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XVth World Water Congress

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GLOBAL WATER, A RESOURCE FOR DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

In an increasingly complex world, water management is at a critical juncture at present. Even when it has to fulfil essential roles in promoting development, reducing poverty and conserving environment at the national and sub-national levels, water is often scarce, contested, polluted, mismanaged, misgoverned and poorly allocated. A main handicap has been that water management has often been considered as an end by itself, and not as a means to an end, the end and the opportunity being to achieve overall development, economic prosperity, improvement of quality of life and environmental conservation.

Both developed and developing countries are confronted with the urgent need to support the increasing water-related demands of growing populations and of the energy, industrial and agricultural sectors, as well as to respond to environmental concerns with sources of water that are scarce, over-exploited or too polluted for the intended uses. In spite of its relevance in terms of security, water is often not regarded as a key determinant for development, absent from many political agendas. This congress seeks to explore Global Water as a resource for economic, social and environmental development. Hosted in Edinburgh capital of Scotland the Hydro Nation where recent legislation puts water at the heart of the national development agenda.

The subthemes of the Congress will include those on:

- Valuing water : Economic, social and environmental dimensions
- Linkages with the energy, food and environmental sectors
- Financing, investment and pricing schemes
- Infrastructural development
- Hydrology
- Surface water and groundwater
- Water supply and water demand
- Water governance practices
- Water law
- Public and private sector management
- Water-related security risks
- Climate change, impacts and adaptation



The IWRA has consistently used all the avenues that are available to it to promote generation, synthesis, application and dissemination of knowledge. The XVth World Water Congress and Exhibition that will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, 25 to 29 May 2015, and that will be hosted by the Scottish Government, will be a continuation of this trend.

The XVth World Water Congress will provide a platform for open discussions and debates among scientists, practitioners and policy makers from both developed and developing countries and from different disciplines and sectors. In collaboration with Scotland's Water, the IWRA Congress will promote in-depth discussions on the complexity of water policies, management, development and governance practices at the local, national, regional and global levels in a rapidly changing world as the fast evolving global landscape is driving decisions in the sectors' policies, performance and prospects.

We invite the water and related communities to be part of this ongoing discussion to manage water efficiently, equitably and cost-effectively so that desired ends are met successfully.



Interested in playing a role at the Congress?

The IWRA World Water Congress is very interested in your participation either through the organisation of special sessions, participation through scientific presentations, posters and articles, exhibition spaces, sponsoring and promotion, or side events.

We encourage you to register your interest to participate in the Congress and/or the preparatory process by getting in contact the IWRA Executive Office – office@iwra.org

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