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### BREAKING NEWS

#### September 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 Kick-off event for the launching of the Swiss Water Partnership.

More than 80 persons from various stakeholders groups (public and private sectors, research, NGOs) and active in the international water sector gathered on that day to discuss their interests and motivations to the launching of a Swiss Water Partnership. As an introduction, two different existing water partnerships were presented: the French one (focus on political aspects) and the Dutch one (focus on business). Discussions went on possible scope and objectives of the Swiss Water Partnership, as well as its governance. An important issue raised was that of common values shared by all stakeholders (e.g. solidarity). Next steps include i) a meeting for all stakeholders willing to have a common stand during the World Water Forum 2012 in Marseille, ii) reviewing and integrating feedbacks into the draft of charter and iii) drafting the governance structure (including Terms of reference for a tender regarding a light secretariat). *For more information see:* <http://www.swisswaterpartnership.ch/en/Home/meetings>

#### 6<sup>th</sup> RWSN Forum, Kampala- Uganda: a new Forum website

The RWSN Forum is the rural water supply event that takes place every three to four years. The Ministry of Water and Environment, Kampala, Uganda will host the forum, under the theme Rural Water Supply in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Myths of the Past, Visions for the Future. 300 to 500 participants from all over the world are expected. The Forum has now its new website with the latest information available: <http://rwsnforum.wordpress.com/>

#### World Water Week closes with 'Stockholm Statement' to the Rio+20 conference

The 'Stockholm Statement' calls on leadership at all levels of government that will participate at the Rio+20 Summit (4-6 June 2012) to commit to achieving "universal provisioning of safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and modern energy services by the year 2030" and to adopt intervening targets to increase efficiency in the management of water, energy and food. [Download here](#)

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### CURRENT TOPICS

#### Facing a global water crisis! - SDC factsheet now in five languages

This factsheet, developed for the various events in 2010 presenting the achievements of Swiss development Cooperation in the water sector for varied audiences, provides a short overview about the current water sector challenges and Switzerland's activities to tackle them. Next to German, French and Italian, the factsheet is now also available in English and Spanish. *For downloading, see* [http://www.sdc-water.ch/en/Home/About\\_us](http://www.sdc-water.ch/en/Home/About_us).

#### Waste Water – A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge

The tragic loss of 37 children due to a cholera epidemic prompted the community of San José Las Flores to take action and tackle the sewage problem in their village. Thanks to its own initiative, and with support from SDC, San José Las Flores became one of the first villages not only in El Salvador but also in Central America to implement an innovative, sustainable and environmentally sound solution to the disposal and treatment of its domestic wastewater. In doing so, the village has pointed the way in how to improve health and quality of life of its residents. *Vision the video "Waste Water – A 21st Century Challenge" in English*

([http://www.sdc-water.ch/en/Home/Info\\_media\\_center/Videos/Waste\\_Water\\_A\\_21st\\_Century\\_Challenge](http://www.sdc-water.ch/en/Home/Info_media_center/Videos/Waste_Water_A_21st_Century_Challenge)), French ([http://www.deza.admin.ch/fr/Accueil/Documentation/Videos/Les\\_eaux\\_usees\\_au\\_Salvador](http://www.deza.admin.ch/fr/Accueil/Documentation/Videos/Les_eaux_usees_au_Salvador)) or German ([http://www.deza.admin.ch/de/Home/Dokumentation/Videos/Abwasser\\_in\\_El\\_Salvador](http://www.deza.admin.ch/de/Home/Dokumentation/Videos/Abwasser_in_El_Salvador)).

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## INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

### **Increase in Swiss official development assistance: latest information on how it is used**

End of September 2011, 53 new projects have been approved within the framework of the additional credit for water and sanitation; altogether they represent an over 143 million CHF commitment, which fall under the following categories: global commitments (20%), bilateral commitment in Latin America (23%), Africa (28%) and Asia (29%). Within the recently approved projects, there are important projects that aim direct at an improvement of the access to water and sanitation (Nicaragua, Honduras, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Lebanon), as well as projects targeting the strengthening of the management institutions of the big watersheds (Mekong) or developing promising approaches regarding hydro-diplomacy in the Nil watershed. The additional water credit also allowed innovative initiatives such as the implementing of a broad program to upscale the principle of payments for environmental services in the watersheds and the launching of a pilot project, in collaboration with several Swiss Universities, regarding the development of "low cost high-technologies solutions" for the management of the water resources.

### **SDC Water Portfolio 2009/2010**

Since 2005, SDC is analysing its portfolio. Regarding 2009/2010 (latest update), the annual expenditure of SDC in "Water" was approximately 68 million CHF. This includes contributions to NGOs, support to the multilateral context and bilateral contributions. The analysis of the bilateral expenditure in "Water" is summarized in the SDC Water Portfolio 2009/2010. The Portfolio shows the focus of expenditure in terms of regional focus, intervention level, support approach in terms of infrastructure and software but also within the four areas of water uses over the past 5 years.

The SDC Water portfolio 2009/2010 is available for [download here](#).

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## HEADQUARTER FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

### **Sustainable Sanitation and Water Management (SSWM) Toolbox**

Co-financed by SDC, the first version of the SSWM toolbox went online in Nov. 2010 at [www.sswm.info](http://www.sswm.info). It's a free (open source) integrative tool for capacity development on the local level, linking up sustainable sanitation, water management & agriculture. Since then, the toolbox has been completed with additional contents. The main homepage was re-designed, a news-section added, the layout improved and the overall friendliness was improved. Different entry-paths (short-cuts on the main homepage) were created in order to facilitate the access for decision makers, practitioners and foreducation and media people. An important milestone achieved recently is the successful launch of the Train.the-Trainer section and of an offline version which fits on a 4GB USB key or even on a DVD. The toolbox has been advertised in a number of newsletters, websites and universities repeatedly and its use is monitored by a web-based analytical tool and personal user feedback (via email). The overall feedback has been highly positive; uses of the website have been increasing steadily. In July, the SSWM Toolbox has been presented and discussed at the 13<sup>th</sup> SuSanA meeting (July 16-17<sup>th</sup>) and it was advertised in a booth at AfricaSan3 in Kigali, Rwanda (July 18-21<sup>st</sup>). On August 2<sup>nd</sup> was reached a new all-time high of visitors of the SSWM Homesite: 540 users on one day!

### **SDC SuizAgua pilot project, Colombia & Development of the Water Footprint**

The innovative SuizAgua pilot project in Colombia consists in a partnership between four Swiss companies (Nestlé, Holcim, Clariant, Syngenta) with operations in Colombia, and the SDC, with support from public and private entities. The project aims at reducing the water footprint of these companies in Colombia. In May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the private sector, researchers and key stakeholders from the water sector gathered in Medellín for an international workshop on Water Footprint. The objectives of this workshop were to present the first results of the SuizAgua project and to transfer the know-how to the "Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia" (Clean Production Center), a small NGO based in Columbia which will scale-up the initiative to the private sector in Colombia. The main achievements were the huge participation from the private sector, universities, NGOs and authorities, who showed huge interest and engagement for scaling-up, as well as the demand to the application of the initiative in a watershed. The minutes of the workshop are available in Spanish on the website of the "Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia": [Memorias del Seminario Internacional de Huella Hídrica](#)

For further information on the SuizAgua pilot project see: <http://www.suizaguacolombia.net/>

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## IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

### **Ukrainian partners of the DESPRO project on a study visit to Switzerland**

Skat organised and led a Study Tour to Switzerland with the aim of giving project partners from the Ukraine the opportunity to learn about Swiss expertise on efficient and effective decentralised water supply systems. The Ukrainian delegation included private entrepreneurs, representatives of water cooperatives, village heads, and implementing partners of the regional and district governments. The study tour started with an in-depth introduction to the Swiss Federal Political System led by Prof. Eva Belser from the Institute of Federalism, Fribourg. Her presentation addressed the Swiss legal framework for water supply and services provision. The tour included visits to various water supply organisations, technical units, groundwater and lake pumping-stations and water reservoirs and gave participants eye-opening insights on decentralised water supply solutions such as: water catchment and treatment technologies; means for calculating water tariffs and for managing water bills; as well as distribution of responsibilities of water providers vis-à-vis the municipality and regional government and the functioning of inter-municipal water associations.

*More about the study tour and the DESPRO can be found at <http://despro.org.ua/en/news/news/117>*

### **SDC Central Asia Water Team Days 2011**

Based on the idea and outcomes of the SDC Water Team Days 2011 held June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> in Bern, the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tashkent is hosting on October 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> 2011 the first ever SDC Central Asia Water Team Days – a face-to-face event of the RésEAU's regional chapter in Central Asia. Water sector practitioners from the SDC Cooperation Offices, projects and implementing partners in the region will exchange and reflect together about good practices and lessons learnt of water for people and water for food projects in the field. Apart from sharing knowledge, the aim of the event is to build up and push an active regional community of practice / network of SDC and partners in the water sector and to trigger continued exchange and information sharing among its members beyond the F2F meeting. *For further information, please contact [olivier.magnin@sdc.net](mailto:olivier.magnin@sdc.net).*

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## KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### **WSSCC, Hygiene and Sanitation software, an overview of approaches**

This document describes the various hygiene and sanitation 'software' approaches that have been deployed over the last 40 years by NGOs, development agencies, national and local governments in all types of settings – urban, informal-urban and rural. The purposes of this document are to clarify some of the confusion in the sector about the terminology and language used and provide a 'ready reference' or introduction to some of the more commonly-used approaches. [Download the document here](#)

### **UNU-INWEH, 2010. Sanitation as a key to global health: voices from the field**

In October 2008 the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health invited international representatives from NGOs, government, academia and the UN to a meeting to discuss barriers and to identify breakthroughs to providing sanitation for all. This document has been compiled to summarize these discussions, place them within the current global context, illustrate them with stories from the field and provide recommendations for addressing the global sanitation crisis. See [Document](#)

### **GWP, 2011. Social Equity and Integrated Water Resource Management**

Social equity is the least understood of the 4 E's (equity, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability) of IWRM. This background paper (1,2MB) sets out an overarching framework for the analysis of equity in the context of water development and management. It is intended to support decision makers in designing policies, interventions, and programs aimed at the equitable distribution of benefits from water resources. [Download pdf here](#)

### **WSP, 2011**

- **Economic impacts of poor sanitation in Africa: Mozambique, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Ghana** (available in French: Madagascar, Benin, Niger, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso) [download here](#)
- **Introductory Guide to Sanitation Marketing.** The guide highlights the key components of any sanitation marketing program: conducting formative research, developing a strategy based on the four Ps of marketing (product, place, price and promotion), developing a communication campaign with the assistance of an advertising agency and finally exploring roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders. [pdf](#)

### **WHO, 2011. Guidelines for drinking water quality, 4<sup>th</sup> edition**

The drinking-water guidelines are the product of systematic revisions over more than five years of extensive consultation with hundreds of experts. This 4th edition expands on key concepts like health-based targets

and water safety planning; presents new risk assessments on microbial, chemical and radiological hazards, and addresses emerging issues of public concern like pharmaceuticals in drinking-water. [Download pdf here](#)

### **UNICEF WASH in schools**

<http://www.unicef.org/wash/schools/> (under Resources)

- **The WASH in schools monitoring package (2011):** This package is designed to help address the WASH in Schools monitoring deficit at the national level. It is designed as a resource for WASH and Education professionals and practitioners to strengthen national monitoring systems and to improve the quality of monitoring at the project level. The package is composed of 3 modules: 1) The EMIS module: a set of basic monitoring questions on WASH in Schools to be incorporated into national Education Monitoring Information Systems (EMIS), usually administered annually; 2) The survey module: a more comprehensive set of questions, observations and focus group discussion guidelines for use in national WASH in Schools surveys as well as for sub-national, project level or thematic surveys; 3) The children's monitoring module: a teacher's guide and tool set for the monitoring of WASH in Schools by students, including observation checklists, survey question.
- **Raising Clean hands, Call for action WASH in schools advocacy package (2010):** This advocacy pack has been developed to inform and support practitioners in planning and conducting their own advocacy activities for raising the profile of WASH in Schools in their country or region in parallel with global advocacy efforts.

### **WEDC, 2011. Inclusive design of school latrines. How much does it cost and who benefits**

Children with disabilities are recognised as one of the groups least likely to be enrolled in school. Many of these children could participate in education if the school environment was accessible and proper sanitation facilities are provided. Yet, school planning and construction rarely consider issues of accessibility and barrierfree design, either because of lack of awareness, or because of a perception that it must be expensive. Inclusive design means a user-friendly, child-friendly design, which benefits all users, including adolescent girls, small children, and children who are sick. This briefing note gives examples for well designed latrines, considering factors such as location, distance and approach path affect accessibility to be part of planning and design. [Download the document here](#)

### **CRS, 2011. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Considerations in Home-based care for people living with HIV**

This technical guidance document offers water supply and sanitation facility and hygiene promotion design considerations and recommendations intended to increase access to these facilities by people living with HIV. People living with HIV often require modifications to their water supply and sanitation facilities and hygiene practices due to their debilitating illness. This guidance document is intended for Home-Based Care (HBC) practitioners serving people living with this disease as well as water and sanitation engineers and technicians tasked with providing community water supply and household sanitation systems. [Download here](#)

### **GWI West Africa, 2011. A practical guide for building a simple pit latrine**

The guide has been designed for use as a technical guide at individual household level to assist those families in West Africa who have already decided to build their own latrines. It has been designed as a do-it-yourself guide. In a nutshell, this guide was created to ensure that as a result of users' total satisfaction with the quality of construction of latrines; they will irrevocably abandon the practice of open air defecation. [English version](#) or [French version](#)

### **OECD, 2011. Ten years of water sector reform in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia**

This report evaluates how well EECCA countries have done in ensuring people's access to adequate water supply and sanitation services since their Economic, Finance, and Environment Ministers adopted the Almaty Guiding Principles to support such efforts in 2000. Besides looking at trends in the technical and financial performance of the water sector, the report analyses the results of institutional reforms at different levels of governance, as well as financing arrangements. Analysis focuses mainly on urban areas, but some of the challenges in rural areas are also examined. The report draws policy recommendations to help countries stem the decline in the sector's performance that has occurred over the last decade, despite opportunities provided by rapid economic growth in many EECCA countries in this period. [Download the document here](#)

### **IWMI Water Issue Brief – 8 (2010): Water, poverty and equity**

The world's population is set to exceed nine billion by 2050, adding a third more inhabitants to the planet than today. Feeding them, taking into consideration increasing demand for diets based on fruit, vegetables and meat, will require farmers to double food production. [Download the brief here](#)

### **IWMI Water Issue Brief – 6 (2010): Water pricing and allocation**

Implementing policies that encourage efficient water use, such as water allocation or pricing programmes that reflect increasing water scarcity, will motivate farmers and other water users to improve their management practices. Such efforts, in conjunction with programmes that enhance access to water by the poor, are essential to ensuring that household and global food security goals are achieved. [Download the brief here](#)

### **Eawag-Sandec/WSSCC/UN-HABITAT, 2011. CLUES guidelines: Community-Led Urban Environmental Sanitation Planning**

The Community-Led Urban Environmental Sanitation (CLUES) approach presents comprehensive guidelines for the planning and implementation of environmental sanitation infrastructure and services in disenfranchised urban and peri-urban communities. The planning approach builds on a framework which balances the needs of people with those of the environment to support human dignity and a healthy life. CLUES is a multi-sector and multi-actor approach accounting for water supply, sanitation, solid waste management and storm drainage. It emphasises the participation of all stakeholders from an early stage in the planning process. See [http://www.eawag.ch/forschung/sandec/gruppen/sesp/clues/index\\_EN](http://www.eawag.ch/forschung/sandec/gruppen/sesp/clues/index_EN)

### **UNEP, 2011. Towards a green economy, pathways to sustainable development and poverty eradication**

In the water chapter of its ground-breaking Green Economy Report, released during the World Water Week conference in Stockholm, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said investing in sanitation and drinking water, strengthening local water supply systems, conserving ecosystems critical for water supply, and developing more effective policies can help avert the high social and economic costs resulting from inadequate water supplies. [Download the full report or the water chapter](#)

### **UNEP- iisd, 2011. Ecosystem approaches in Integrated Water Resource Management**

The research aimed to provide a detailed review of selected transboundary basins to ascertain the application of ecosystem-based approaches and draw specific lessons for effective integrated water resources management in international contexts. The authors focus on Ecosystem Services (ES) relevant to basin management, including climate regulation, water regulation, natural hazard regulation, energy, freshwater nutrient cycling, water purification and waste treatment, disease regulation, primary production, fisheries and recreation, and ecotourism. The analysis highlights whether or not management approaches recognize and incorporate bundled ES, such as uplands watershed management through afforestation, which addresses the combined services of climate regulation, water regulation, and water quality. [Download pdf](#)

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## **CALENDAR**

### **26-29 September 2011, Barcelona – Spain: 8<sup>th</sup> International conference on water reclamation and reuse: “a dependable water resource under the uncertainties of climate change”.**

From efficiency to self-sufficiency, in many water stressed areas, traditional measures for increasing water efficiency (water conservation) have gradually evolved towards measures to ensure water self-sufficiency. For the last 20 years, Spain has made a major effort in developing water and wastewater infrastructures. About 90% of Spanish municipal wastewater is treated to European Directive's standards; this has stimulated the gradual emergence of numerous water reclamation and reuse projects that account for about 13% of treated effluent flows. From the regulatory standpoint, Spain has led development and implementation of water reclamation and reuse regulations at regional and national level. The themes of the conference will be based: Science in Water reclamation and reuse, Reclaimed Water in urban areas, in the industry, in the agriculture, in the environment. [www.waterbcn2011.org](http://www.waterbcn2011.org)

### **3-7 October, 2011, Chapel Hill NC – USA: 2011 Water and Health Conference**

The *2011 Water and Health Conference: Where Science Meets Policy*, jointly organized by the Institute for the Environment and the Water Institute at UNC, will consider drinking water supply, sanitation, hygiene and water resources in both the developing and developed worlds with a strong public health emphasis. The 2010 conference brought together over 400 people from over 40 countries to address critical concerns facing drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and water resources. In 2011, these issues will be addressed from an inter-disciplinary perspective spanning science, policy, human rights, practice, financing and economics. Join individuals and experts from academia, industry, NGOs, government and foundations to deal with critical concerns relevant to both the developing and developed worlds. <http://whconference.unc.edu/index.cfm>

### **9-14 October, 2011, Mumbai – India: Global Forum on Sanitation and Hygiene**

The Global Forum offers a carefully selected mix of thematic sessions, technical training opportunities and urban and rural field visits, with a focus on leadership, accelerating behavior change, equity and inclusion, and sharing across the regional sanitation conferences. The Global Forum will explore these themes as they apply to WASH, but will do so by drawing from successes in other sectors. Up to 500 WSSCC members,

sector professionals, country agency representatives and individuals from civil society, business and WSSCC partner organizations will attend. <http://wsscc-global-forum.org/>

### **1-3 November, 2011, Global Water solutions at IWW 2011 Conference**

Amsterdam is the place to be educated and share insights on all the current challenges in the water sector. IWA, NWP and Amsterdam RAI will present the International Water Week Conference; Aquaterra, Aquainnovation and Aquaindustry. This unique and complete program on Delta & Coastal Development, Innovation and Industrial Water Solutions, offers a comprehensive, integrated approach, focusing on practical solutions in social and economic aspects of water management and technology. <http://www.internationalwaterweek.com/>

### **13-19 November 2011, Medellín – Colombia: 7<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management (D7)**

This event is organized by the Inter-American Water Resources Network (IWRN), the Government of Colombia's Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development and the Autonomous Regional Corporation of Central Antioquia (CORANTIOQUIA). D7's main objective aims at undertaking intergenerational commitments and reaching agreements on water management in the Americas through wise administration, within the context of sustainable development. The participants will design a Water Management Agenda for Action in America. <http://d7.rirh.org>

### **16-18 November 2011, Bonn, Germany: The Water Energy and Food Security Nexus**

The Bonn 2011 Process culminates in an international conference on water, energy and food security. The conference will be held with delegates meeting in the former seat of the German Bundestag. Participants will include around 400 decision-makers and decision-shapers from the spheres of politics, academia, the United Nations, civil society and the private sector. The concept of a "green economy" will form a key focus of conference discussions on approaches to sustainable development and poverty reduction. <http://www.water-energy-food.org/en/conference.html>

### **21-24 November 2011, Kuala Lumpur – Malaysia: 2<sup>nd</sup> IWA Development Congress and Exhibition, Pioneering water solutions in urbanizing areas**

Urbanisation, population growth and competition for water resources provide a tough environment for water professionals in low and middle income countries. Challenging current conditions, working collaboratively and developing innovative solutions are key to successful delivery of water and sanitation services and water cycle management in these regions. At the same time, tackling those challenges also provides professionals with significant opportunities to innovate, strengthen service provision and create new businesses. The IWA Development Congress and Exhibition aims to accelerate the uptake of these innovations to have impact at scale. It does so by bringing together utilities, NGOs, technology suppliers decision makers scientists and engineers to share, debate and learn about pioneering solutions. *For more information and to register, please visit the Congress website [www.iwa2011kl.org](http://www.iwa2011kl.org)*

### **29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> Rural Water Supply Network Forum, Kampala, Uganda, under the Theme: "Rural Water Supply in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: myths of the Past, visions for the Future"**

The International RWSN Forum is the rural water supply event that takes place every three to four years; it is being organised and supported by Skat Foundation, UNICEF, the Water and Sanitation Programme of the World Bank (WSP), the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, WaterAid, Helvetas, DANIDA, WASHCost, Triple-S and the Ministry of Water and Environment in Uganda as well as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. *For more details on the Forum, including information with respect to pre-registration please visit: <http://rwsnforum.wordpress.com/>*

### **7-8 December, 2011, Dübendorf – Switzerland: PEAK course "Sanitation Planning Tools in Developing Countries"**

Presentation and discussion of sanitation planning tools and methods like material flux analysis, informed choice approach or stakeholder involvement. The course will be based on a new guideline that is being developed and also present IWA's Sanitation 21 framework for city-wide sanitation planning. *Further information is available at <http://www.eawag.ch/lehre/peak/kurse/index>.*

### **March 2012, Marseille – France: 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum**

France committed to making the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in 2012 "the Forum of solutions" and to put the themes water governance and human rights for water and sanitation high on the agenda. The Forum is the world's largest water gathering that brings together over 20,000 political leaders, NGOs, government officials, private sector representatives, water professionals, and scientists every three years. *For further information, see [here](#).*

### **4-6 June 2012, Rio – Brazil: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development- Rio+20**

The objective of the Conference is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major

summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges The Conference will focus on two themes: (a) a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development.

For further information, please see: <http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/index.php?menu=14>

**16-21 September 2012, Busan – Korea: the World Water Congress and Exhibition, organized by the International Water Association**

It is a high-profile international event that attracts 5,000 water professionals, companies and institutions from across the globe

The [seven key themes](#) of the congress are:

- Science and application of water treatment and management
- Water, climate, food and energy
- Cities of the future
- Managing utilities and their assets
- Securing new and traditional water resources for the future
- Water, ecosystems and catchments
- Water and health – microbiological and chemical

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Further information is available at: <http://www.iwa2012busan.org/>

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