

SELECTION OF THE HOST CITY AND COUNTRY OF THE 8TH WORLD WATER FORUM

World Water Council Governors elected today the city of Brasilia and Brazil as 2018 Forum's hosts

Marseille, France/Gyeongju, Korea, 26 February, 2014- This Wednesday, during its 51st Board of Governors meeting, the World Water Council selected the city of Brasilia and the country of Brazil to welcome the 8th World Water Forum in 2018.

The selection followed a rigorous evaluation process of the candidates and ended with a final vote of the Governors. The World Water Forum is the world's largest water event that aims to put water firmly on the global agenda. It gathers every three years international organizations, political leaders, parliamentarians and mayors, representatives of civil society, water professionals and scientists.

"Beyond Brazilian outstanding commitment to water issues and its visionary theme of 'Sharing Water', the proposal calls on all stakeholders and partners to ensure continuity with previous editions of the World Water Forum and the full involvement of the World Water Council Governors in the definition of the Forum." said the President of the World Water Council, Benedito Braga, who also expressed his wish for continuous and solid collaboration with Copenhagen and Denmark.

The vote remains "conditional" upon the signature of an agreement between the World Water Council and the hosts of the 8th Forum, so as to specify the terms of their agreement.

This 51st World Water Council Board of Governors/vote precedes the Second Stakeholders Consultation Meeting in the run-up to the 7th World Water Forum - Daegu and Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 12-17 April 2015.

About the World Water Council

The World Water Council is an international organization that aims at promoting awareness, building political commitment and triggering action on critical water issues by bringing people together, through active hydro-politics, and serving as linkage between stakeholders and decision-makers. The World Water Council, which has its headquarters in Marseille, France, brings together around 300 organizations from more than 50 different countries. Follow us on: www.worldwatercouncil.org / facebook.com/worldwatercouncil / twitter.com/wwatercouncil

About the World Water Forum

Every three years, the World Water Council organizes the World Water Forum in close collaboration with the authorities of the host country. It is the largest international event which seeks to advance the cause of water. Serving as a stepping-stone towards global collaboration on water challenges, the Forum is a unique platform where the water community and the policy and decision makers from all regions of the world can work together to create joint solutions. Stakeholders from more than 140 countries attended the latest edition. The Council catalyzes

collective action in between each World Water Forum and guarantees continuity and success from one edition to another.

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