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3rd International Forum on Water & Food

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Pretoria, South Africa

## Forum Rationale

Increasing food prices, rising costs of energy, water scarcity, evidence of ecosystem stress, mass migration and impacts from climate change are all impacting the agriculture production and water management. How can we meet the food, water and energy needs of a growing population?

The CGIAR Challenge Program for Water and Food (CPWF) tackles these issues by uniting different sectors (agriculture, water and food) to develop integrated solutions that work at different scales and levels. Through the paradigm resilience thinking, water productivity and multiple-uses, CPWF offers a new approach to natural resources management research, poverty alleviation and offers potential solutions to the food and water crisis.

This year's Forum will explore how the CPWF research for development approach can address the water and food challenges through a combination of process, institutional and technical innovations. The Forum will bring together CPWF partners



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## Addressing the water and food crisis through innovations in water and food research

(more than 50 organizations) and other key stakeholders to assess the very relevance of its research-for-development program, the progress of CPWF basin level projects, share experiences through identified common areas (Topic Working Groups), and capitalize on emerging results.

The Forum is an important opportunity to link CPWF research to other initiatives and ensure that the research is relevant and pertinent to addressing water and food challenges.

A specific focus will be given to the water and food development in Africa, particularly in rainfed and arid areas, drawing on the experience of CPWF current work in three Basins in Africa, and past work in more.



## More information

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# Forum Agenda

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	<b>Opening</b> <b>Key Note Speakers</b> Global Water Challenges and Responses  Africa Water Challenges and Responses  <b>Panel Debate</b> “How relevant is research-for-development in addressing the Africa and Global water and food challenges?”	<b>Day Opener</b> Where we've got to and where we're going – Basin Stories  <b>Parallel Sessions</b> 3 Topic Working Group sessions 2 Basins lead one session	<b>Day Opener</b> Where we've got to and where we're going – Basin Stories  <b>Parallel Sessions</b> Emerging Topic Working Group sessions  2 Basins lead one session	Basin and Topic Working Group reflection and next steps - making sense of the Forum
	Lunch	Share Fair Lunch	Share Fair Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	A new perspective on global and African water and food challenges  Putting our work into context: The CGIAR and CPWF New horizons.  Forum Road Map	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> 3 Topic Working Group sessions 2 Basins lead one session  <b>Capitalizing Session</b> Reflect and tease out key messages from the day	<b>Capitalizing Session</b> Agreeing on local, regional, African and global messages  <b>Concluding Session</b> Policy Impact Practice Panel conclusions and recommendations	BDC/TWG Business Meetings - making sense of the Forum  <b>Concluding Business Session</b> Across the basins
	Meet and Greet cocktail	Forum Dinner	World Dance	

## What are the objectives?

Throughout the Forum we will ask ourselves: “How relevant and pertinent is agriculture and natural resource management research-for-development in addressing current and future water and food challenges?”

The Forum objectives are to:

- Ensure cross-basin learning across key common areas, taking the Topic Working Groups (TWGs) as an entry point for focused learning and exchange
- Take stock of the opportunities and challenges presented by integrated basin based research for development (applying the CPWF “theory of change” model) with a view to further improvements across all basins
- Assess project and program progress for each of the Basin Development Challenges (BDCs) with some early identification of anticipated significant results and key emerging basin, Africa and Global level messages, looking to scale-up and scale-out

## How is the Forum organized?

The Forum is designed around the following elements:

- The six basin programs Andes, Ganges, Limpopo, Mekong, Nile and Volta focused on specific set of challenges to solve
- Common areas linking the basins, to help synthesize and contribute to the global debate on water and food such as: Resilience, Multiple Use, Global Drivers, Innovation, Spatial Analysis and Modeling and Benefit Sharing Mechanisms.
- Share Fairs as a mechanism to share information and knowledge, continue and open up debates and give space to informal constructive networking
- Results from previous CPWF research will be available. This effort should provide key messages of importance for the global and pan African levels.
- Applicability to Africa: There will be interactions and exchange events with key institutions based in South Africa,

## Who will participate?

Participation will be through invite. Forum participants will include a wide variety of stakeholders including:

- Project staff and partners from the six basins
- CPWF Community members bridging both Phases 1 and 2 of the Program
- Topic Working Group leaders, members and partners
- A group of “in-house” facilitators, social media communicators and documenters
- Key partners from the CGIAR including: CGIAR Research Program No. 5 on Land, Water and Ecosystems, Institutional Learning and Change (ILAC) Initiative, ICT-KM and other partners interested in ‘research for development’
- Donors and decision-makers from Africa and the global level
- Journalists from around Africa and further abroad