



Istanbul 2009
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BRIDGING DIVIDES FOR WATER

5th World Water Forum: “Bridging Divides for Water”

15-22 March 2009

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Where: Istanbul, Turkey

- A history rich in water resources, culture and technology
- A region where the dialogue and interaction are more needed for peace and prosperity)
- At the crossroads between East and West, North and South, Europe and Asia, developed and developing countries





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What: Over-arching theme: "Bridging Divides for Water"

Creating enhanced understanding and improved
information exchange amongst:

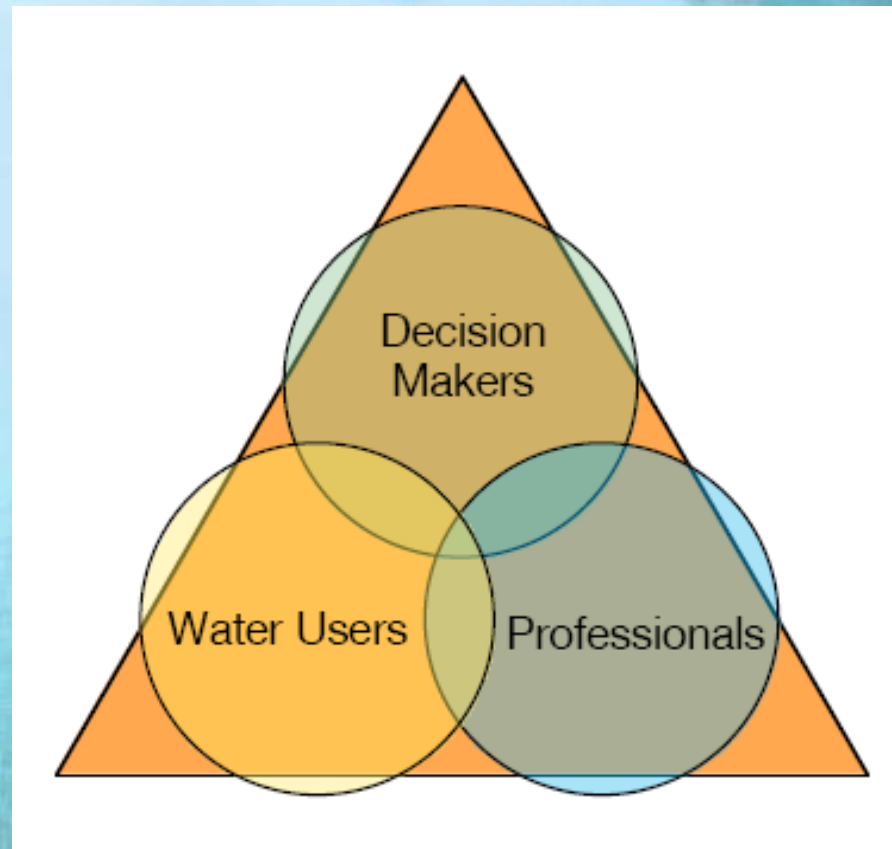
- Water users, decision makers, practitioners
- Local, regional and global levels
- Youth and experienced generations
- stakeholders inside and outside the water sector
(health, climate, population dynamics...)
- Thematic and Political issues





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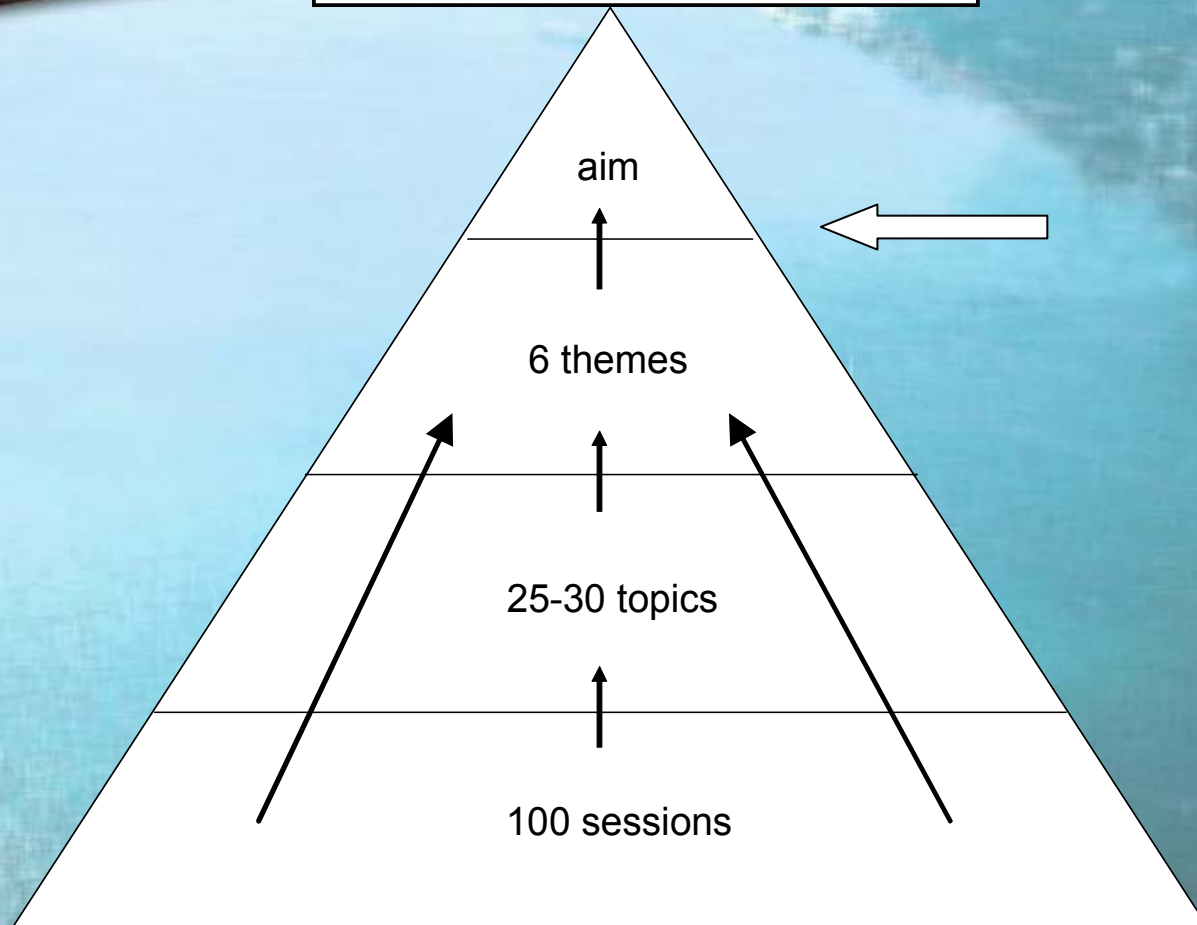




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Programme Framework: 6 main themes

Providing Water for Sustainable Development:

- ◆ Global Changes & Risk Management
- ◆ Advancing Human Development and the MDGs
- ◆ Managing and protecting water resources and their supply systems to meet human and environmental needs

Enabling Mechanisms for Development

- ◆ Governance and management
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building

Ends

Means





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Other Forum Components:

- Regional processes
- Panels
- Fair & Expo
- “Open” segment
- Social & Cultural Event
- Side Events





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How will it be organised? 3 Committees and Working Groups

Programme
Committee



Preparation of overall framework, definition of major themes, design and monitoring of preparatory processes, implementation of specific programmes

Political
Process
Committee



Design of the process and its linkages with the programme, involvement of political groups, preparation of substance for decision makers

Communication
Committee



Design of communication & marketing strategy and tools, involvement of communication officers of water community organisations

Each Committee reports to the International Steering Committee.





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The World Water Forum is the main water-related event in the world, aimed at putting water firmly on the international agenda. A stepping stone towards global collaboration on water problems, the Forum offers the water community and

policy-and-decision-makers from all over the world the unique opportunity to

come together to create links, debate and attempts to find solutions to achieve water security.

The 5th World Water Forum will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 15 to 22 March 2009.

► 28 May 2007

ISC members converge in Istanbul

On 19 and 20 May, the inaugural meeting of the 5th Forum International Steering Committee (ISC) was convened by Prof. Veysel Eroglu and Mr. Loic Fauchon. In addition to the ISC members; representatives from DSI, the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality and the WWC gathered to discuss issues related to the organisation of the 5th Forum over the coming two years. [Read full article.](#)



► 20 March 2007

Getting the messages out: Communicators unite for the cause of water

During the 5th World Water Forum kick-off meeting in Istanbul (19-20 March), water communicators from leading water organizations and institutions came together to discuss the future of water in communications. The kick-off meeting provided an excellent opportunity for communication professionals to explore and learn about each others' work, priorities, and strategies. The opportunity was seized to jointly devise clear messages for the 5th Forum, in line with the 2009 Forum Message "Bridging Divides for Water". [Read full article.](#)

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