



XVIII World Water Congress

International Water Resources Association (IWRA)
Beijing, China | September 11-15, 2023

**Water for All: Harmony between
Humans and Nature**



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*International
Water Resources
Association*



中国水利
CHINA WATER

Sub-themes

Sub-theme 1

Water-Human-Economy-Ecology Nexus
under a Changing Environment

Sub-theme 2

Promoting Water Efficiency,
Productivity and Services

Sub-theme 3

Building Resilience for Disaster
Prevention and Mitigation

Sub-theme 4

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystem
Health and Functions

Sub-theme 5

Establishing Sustainable Water
Infrastructures

Sub-theme 6

Innovation for Water
Governance and Management

Programme Highlights

- **4 High Level Panels**
 - Water-Economy–Ecology nexus under a changing environment
 - Resilient Water Infrastructures and Global Water security
 - Water Resources Management and Best Practices
 - Water Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration
- **73 Special Sessions**
 - IWRA, UNESCO, WWF, ADB, GWP, INBO, TNC, IAWL, SUEZ...
- **36 Regular Thematic Sessions**
 - including **424 Oral Presentations**
- **479 Posters**
- **13 Side Events**
 - WWC, GWP, ADB, AWC, IHP China National Committee, MWR...
- **15,000 m² of exhibition space**
- **Approx. 2,000 participants**
- **Over 65 countries represented**

Overall Programme

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sept 11th	Sept 12th	Sept 13th	Sept 14th	Sept 15th
Morning	Opening Ceremony Awards Ceremony	Plenary Sessions (High Level Panels)			IWRA General Assembly
	High Level Panel	Regular Thematic Sessions / Special Sessions / Side Events			Closing Ceremony
Noon	Lunch				
Afternoon	Regular Thematic Sessions / Special Sessions / Side Events				
Evening	Welcome Reception		Gala Dinner		
All Day	Exhibitions and Posters				

Board and Networking Highlights

- **Welcome Reception**
(11th Sept) – 19:00-20:30 – Outside Lawn, East Side of GUOCE.
- **President's Dinner** *(for Gold Members / Board / Invited Partners)*
(12th Sept) – 19:00-21:00 – Blues Room, 3rd Floor, GUOCE.
- **Gala Dinner**
(13th Sept) – 18:00-20:00 – Banqueting Hall, GUOCE. *(Dress code: Business Smart)*
- **General Assembly**
(15th Sept) – 09:00-10:00 – Room 7, GUOCE.
- **Board Field Trip to the Great Wall of China**
(15th Sept) – Departing by 14:00 – *details to follow (wear comfortable walking shoes)*

Some Highlighted Speakers



Li Junhua

United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs



Loïc Fauchon

President of the World Water Council



Shahbaz Khan

Director of the UNESCO Office in Beijing and UNESCO Representative to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea



Jia Jinsheng

Hon. President of International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), Vice President of Chinese National Committee on Large Dams (CHINCOLD), Deputy Director of State Key Laboratory of Simulation and Regulation of Water Cycle in River Basin of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR)



Abou Amani

Director of the Division of Water Sciences, Secretary of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO



Zhang Fan

Lead Economist and Global Lead for Water, Economy, and Climate Change, World Bank



Joseph Hun-wei Lee

President and Chair Professor of the Macau University of Science and Technology, President of the International Association for Hydro-environment Engineering and Research (IAHR), Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences



Anoulak Kittikhoun

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat



Peng Jing

President of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR)



Li Yuanyuan

President of IWRA, Vice President of the General Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design, Ministry of Water Resources of China



ASIT K. BISWAS

Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Glasgow, UK



Xia Jun

Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Chair Professor & Director, The Research Institute for Water Security (RIWS), Wuhan University



Kang Shaozhong

Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, Director of State Key Laboratory of Efficient Utilization of Agricultural Water Resources



Lu Yonglong

Chair Professor of Xiamen University and the Dean of College of the Environment and Ecology, Elected Fellow of TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences), Foreign member of Academia Europaea (AE) and Russian Academy of Science, Elected fellow of International Science Council



Benito Braga

Honorary President of World Water Council



Wang Dianchang

Director of Yangtze Eco-Environment Engineering Research Center, Board Chairman of Yangtze Ecology and Environment Co.,Ltd



Tony Yau

Director of Water Supplies, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong



Mikio Ishiwatari

Visiting Professor of the University of Tokyo, Senior Advisor of Japan International Cooperation Agency, Board Director of Japan Water Forum



Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo

Deputy Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)



LI Lifeng

Director of Land and Water Division Food Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)



Thomas Panella

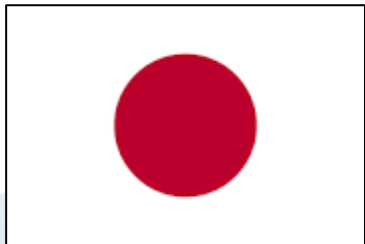
Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Sector Office, Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Francois Fevrier

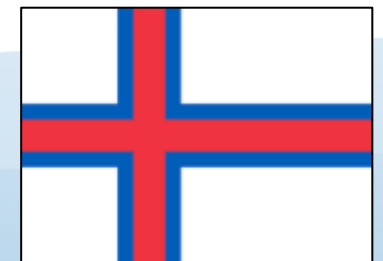
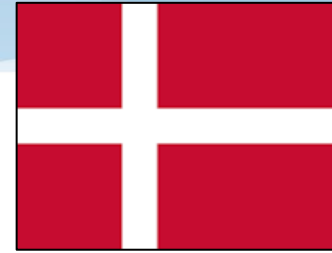
CEO Water and Recycling & Recovery, SUEZ ASIA

High Level Delegations from:



- China
- Cambodia
- Denmark
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Senegal
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Uzbekistan
- Zambia

and more...



Some Highlighted Organisations:



and many more...



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