

# **XVI World Water Congress Opening Ceremony**

*Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Gran Cancun Room  
9:30am – 12:20pm*

## **Inauguration session**

- **Opening by the Congress co-chairs**
  - Mr. Patrick Lavarde, President, IWRA
  - Mr. Roberto Ramírez de la Parra, Director General, CONAGUA
  - Mr. Ramon Aguirre, President, ANEAS
- **Welcome speeches**
  - Mr. Remberto Estrada Barba, Mayor, City of Cancun (tbc)
  - Mr. Carlos Joaquin Gonzalez, Governor, Quintana Roo (tbc)
  - H.E. Mr. Rafael Pacchiano Alaman, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico (tbc)

## **Keynotes session**

- H.E. Mr. Benedito Braga, President, World Water Council & State Secretary, Sao Paulo State, Brazil
- H.E. Mr. Guihua Lu, Vice-Minister for Water Resources, People's Republic of China
- H.E. Mr. Diene Faye, State Secretary for Hydraulics, Senegal
- Mr. Haksoo Lee, President, Asia Water Council
- Mr. Tony Slatyer, Special Adviser on Water, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- Mr. Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute
- Mr. Paulo Salles, Co-Chair, 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

## **Closing remarks and Congress introduction**

- Mr. Gabriel Eckstein, Chair, XVI World Water Congress International Scientific Committee