevance of water and its relation with national, regional and local governments.

The sharing of experiences seeks to avoid continental or regional decisions and primarily aims at the exchange of experiences at a global level.

The 8th edition of the World Water Forum is a great opportunity to celebrate the cooperation and the exchange of experiences and good practices for a conscious and rational water use.



Kick-Off Meeting Main Outcomes

The Kick-Off Meeting, the first official meeting of the Forum preparatory process, works as its official opening event. It enables an initial approach to the themes to be discussed during the Forum based on interactive discussions, in addition to representing the first stakeholders consultation process.

The Kick-off Meeting is of utmost importance because its results provide valuable input to the design of the next 8th World Water Forum and to the preparatory activities regarding the Thematic, Regional, Political, Sustainability and Citizens Forum Processes.

As an opening event, holding this meeting in the earliest stage of the preparatory processes help design and develop the Forum together with water experts from around the world.

The Kick-Off Meeting of the 8th World Water Forum was held in Brasilia between June 27th and 29th, 2016. It gathered more than 700 water resource specialists and high-level representatives, including approximately 100 international participants from 60 countries.

Those figures also demonstrate the immense interest and expectations among people in South America concerning the event in 2018. All countries in South America participated in the Kick-off and almost all other countries in Latin America (16 out of 20). In terms of global institution attendance, 42% was represented by the public sector, 30% by civil society, 13% by the private sector, 7% by Academia, and 6% by the financial sector. This fact shows a global presence of all sectors and, therefore, a valuable wide communication and cooperation experience.





During three days, input was gathered from a wide range of stakeholders through facilitated discussions. During the first day, the participants were given an introduction to the World Water Forum, its characteristics and the core values of the 8th edition. After this introduction, the participants were invited to participate in breakout sessions to discuss each theme (six different rooms corresponding to six main themes). Each of the sessions was attended by 50 people in average, from more than 30 different countries. At the end of this round of discussions, the participants were invited to break into three sessions to discuss three cross-cutting issues presented. The same strong interest was reported in each breakout session. As an example, around 100 people from 17 countries took part in the “capacity” session.

During the second day, the discussions focused on the other preparatory processes - Political, Regional, Citizen’s Forum and Sustainability Focus Group, with over 100 participants in each one, with the active participation of youth and civil society, all contributing together towards the Forum’s design, implementation and effective communication. On the 3rd day, an optional program of technical field trips was made available to all participants.





2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting – Main Outcomes

Held in Brasilia between April 26th and 27th, 2017, this meeting corresponds to the second milestone of the 8th World Water Forum preparatory process. It aims at hearing stakeholders and receiving inputs and contributions to define the 8th Forum program.

The event gathered about 800 people from 51 countries, representing different sectors and institutions interested in water, and has enabled the Forum's Process Commissions to obtain input to improve their actions and adjust their strategies.

The thematic breakout sessions received almost 330 people. There were 316 individual contributions and 112 proposals for thematic sessions for the 8th Forum. It was possible to identify 70 institutions interested in coordinating thematic sessions. In addition, it was a good opportunity for the Commission to gather the theme coordinators (45 institutions) and topic coordinators (150 institutions).

The Regional Process received 132 participants from 25 countries. The goals of this process for the event were reached through individual contributions and tables discussing regional issues and experiences, which will help design the regional sessions for the 8th Forum in 2018. The kick-off of Region Americas under the coordination of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) must also be highlighted. Forty-four participants attended the event, creating an important synergy and political moment when all coordinators of sub-regions were present.





The Political Process had a very qualified attendance. It gathered a smaller number of participants (48) when compared to the other Processes, but it received 20 institutions that are extremely representative of the Political Sub-Processes, which are: Parliamentarians, National Governments, Local Authorities, and Judges. The event was very important to this Process as the coordination of sub-processes were determined and important inputs could be received.

The Sustainability Focus Group took the opportunity provided by the 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meeting to organize an important event on the previous day: the “Water Forum for Business Engagement”. This event gathered 110 representatives, most of them from the private sector, and was an important milestone to design the Sustainability Commitment Platform, which is one of the activities of the Sustainability Focus Group. As for the consultation meeting itself, the Focus Group gathered 160 participants, who discussed the eight activities proposed by the Commission in a very integrated manner. It was possible to collect important inputs on each of these activities to map new potential partners, new ideas, and suggestions of necessary resources.

The Citizen’s Forum gathered about 100 participants, divided into 10 groups, out of which 5 were dedicated to their target public: 1) Women; 2) Youth; 3) NGOs; 4) Indigenous people; and 5) River basin organisms. The other 5 groups focused on activities planned by the Commission: 6) Exhibition of environmental movies; 7) Citizen Village; 8) Preparatory events: Pre-Fora; 9) Nature-based solutions; and 10) Hydro-Café and participation in regular activities at the 8th Forum. The work groups identified 23 session proposals for the Hydro-Café and regular sessions for the Forum program. Six content criteria were identified for pre-fora. In addition, social leaderships for the Process were identified, including indigenous leaderships.

Another remarkable measure of the event was having 59 volunteers, out of which 35 were from the Federal District’s International Language Center for bilingual assistance, 10 from the selective waste collection cooperative, and 14 students from the University of Brasília, who worked as rapporteurs in the event. The support of the volunteers was extremely important and will be extended to the 8th Forum.

The engagement of preparatory commission members of the 8th Forum processes should also be emphasized. On April 25th, they promoted the “Commission’s Day”, which aimed at preparing their members for the stakeholders consultant meeting. This event mobilized 350 participants.



Processes

Thematic Process

The Thematic Process Commission is responsible for preparing the thematic program of the Forum and is composed of representatives of different groups of stakeholders.

The Commission provides guidance to the overall development of the 8th World Water Forum Program, in line with the central theme “Sharing Water”, the World Water Council (WWC) strategy approved by its General Assembly and key sub-themes in the international agenda to be determined during the preparatory process as part of stakeholders’ engagement.





The Commission also proposes thematic priorities, contributes to the definition of the preparatory and follow-up process, manages the thematic working groups, monitors progress and contributes to the planning of the Forum linked to the outcomes from previous Fora.

Multi-stakeholder input is the basic building block for this process, with great diversity being desirable. Outputs from previous Fora and various international conferences and events in the three-year period leading up to the 8th World Water Forum are used as inputs for the Forum's multi-stakeholder preparatory process.

You can check below how the Thematic Process Commission is organized:

Torkil Jonch Clausen	Chair	DHI Group
Jorge Werneck	Vice-chair	Brazilian Research Agency for Agriculture and Livestock (EMBRAPA)
Zhiguang Liu	International member	Ministry of Water Resources of China
Laila Oualkacha	International member	Ministry of Water Resources of Morocco
Mark Smith	International member	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Ana Paula Fioreze	Brazilian member	National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA)
Dirceu Reis	Brazilian member	University of Brasilia
Alceu Bittencourt	Brazilian member	Brazilian Association of Sanitation Engineering and Environment (ABES)

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Thematic Framework of the 8th World Water Forum

The thematic framework proposed for the 8th World Water Forum is in full synchrony with the overarching theme of this 8th edition – “Sharing Water”. Therefore, it focuses on the issues related to the sharing of water benefits, encouraging the exchange of solutions and good practices and, in a wider context, the cooperation between countries and institutions as to the various aspects that compose the world water agenda.

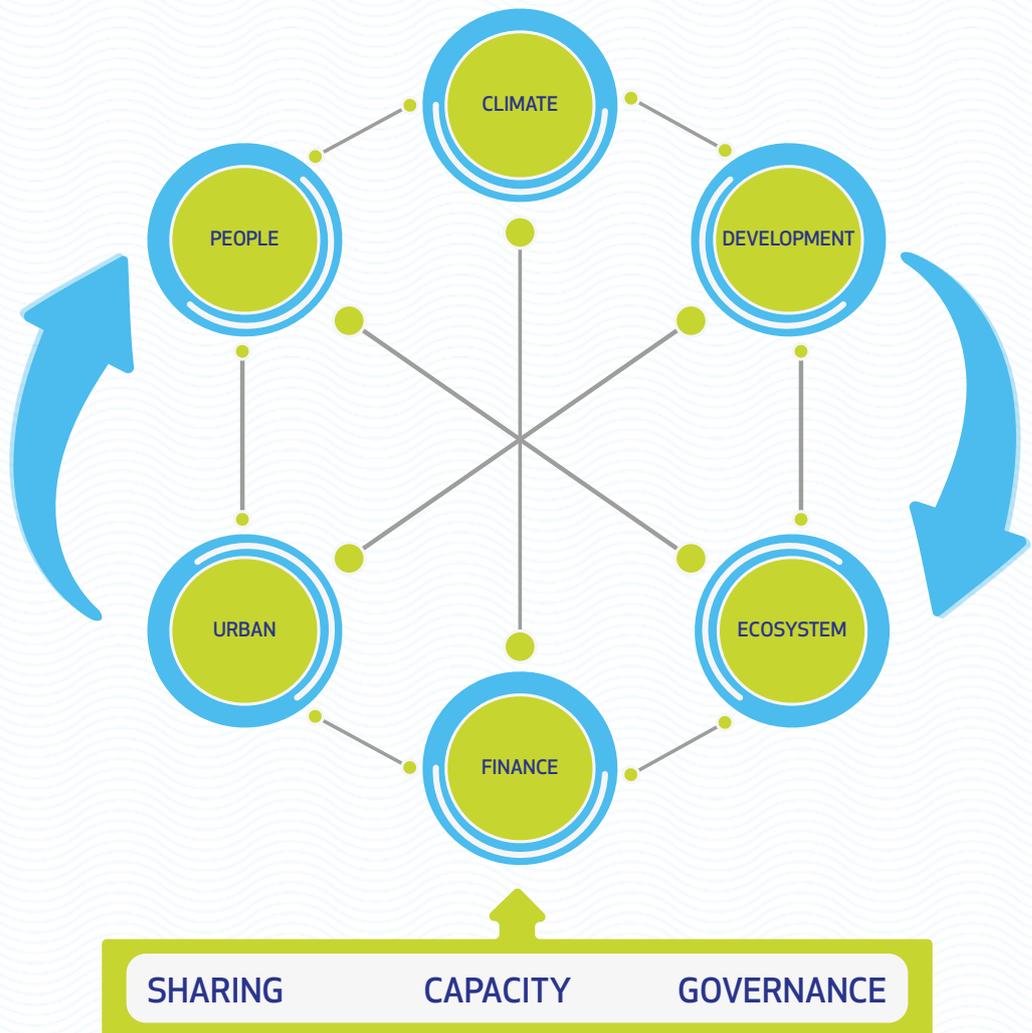
In addition, other aspects that had influence or that are intended to be contemplated in the thematic framework of this Forum edition are, in brief: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda; the sustainability aspect; the implementation roadmaps (IR) that resulted from the 16 themes of the 7th World Water Forum, in Korea; and the coordination with the other processes of the 8th Forum.

The group of participants to be targeted for thematic sessions at 8th World Water Forum is expected to include policy/decision-makers, academics, civil society, end users and practitioners from the public and private sectors, both within and outside the water sector. To determine the thematic framework of this Forum edition, the following criteria were used:

- A number of themes limited to 6, supplemented by 3 cross-cutting issues;
- For each theme and cross-cutting issue, a number of 3 or 4 topics, varying according to theme/issue and interest;
- For each cross-cutting issue, some 2-4 key cross-cutting questions will be identified to be addressed by all themes/topics;
- For each topic, a number of sessions, varying according to topic;
- Brief theme/topic/issue titles, easy to remember and refer to;
- Themes/topics/cross-cutting issues linked to 7th World Water Forum Implementation Roadmaps;
- Themes/cross-cutting issues linked to SDGs water related goals and targets;
- A number of Special Sessions and High-level Panels will be developed as well.

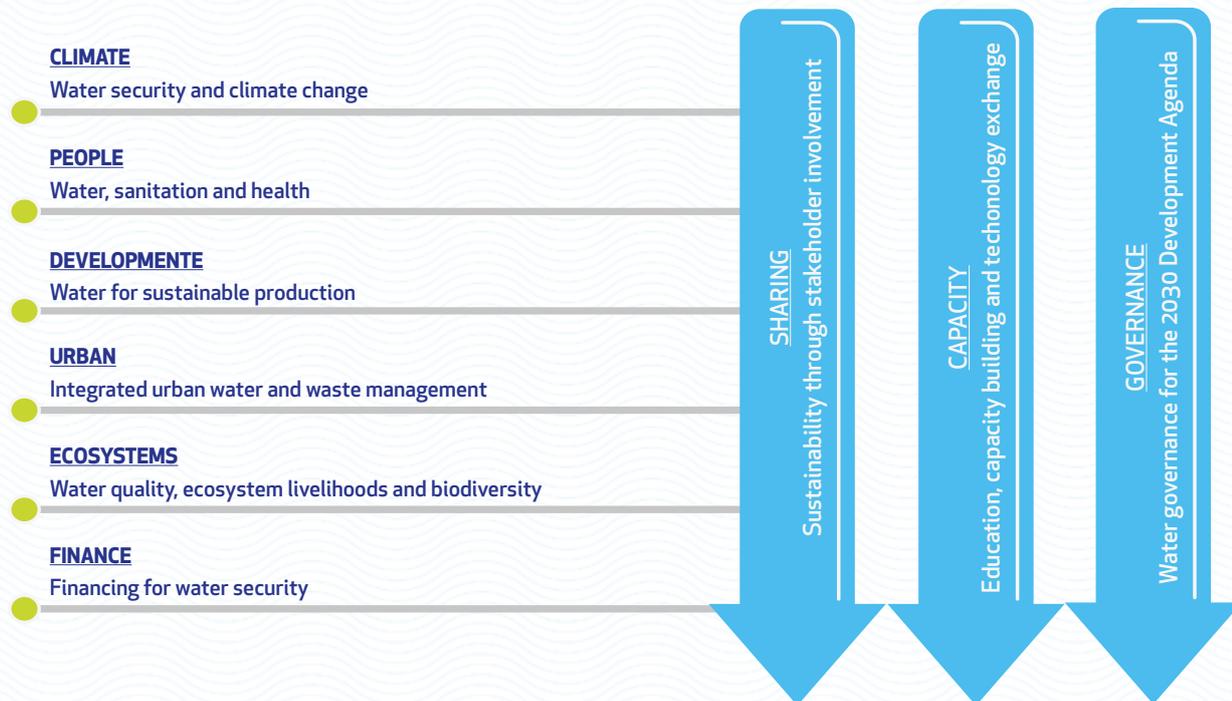


The following diagrams present the thematic framework of the 8th World Water Forum:





Main Themes and Cross-Cutting issues



Themes and Topics Selected

The themes and topics selected for this Forum edition is intimately related to the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda and the results of the 7th World Water Forum.

THEMES

1. CLIMATE – Water security and climate change (SDG links: SDG 13, SDG 11.5, COP 21-22, Sendai DRR Summit)

- a. Managing risk and uncertainty for resilience and disaster preparedness – IR 1.3
- b. Water and adaptation to climate change
- c. Water and climate change mitigation
- d. Climate science and water management: the communication between science and decision/policy making



2. PEOPLE - Water, sanitation and health (SDG links: Water targets 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.B and SDG's 1 and 3)

- a. Enough safe water for all – IR 1.1
- b. Integrated sanitation for all – IR 1.2
- c. Water and public health

3. DEVELOPMENT - Water for sustainable development (SDG links: Water target 6.4 and SDG's 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12)

- a. Water for Food - IR 2.1
- b. Water for Energy - IR 2.2
- c. Inclusive and sustainable growth, water stewardship and industry – IR 3.1
- d. Efficient use of surface water and groundwater - urban and rural
- e. Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management and services – IR 1.4

4. URBAN – Integrated urban water and waste management (SDG links: Water target 6.3 and SDG's 11 and 14, HABITAT 3)

- a. Water and cities – IR 2.3
- b. The circular economy – reduce, reuse, recycle
- c. Treatment and reuse technologies

5. ECOSYSTEMS - Water quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity (SDG links: Water targets 6.3, 6.6 and SDG 15)

- a. Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity – IR 3.2
- b. Natural and engineered hydrological systems
- c. Water and land use
- d. Ensuring water quality from ridge to reef – IR 3.3

6. FINANCE –Financing for water security (SDG link: SDG's 6 and 17)

- a. Economics and financing for innovative investments – IR 4.1
- b. Financing implementation of water-related SDGs and adaptation to climate change
- c. Finance for sustainable development – supporting water-friendly business



Cross-Cutting Issues

a. SHARING – Sustainability through stakeholder involvement (SDG link: Water target 6.b and SDG's 3, 15 and 17)

- Sharing solutions and good practices
- Involving all: public, private, civil society – women and men – young and old – in bottom up and top down approaches
- Water cultural diversity, justice and equity– IR 4.4

b. CAPACITY - Education, capacity building and technology exchange (SDG link: Water target 6.a and SDG's 4 and 17)

- Enhancing education and capacity building – IR 4.5
- Science and technology – 7th World Water Forum S&T Process
- ICT and monitoring
- International cooperation

c. GOVERNANCE - Water governance for the 2030 Development Agenda (SDG link: Water target 6.5, SDG 17)

- SMART implementation of IWRM - IR 3.4
- Cooperation for reducing conflict and improving transboundary water management – IR 4.3
- Effective governance: Enhanced political decisions, stakeholder participation and technical information – IR 4.2



Public Consultation Platform “Your Voice”

“Your Voice” platform is an innovation of this 8th edition and allows citizens from around the world with access to internet to share ideas, experiences and solutions, and make suggestions that could be included in the world’s biggest water event. This is an opportunity to share different points of view and interests to enrich the debates about water resource management in the world.

There will be three rounds of discussion. The first round started in February/2017 and received about 20 thousand visits and more than 550 contributions. The second round began in June and addressed, with the contribution of moderators, the cross-cutting issues related to different water problems. One additional round is scheduled for September. This is an opportunity for citizens from around to world, whether water experts or not, to contribute to the 8th World Water Forum.

There are six discussion rooms focusing on:

- **Climate** – water security and climate change;
- **People** – water, sanitation and health;
- **Development** – water for sustainable production;
- **Urban** – integrated urban water and waste management;
- **Ecosystems** – water quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity;
- **Finance** – financing for water security.

The “Your Voice” platform is available on the 8th Forum’s website (www.worldwaterforum8.org) in Portuguese and English. It counts with a translation tool into more than 90 languages in order to facilitate the participation of people from most countries in the world. The goal is to make this edition a plural and democratic event, in line with its overarching theme: “**Sharing Water**”.





Regional Process

The Regional Process Commission provides guidance to the regional preparation and follow-up of the World Water Forum.

The Regional Process Commission is responsible for integrating regional contributions into the Forum's program. It also encourages regions to mobilize stakeholders, to increase political commitments and to create synergies at local level. This action will support regional and national progress in water-related issues, notably through the organization of regional events.

It is the goal of the 8th World Water Forum Regional Process to not only align its activities and initiatives with the other processes of the Forum, but also to utilize the timing of this event to make progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement and other international frameworks relevant to sustainable development.

The Regional Process is supported, on an advisory basis, by the Regional Process Commission (RPC) led by a Chair and a Vice-Chair, which reports to the International Steering Committee (ISC). The structure of the Regional Process of the 8th World Water Forum is based on six larger geographic areas, and in some cases, Regions will be organized into sub-Regions:

You can check below how the Regional Process Commission is organized:

Osward Chanda	Chair	African Development Bank (AfDB)
Irani Braga Ramos	Vice-chair	Ministry of Integration of Brazil
Abdeslam Ziyad	Member	Ministry of Water Resources of Morocco
Blanca Jimenez Cisneros	Member	UNESCO
Dale Jacobson	Member	American Society of Civil Engineers
Gertjan Beekman	Member	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
Kunihiko Moriyasu	Member	Japan Water Forum
Sergio Campos	Member	Interamerican Development Bank (IADB)

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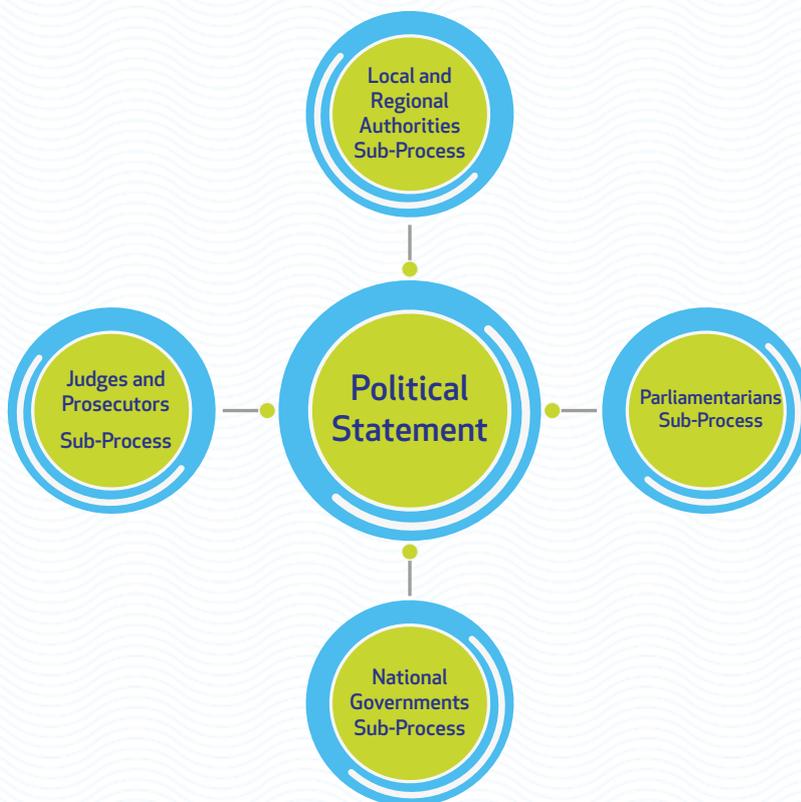


Political Process

The political process of the Forum aims at bringing together politicians, elected officials, judges and prosecutors from all over the world, responsible not only for water, environment, agriculture or energy policies, but also for finance and other domains. The intention is to create an understanding on the urgency of the implementation of positive and pro-active policies on water issues. The final goal of the Political Process is to engage the largest number of political actors to share ideas and good practices, and raise the level of political commitment towards more sustainable practices in water management across sectors at all government levels.

The Political Process has four sub-processes:

- (i) Governments;
- (ii) Parliamentarians;
- (iii) Local and Regional Authorities; and
- (iv) Judges and Prosecutors.





The goals of the Political Process Commission are:

- a.** to conceive a preparatory process in coordination with the Forum's Thematic and Regional Processes to develop the agenda for the four sub-processes sessions during the World Water Forum;
- b.** to supervise and guide the organization of the High Level Political segment, as well as the sessions of Parliamentarians, Local and Regional Authorities, and Judges and Prosecutors; and
- c.** to facilitate the negotiation of the Political Declaration of the Forum and/or other outputs of the Political Process Sub-Commissions.

These goals will be achieved through close coordination with the other processes of the Forum, especially with the Thematic and Regional Commissions, in order to set priority issues, as well as to take advantage of relevant outcomes from previous World Water Fora and of the inputs provided by participants and coordinators of each political sub-process.

You can check below how the Political Process Commission is organized:

Reinaldo Almeida Salgado	Chair	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
Andras Szöllösi-Nagy	Vice-chair	Ministry of Interior of Hungary
Sophie Auconie	International member	European Parliament
Kanupriya Harish	International member	Jal Bhagirathi Foundation
Canisius Kanangire	International member	African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)
Antônio Félix Domingues	Brazilian member	National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA)
Roberto Muniz	Brazilian member	Brazilian Parliament
Julio Cesar Baena	Brazilian member	Ministry of Environment of Brazil

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Citizen's Forum Process

The Citizen's Forum process is coordinated by the Citizen Process Commission, organized on two territorial fronts: the Americas Committee for the entire American continent and the International Committee for the other continents of the world.

The Citizen Process Commission will be focusing on Civil Society Stakeholder groups: CSOs, NGOs, local citizens, local communities, farmers, Indigenous people, women, youth representatives, social movements, artists, educators, journalists, Basins Organizations, schools, social entrepreneurs, refugees, vulnerable and isolated communities, among other actors of the 8th World Forum. It is worth mentioning that Water Basins Organizations (National Council, State Councils, and Watershed Committees) are priority organizations of the mobilization strategy for the 8th Forum, given the importance of Civil Society's participation in these strategic water management instances.

The main objective of the Citizen's Forum is to develop and stimulate actions that promote the qualified participation of the Civil Society in the discussions and activities of the 8th World Water Forum, leaving a legacy of their contributions for the management of water resources of the planet. Considering this goal, importance will be given to the mobilization and qualification before the World Water Forum 2018 based on three Lines of Action:

- I. Mobilization of representatives and institutions of Civil Society that can contribute to the 8th World Water Forum;
- II. Promotion of Water Pre-Forum;
- III. Articulation of capacity building processes to qualify participation before, during and after the event.

The Citizen's Forum is proposing three spaces to implement its activities:

- Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center, main venue of the 8th World Water Forum;
- Citizen Village, located next to Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center;
- Fair and Exhibitions, at the Mané Garrincha Stadium.



You can check below how the Citizen's Forum Commission is organized:

Lupércio Ziroldo	Chair	Brazilian Network of Basin Organizations (REBOB)
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Citizen Village

The Citizen Village will be a free controlled access space of the World Water Forum with a specific program to receive a large public for several educational, cultural, interactive, sensorial and dialogue-building activities.

The Citizen Village will be designed to include booths for experiences and solutions expositions, meeting and lectures spaces, film festival event and other artistic presentations.

The implementation of the Citizen Village converges with the other Citizen Process' activities:

- Provision of other proposals for dialogue with stakeholders at the 8th Forum;
- Cultural activities;
- Presentation of successful experiences of nature-based or community-based solutions for water use and management;
- Display of photos and audio-visual material with projection on LED Screens and online reproduction of the event;
- Gourmet space developed from sustainable processes in water use.





Sustainability Focus Group

When Brazil submitted its candidacy to host the 8th World Water Forum, it proposed the creation of a Sustainability Focus Group (SFG). According to the Brazilian proposal, the Sustainability Focus Group would be characterized as an innovative component of the main event agenda, building on Brazil's long experience with sustainable development. It would be responsible for bringing reflections on several water themes from the different society sectors (civil, business, government, students, etc.), considering the three bottom lines of sustainability (social, environmental and economic), as well as principles established by the main international agreements and broadly accepted concepts, including the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The actions proposed by this Focus Group are expected to complement the technical, political and regional approaches in a way that the 8th World Water Forum results can effectively contribute to the development and adoption of more sustainable water management models and practices by current and future generations.

The Sustainability Focus Group decided that sustainability will be promoted through five core dimensions:

- Continuity: Linking emergency response, rehabilitation and development;
- Progress: Ensuring continuity and commitments from one forum to others (especially between Fora number 7, 8 and 9);
- Scale wise: Promoting integrated water resource management at all levels: national, basin and community level;
- Sector wise: connecting the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector with other key sectors like education, energy, food and health. This dimension will also comprise transversal dimensions such as climate, partnership and finances;
- Global commitments: Through promoting and benefiting from links with international agendas and international initiatives (e.g. SDG, Paris Agreement, Climate Water Initiative, Fit for Purpose, Head of States Platform, and Habitat III).



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The Sustainability Focus Group is cross-cutting to all other processes of the 8th World Water Forum. The diagram below presents the main activities with which the Sustainability Focus Group is involved, seeking to ensure that sustainability issues are incorporated in the different processes of the 8th Forum.





You can check below how the Sustainability Focus Group is organized

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Other Components

EXPO AND FAIR

The EXPO and FAIR of the world fora have become one of the highlights of the event, not only because of their institutional representation, but also because of social participation.

During this 8th edition of the World Water Forum, the EXPO and FAIR will be located at the Brasilia National Stadium, about 500 meters away from the Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center.

About the main differences between EXPO and FAIR

EXPO

B2B
Country Pavillions
Water and sanitation companies and suppliers
Size of the booth > 72 sq.m. (recommended)

FAIR

B2B + B2C
Water and sanitation companies and suppliers
Other companies
NGOs
Size of the booths - From 18 sq.m.



Prices for Exhibitions*

	Early Bird	Standard Rate
	(by 10/31/2017)	(as of 11/01/2017)
≥ 144m ²	BRL 1,000.00 /sq.m	BRL 1,200.00 /sq.m
< 144m ²	BRL 1,150.00 /sq.m	BRL 1,380.00 /sq.m
*The price is for square meter. Additional costs are not included (energy, internet, water, for instance)		

The booth reservation includes:

- 1 exhibitor credential for each 3m² reserved, which provides access only to the fair and exhibition area, maximum of 20 exhibition credentials;
- 1 credential to access the entire event for each 9m² reserved, maximum of 10 Forum credentials.

To book a booth already equipped, please, request additional items to the Secretariat of the 8th World Water Forum.

Further information:

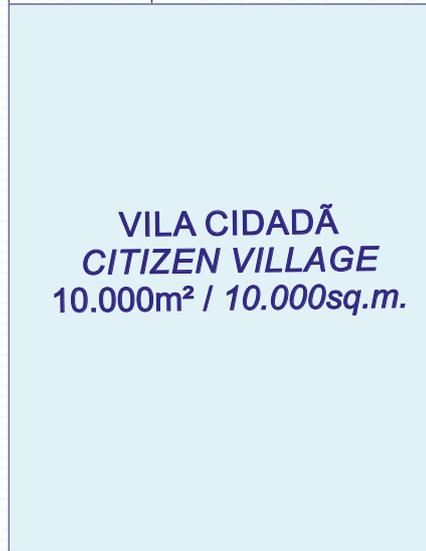
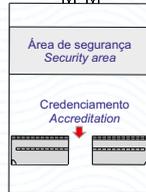
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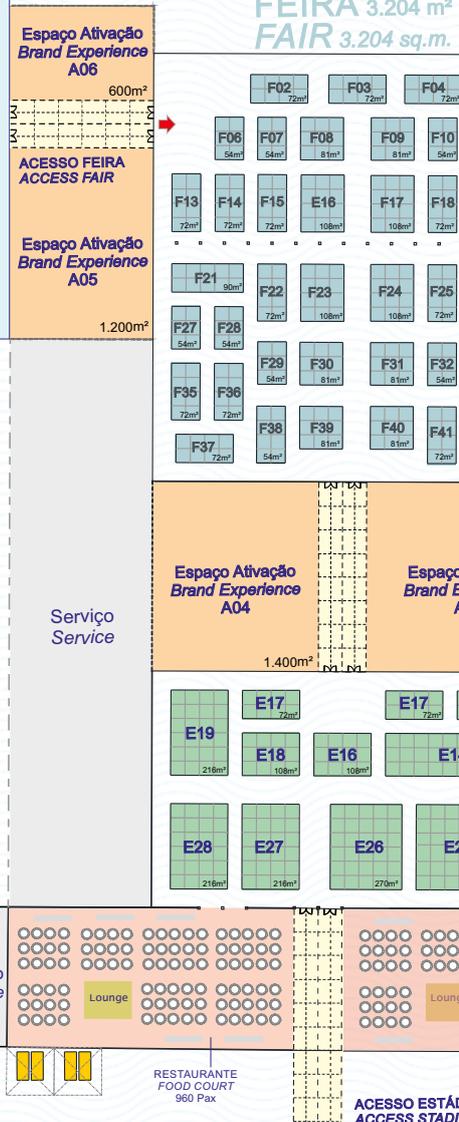


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FEIRA 3.204 m² FAIR 3.204 sq.m.



- EXPO - 28 áreas (731 blocks 9m²)
Expo - 28 areas (731 blocks 9sq.m.)
- Feira - 44 áreas (356 blocks 9m²)
Fair - 44 areas (356 blocks 9sq.m.)
- Espaço Ativação Brand Experience
- Banheiros Toilets
- Restaurante - 3.480 pax
Food Court - 3.480 pax



Brasilia National Stadium

EXHIBITION MAP





Registration

The registration system for the 8th World Water Forum will be available from September 30th, 2017 at www.worldwaterforum8.org/registration.

Registration Fee

CATEGORY		EARLY BIRD (by Nov 30 th , 2017)		STANDARD RATE (by Feb 28 th , 2018)		ON SITE RATE (March 2018)	
FORUM PASS	OECD Countries	BRL 2,275	650 €	BRL 2,625	750 €	BRL 2,975	850 €
	Other Countries	BRL 1,138	325 €	BRL 1,315	375 €	BRL 1,490	425 €
	Students	BRL 455	130 €	BRL 525	150 €	BRL 595	170 €
3-DAY PASS	OECD Countries	BRL 1,365	390 €	BRL 1,575	450 €	BRL 1,785	510 €
	Other Countries	BRL 680	195 €	BRL 790	225 €	BRL 890	255 €
	Students	BRL 280	80 €	BRL 315	90 €	BRL 350	100 €
1-DAY PASS	OECD Countries	BRL 680	195 €	BRL 790	225 €	BRL 890	255 €
	Other Countries	BRL 350	100 €	BRL 400	115 €	BRL 455	130 €
	Students	BRL 140	40 €	BRL 160	45 €	BRL 175	50 €



Useful Information

Why Brasília?

- It is the political heart of Brazil - the Presidency of the Republic, government ministries, parliament, diplomatic missions and many of the Nation's principal institutions and authorities are based in Brasilia, thereby enhancing potential for high-level participation in the event;
- Easy access – Brasilia is located at the geographical center of the country. Its airport is the Brazil's 2nd busiest and offers an array of direct and connecting flights to numerous domestic and international destinations;
- Urban amenities – easy access to event venues; exceptionally good logistical facilities for holding major events; easy mobility for participants to move between event venues. All the major points of interest (hotels, law enforcement services, shopping centers, hospitals, etc.) are located within 2 km of the event venues;
- Cultural diversity and tourism potential - Brasilia offers a number of attractions for tourists, including its renowned monumental architecture and tours to explore the unique features of this planned city. Within the surrounding area, attractions range from natural scenic beauty to manifestations of cultural, religious and mystical diversity;
- For its political importance and urbanistic, social and cultural characteristics, Brasilia is located close to the fountainhead of the three major hydrographic networks in Brazil. It meets all logistic and operational requirements to host an event with the proportion of the 8th Forum.



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Event Venues

- **The Ulysses Guimarães Conventions Center (area: 54,000 sq.m.)**

The venue for technical, political and ministerial meetings, the Ulysses Guimarães Conventions Center, inaugurated in 2005, is one of Brazil's largest and most modern convention center.

Located in central Brasilia and covering an area of 54,000 sq.m., the building has 5 auditoriums and 13 modular rooms and other areas than can be rearranged in up to 40 rooms.





- **Brasilia National Stadium (area: 218,798.09 m²)**

At a distance of 500 meters from the Ulysses Guimarães Conventions Center, the Brasilia National Stadium was designed to be a multiuse arena, and was chosen to be the venue for the Fair and Exhibition.

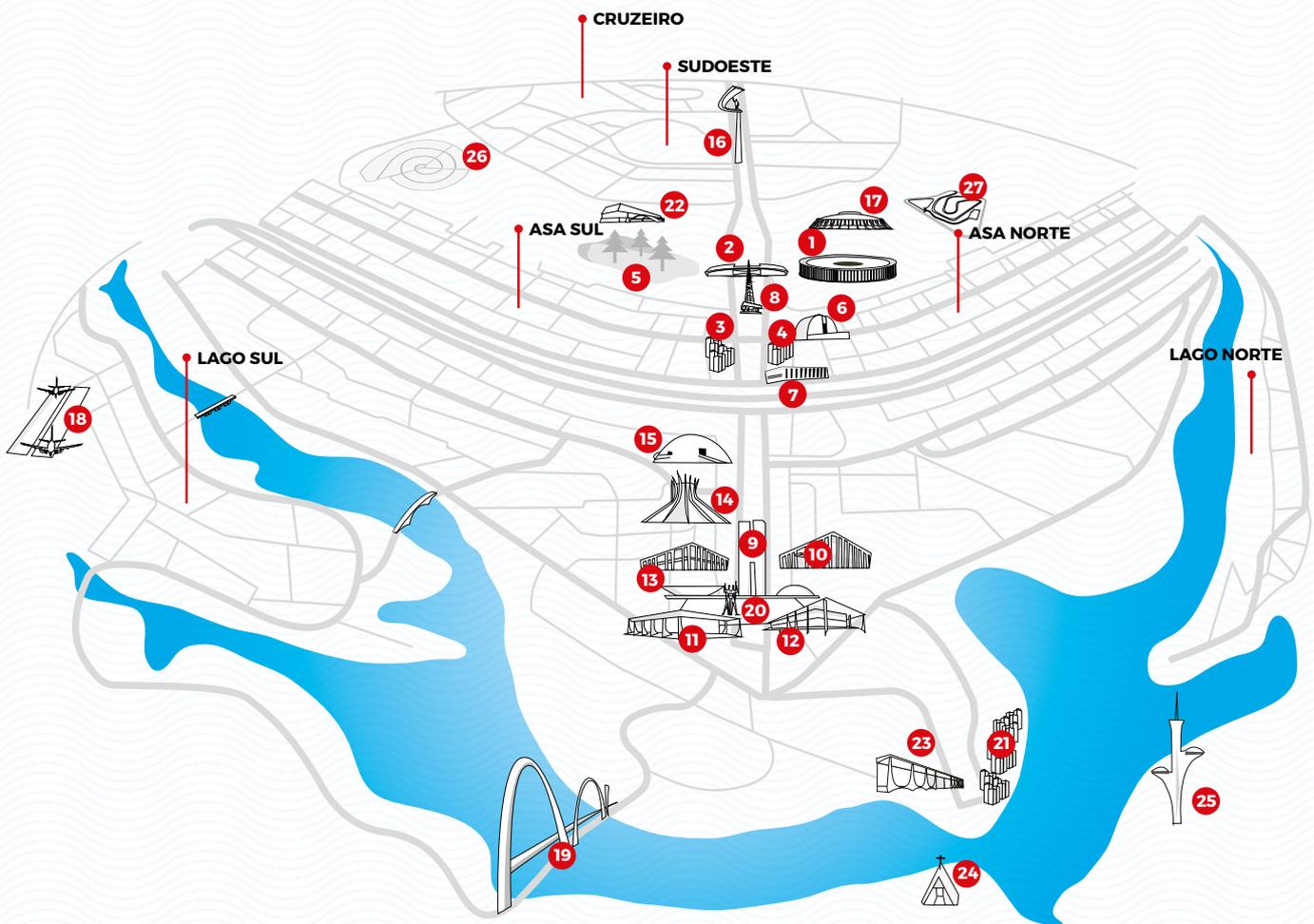
One of the main characteristics of this Stadium is an environmentally-friendly emphasis, reflected by a number of sustainability features, including minimization of energy consumption, reuse of water, use of environmentally certified and recycled building materials and furnishings, and low waste production.





Mobility between Event Venues

To ensure mobility between the Convention Center and the Brasilia National Stadium, there is a fleet of small buses or vans to provide a regular and frequent shuttle service between the venues and the north and south hotel areas. Bikes will also be available.





National Stadium



Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center



South Hotels Sector



North Hotels Sector



City Park



Brasilia Shopping



Conjunto Nacional Shopping



TV Tower



National Congress



Palace of Justice



Federal Supreme Court (STF)



Planalto Palace



Itamaraty Palace



Metropolitan Cathedral



National Museum



JK Memorial



Sports Gymnasium - Nilson Nelson



Brasilia JK International Airport



JK Bridge



Three Powers Square



North Tourism Hotels Sector



Expo Pavilion in the City Park



Alvorada Palace



Ermida Dom Bosco



Digital TV Tower



Campo da Esperança Cemetery



Nelson Piquet International Autodrome



Transportation

Located only 15 km from the heart of the City and with easy access to the city center by taxi or air-conditioned bus, Brasilia's Juscelino Kubitscheck International Airport handles a significant number of international direct flights to destinations such as Lisbon/Portugal, Lima/Peru, Montevideo/Uruguay, Atlanta and Miami/USA, and /Panama, in addition to serving as a domestic hub with connecting flights to all regions of Brazil. In terms of annual passenger flows, according to the Brazilian Airport Authority (INFRAERO), it was Brazil's 2nd busiest International Airport in 2015.

As for urban mobility, Brasilia has an efficient urban transport system comprised of dozens of bus lines, a light railway (metro), a fleet of 3,500 taxis, and a number of car-hire agencies. As the Nation's policy and decision-making center, each year, Brasilia hosts dozens of national and international events and extends hospitality to hundreds of thousands of participants.

Getting around Brasilia is easy for visitors, since almost all of the major public buildings and event venues are located close to the hotel sector and the city center.

Accommodation

The City of Brasilia has more than 50 hotels and around 11,000 hotel rooms, accounting for 20,000 beds in the central area known as Plano Piloto, most of them no further than 2 km away from the event venues suggested for the 8th World Water Forum in 2018, namely: the Ulysses Guimarães Conventions Center and the Brasilia National Stadium. Aside from these currently available hotel facilities located near the suggested event venues, an additional 1,000 rooms are under construction. Moreover, at a slightly greater distance, there are more 800 hotel rooms.

A booking system will be made available on the official website of the 8th World Water Forum.

Financial Support

The participation of representatives from less developed countries will be encouraged and supported, since many of the world's major water challenges lie in these regions. Therefore, 8th World Water Forum Participation Support Guidelines will be prepared to help ensure the presence of participants from developing countries, in accordance with previous sponsorship programs.



Participation Opportunities (Support the 8th World Water Forum)

The participation of all public and private institutions in the world's biggest water event, which will be held in Brazil for the first time, is what will make the theme a common topic to all people around the world.

To sponsor the 8th World Water Forum means to be recognized as a world leader in the water sector and in connection with other corporations, organizations and individuals.

The Commercial Guide is already available to those interested in sponsoring the event. This guide presents different categories of sponsorship, prices and associated benefits.

Come and join us

Follow the preparatory process for the 8th World Water Forum.



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Appendix

Theme and Topics Coordinators

CAPTION					
	Theme Coordination Groups (TCGs)			Topic Coordination Groups (ToCGs)	
1. CLIMATE	World Bank	ASCE/EWRI	MIE/NL	WWC	FUNCEME
Water security and climate change					
a. Managing risk and uncertainty for resilience and disaster preparedness (IR 1.3)	AOSED	ICHARM	Red Cross/ Crescent	Univ. Minho	FUNCEME
b. Water and adaptation to climate change	GVCeS - Brazil	GAWC	FWP - France	NWRC - Egypt	AWRA
c. Water and climate change mitigation	IWA	ICOLD	APRH-Paraguay	EMBRAPA	
d. Climate science and water management: the communication between science and decision/policy making	UNESCO	IWRA	US Bureau of Reclamation	ANA-Brazil	Univ. of Aveiro
2. PEOPLE	AQUAFED	BUTTERFLY	FUNASA	AYSA	CAESB
Water, sanitation and health					
a. Enough safe water for all (IR 1.1)	IHP of UNESCO	VEOLIA	M.AGRIC SENEGAL	Instituto Trata Brasil	COPASA
b. Integrated sanitation for all (IR 1.2)	Aliança pela Água (Water Alliance)	pS-EAU	SWA	SDC	ABES - Brazil
c. Water and public health	ACF	CCRH - iNDIA	ANEW - AFRICA	M.Saúde (Brasil)	CLOCSAS



3. DEVELOPMENT Water for sustainable development	FAO	K-WATER	EMBRAPA	F.AVINA	ITAIPU
a. Water for Food (IR 2.1)	GIZ	WFF-NEBRASKA	INWEPF	CNA	
b. Water for Energy (IR 2.2)	AWRA	CANAL SANTA ISABEL II	EDF	SANTO ANTÔNIO ENERGIA	IWA
c. Inclusive and sustainable growth, water stewardship and industry (IR 3.1)	Dairy Australia	FIESP	PWP - Portugal	AWC	WWF
d. Efficient use of surface water and groundwater - urban and rural	APRH-Paraguay	GEF	JWF	NGWA- USA	ADASA
e. Infrastructure for sustainable water resource management and services (IR 1.4)	IWHR-China	Pref. POA - Brazil	US Bureau of Reclamation	ICOLD	

4. URBAN Integrated urban water and waste management	IWA	SIAAP	GWP/UWH	ABES/SABESP	M.CIDADES
a. Water and cities (IR 2.3)	Nairobi CW&SC LTD	SEGETH-DF (BR)	CDHU-SP(BR)	BORDA	
b. The circular economy - reduce, reuse, recycle	COMPESA-Brazil	DANVA-Denmark	AEAS-Spain	FIRJAN-Brazil	
c. Treatment and reuse technologies	USP/CIRRA	WEF	SABESP - Brazil		



5. ECOSYSTEMS Water quality, ecosystem livelihoods and biodiversity	SWFP	RAMSAR	UnB	WWF-BR	M.INTEGRAÇÃO
a. Managing and restoring ecosystems for water services and biodiversity (IR 3.2)	CODEVASF-Brazil	TNC	IO WATER	Mountain Institute	Korean Environment Institute
b. Natural and engineered hydrological systems	UNESCO/WWAP	IUCN	UFMG-Brazil	Univ. of Athens	Instituto Terra Viva - Brazil
c. Water and land use	EMBRAPA	Dairy Australia	ADASA - Brazil	USGS - USA	E.Ponts et Chaussées - France
d. Ensuring water quality from ridge to reef (IR 3.3)	IWRA	ANA	World Bank	GEF	UFBA = Brazil

6. FINANCE Financing for water security	CAF	EFD	ICOLD	ANA-PERU	CNI
a. Economics and financing for innovative investments (IR 4.1)	ARSESP-Brazil	ADB	AZERSU - Azerbaijan	Int.Sec.for Water (ISW)	CONFEA
b. Financing implementation of water-related SDGs and adaptation to climate change	SIAAP - France	World Bank	UnB - Brazil	NWRC - Egypt	Portuguese Water Partnership (PWP)
c. Finance for sustainable development - supporting water-friendly business	FIESP - Brazil	WYPW	AMCW - Africa	UFBA	



A. SHARING Sustainability through stakeholder involvement	IIASA	UNESCO	WYN	FESAN-CHILE	FBB
Sharing solutions and good practices	CLOCSAS	NESTLÉ	ADASA - Brazil	Consórcio PCJ- Brazil	NWRC - Egypt
Involving all: public, private, civil society - women and men, young and old - in bottom up and top down approaches	Japan Water Forum	YOUTH COLLECTIVE - Brazil	WWF	Rede de Jovens por el Água (GWP)	Instituto Ipanema
Water, cultural diversity, justice and equity (IR 4.4)	NCI Indigenous - Brazil	WfWP	WYPW	RIHN - Japan	Water Cult. Inst. - USA



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B. CAPACITY Education, capacity building and technology exchange	CAP-NET	WYPW	IWRA	KWF/S&T	UFC
Enhancing education and capacity building (IR 4.5)	INWTC	UnB - Brazil	FAVELA -Brazil	Instituto ECOAR - Brazil	
Science and technology and decision/policy making - 7th World Water Forum S&T Process	IWA	KWF	FUNASA	Agroparistech	
ICT and monitoring	AKVO Foundation	UNESCO	US Geological Survey	Univ. TWENTE	ANA - Brazil
International cooperation	FESAN - Chile	GEF IW:LEARN	South African Young Water Professionals	IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education	

C. GOVERNANCE Water governance for the 2030 Development Agenda	OECD/WGI	INBO	WfWP	ANA	CONAGUA
SMART implementation of IWRM (IR 3.4)	AWRA	GWP	WWC - Task Force IWRM	Observ.Gov. Aguas - Brasil	Fund.Ag.Vale Itajai - Brazil
Cooperation for reducing conflict and improving transboundary water management (IR 4.3)	UNECE	African Network of Basin Organisations	IUCN	Autoridad Binacional Autónoma (TDPS)	ANA
Effective governance: Enhanced political decisions, stakeholder participation and technical information (IR 4.2)	OECD/WGI	PWP - Portugal	GVCes - Brazil	CNI	



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