



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

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Water for All:

Harmony between Humans and Nature

11-15 September 2023, Beijing, China

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



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WHY ATTEND THE XVIII WORLD WATER CONGRESS

“Water for all: harmony between humans and nature” is the most distinctive theme of the XVIII Congress. The harmonious coexistence between human and nature can hardly be separated from water. Water is critical for life, therefore, there is a need for human beings to develop, utilize, protect, and manage our precious water resources in a more rational and effective way. With this fresh theme, your contribution and participation during the Congress is warmly welcomed. Additionally, we have a variety options of field trips to further explore water management practices in China, offering participants an insight at China's urban and rural ecological civilization development, and giving them a keen grasp of the magnificent changes that have happened in China.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an issue that garners worldwide concern. It not only affects people's health, but also raises their awareness on the safety of water resources, water ecology and the aquatic environment, as well as the methods of using, protecting, and managing water. The XVIII Congress is timely as it aims to serve as a platform to discuss and share innovative ideas and practices to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in a post-pandemic age.

2023 MAJOR INTERNATIONAL WATER EVENTS MAP



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World Water Week

20-24 August 2023,
Stockholm, Sweden



UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 28)

30 November – 12 December 2023,
Dubai, United Arab Emirates



💧 The United Nations 2023 Water Conference is rapidly approaching. All relevant stakeholders will bring together Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, academic institutions, the private sector, and other actors to work tirelessly for the full implementation of 2030 SDGs. The XVIII World Water Congress will become an important international water event that aims to fulfill the same mission and implement the commitment of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference. To move forward with the responsibility of accelerating the implementation of SDGs, the Congress awaits your engagement.

💧 The World Water Congress has established a valuable communication and collaboration platform for participants. You will have the opportunity to learn about the latest cutting-edge research results from experts, dedicated science and policy exchanges from experienced professionals and scholars, knowledge and idea sharing among young professionals, and exhibitions for water-related products, research development, and technologies. The organisers are committed to ensuring participation in Congress is fruitful and insightful for all attendees.





UN 2023 Water Conference
22-24 Mar 2023,
New York, USA



New York, USA



Stockholm, Sweden



Beijing, China



Dubai, United Arab Emirates

WATER FOR ALL: HARMONY BETWEEN HUMANS AND NATURE

HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY SESSIONS



Plenary
Session

1

Water-Economy (Agriculture, Industry, City...)
- Ecology Nexus Under Changing Environment

Plenary
Session

2

Resilient Water Infrastructures
and Global Water Security

Plenary
Session

3

Water Resources Management
and Best Practices

Plenary
Session

4

Water Ecosystem Conservative and Restoration



Yanqi Lake

SUB-THEMES AND TOPICS

Water-Human-Economy (Agriculture, Industry, City...)-Ecology Nexus under a Changing Environment

- Rules and mechanisms of natural hydrological cycling and socio-economic water cycling evolution under climate change
- Vulnerability and adaptability of water-land-energy-food nexus
- Balanced and coordinated development of water-economy-ecology system
- Water security challenges in key regions
- Water security assessment and risk management
- Water security, human development and economic growth linkages
- Climate-induced risks in irrigation and water supply

1
SUB-THEME

- Water supply and demand management
- Water use efficiency and productivity improvement through scientific, technical, economic and educational means
- Agricultural/Irrigation water and other rural water systems for livelihood improvement
 - Wastewater treatment and reuse
 - Water pricing and water rights reforms
 - Covid-19 and safe drinking water
 - Water services and water service providers

2
SUB-THEME

Promoting Water Efficiency, Productivity and Services

Building Resilience for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation

- Prevention and mitigation of extreme weather induced water-related disasters
- Development of flood control projects
- Nature-based Solutions for water-related disaster prevention and mitigation
- Floodwater resource management and utilization
- Monitoring and early warning of water-related disasters
- Improving resilience of water infrastructure projects for extreme events
- Management of water risks induced by extreme weather and climate events

3
SUB-THEME

- The ecological health of rivers and lakes
- Maintenance and restoration of the river basin eco-hydrological process
- Protection and management of major rivers and lakes, from headwaters to estuaries
- Ecological restoration of degraded rivers and lakes
 - Value of aquatic ecological products/goods and services
 - Aquatic biodiversity protection
 - Groundwater and ecosystem
 - Water quality improvement

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SUB-THEME

Supporting Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Functions

Establishing Sustainable Water Infrastructures

- Exploitation and development of Nature-based Solutions in water engineering and technology
- Large inter-basin water diversion projects
- Digital twin river basins and digital twin projects
- Intelligent business application system for water regulation and management
- Joint operation and regulation of water projects
- Multi-functional utilization of water projects, including hydropower stations

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SUB-THEME

- Water rights and water markets
- Innovation of investment and financing mechanism, including green finance
- Adaptive water management
- Integrated river basin management
- Information transparency and public participation
- Role of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) initiatives and reporting
 - Role of national and international law
 - Creative technology and tools for water resources management
 - Water footprint analysis and its application in regional land use planning

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SUB-THEME

Innovation for Water Governance and Management

KEY DATES

2023

28 February

Deadline for Abstracts Submission

7 April

Early-bird Registration Deadline

25 August

Regular Registration Deadline

10-15 September

Last Minute Registration opens for the onsite participants



REGISTRATION FEES

Please note that early bird registration will be opened in November 2022. [Click here](#) to start the registration.

Category			Early-bird (-2023.4.7)	Regular (2023.4.8-2023.8.25)	Last Minute (2023.9.10-15)
			USD		
Full-registration	IWRA Gold Member	Developing Countries	600	650	700
		Developed Countries	700	800	900
	Other Member and Non-member	Developing Countries	700	750	800
		Developed Countries	800	900	1000
Student			300	350	400
One-day			250	300	350
Exhibition			Free Pass		

Please note

- 1 IWRA Gold members will receive a discount in congress registration fees and other immediate benefits. To become an IWRA Gold member, [click here](#) to learn more.
- 2 Registration time zone is subject to the Beijing time (UTC+8).
- 3 Full-registration and student tickets include all the meals (except breakfast) during the congress. A One-day ticket only includes lunch and dinner on that single day.
- 4 If you are a full-time student at school, please attach your valid student ID or a proof of registration from the University or College.
- 5 Cancellation and Refund Policy. The In-person registration option will only accept refund requests from early-bird and regular ticket buyers. By 15th June 2023, all fees paid will be fully refunded. After 15th June 2023, cancellations will result in a 100% cancellation charge. Cancellations will be made by the payment method used, and any price differences caused by the refund exchange rate shall be borne by the refund applicant. Any cancellations must be notified to the XVIII Congress Secretariat in written form to WWC18th@163.com.



XVIII WORLD WATER CONGRESS TECHNICAL FIELD TRIPS



OPTION 1

World Cultural Heritage
Tour - Summer Palace &
Jingmi Aqueduct

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OPTION 2

Rural Ecological Protection
Tour - Miyun Reservoir &
the Reservoir Area

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OPTION 3

Ancient and Modern
Comparison Tour -
Water Ecosystem Protection
and Restoration to
Dujiangyan
and Chengdu City

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OPTION 4

The River Guarding
Project Tour - Mighty
Pillars of the Grand Nation

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OPTION 5

The Beijing-Hangzhou
Grand Canal
(Hangzhou Section) :
A Journey on
Water that Connects the
North and the South

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Option 1 World Cultural Heritage Tour - Summer Palace & Jingmi Aqueduct

Beijing, 1 day

- Summer Palace, once a royal garden, is now a public park, that not only demonstrates the art of garden, mountains and lakes with distinct Chinese characteristics, but also serves as an important supporting project for the Beijing section of the South-to-North Water Diversion Project. Together with the Jingmi Aqueduct, it shoulders the important task of protecting Beijing's water sources.

Option 2 Rural Ecological Protection Tour - Miyun Reservoir & the Reservoir Area

Beijing, 1 day

- The Miyun Reservoir, built in 1960, is the largest source of drinking water in Beijing. Protecting drinking water sources has always been an important task for Beijing. Heishan Temple Village, located next to the reservoir, is a pilot project aimed at implementing and accelerating the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Development Program, providing a model for the protection of water resources in the reservoir area, as well as for the protection of rural water ecology.

Option 3 Ancient and Modern Comparison Tour - Water Ecosystem Protection and Restoration to Dujiangyan and Chengdu City

Sichuan Province, 2 days

- The Dujiangyan Water Conservancy Project is a world-renowned water conservancy project based in nature that was started in ancient China 2279 years ago. Until today, it is still contributing to the tranquility and prosperity of the Chengdu Plain; Chengdu City, inheriting Dujiangyan's spirit of protecting water ecosystems based on nature, makes the birthplace of ancient Shu civilization more beautiful. During this trip, you will also have the opportunity to see pandas, the treasure of the world; and experience the delicious food of Chengdu, a city of leisure...

Option 4 The River Guarding Project Tour - Mighty Pillars of the Grand Nation

Hubei Province, 2 days

- The Three Gorges Water Conservancy Project on the Yangtze River and the Gezhouba Water Conservancy Project are both large-scale water conservancy and hydropower projects in China to control the floods of the Yangtze River and generate clean energy. Since its completion, it has successfully dealt with the largest flood peak with an inflow of 75,000 cubic meters per second. The total installed capacity and average annual power generation of the Three Gorges Hydropower Station are equivalent to the construction of 13 large-scale thermal power plants of 1.4 million kW. In the meantime, you will also see the Chinese sturgeon breeding base, the extra-large double-line five-level ship lock...

Option 5 The Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal (Hangzhou Section) : A Journey on Water that Connects the North and the South

Zhejiang Province, 2 days

- From the excavation of the canal to today, the Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal has been in existence for more than 2,500 years. The completion of the canal has played an important role in linking the economic development and cultural exchanges between the north and the south of China, and complementing the innate geographical defect of the most China's rivers being east-west direction; and has since developed many ancient towns along the river and promoted the technological progress of China's iron smelting. During this trip, you will also experience the charm of Wuzhen (a typical water town in southern China) and listen to the vivid tales and rich history of the Grand Canal Museum.



- The XVIII World Water Congress reserves the right to change or cancel the routes if there are less than 16 participants registered.

- The duration indicated above excludes travelling time.

Visit: www.worldwatercongress.com/schedule to learn more.

SPONSORSHIP

The XVIII World Water Congress is an outstanding platform for enhancing your organisation's visibility by becoming an official sponsor. The below guide offers five packages for consideration. You may select the bundle that best fits the needs of your organisation or institution. Please feel free to contact us if you have other sponsorship and benefits requirements.

Sponsorship Package

	Diamond USD 70,000	Premium USD 40,000	Gold USD 25,000	Silver USD 12,000	Bronze USD 5,000
Participation					
Free Registration Fee	10 Individuals	6 Individuals	4 Individuals	1 Individuals	1 Individuals
VIP Guests for Main Activities and Seating	3 Individuals	1 Individuals			
Exhibition					
Exhibition Booth	Standard 2 Units (18m ²)	Standard 1-2 Units (9-18m ²)	Standard 1 Unit (9m ²)	Standard 1 Unit (9m ²)	
Reception					
Free VIP Room	Half Day during the Opening Ceremony				
Advertisement					
A Trophy during the Opening & Closing Ceremony					
Logo on Congress Bag					
Placement of Advertisements	at Venue's Ground	at Well-noticed Parameters	Within Agreed Parameters		
Logo on Signing Board					
Logo on Programme Book	Big Logo	Medium Logo	Small Logo	Small Logo	Small Logo
Hyperlink on the Congress Website	Big Logo	Medium Logo	Small Logo	Small Logo	Small Logo

Please note

Please note that you may contact the Congress Secretary if you would like to discuss more about customised benefits on advertisement.

CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming you to China in 2023 and encourage your interest in the XVIII World Water Congress as an official sponsor.



If you wish to participate in WWC 2023,
please contact us

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More information please see the Congress website: www.worldwatercongress.com/sponsorship.



EXHIBITION

The Congress exhibition provides a worldwide platform, with an area of nearly 5,000 square meters and hundreds of booths, for exhibitors to display and promote outstanding products, technology and research achievements, and exchange with industry peers around the world.

The Exhibition online application is now open. To register for the exhibition space, please visit: www.worldwatercongress.com/exhibition.

INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL TO CHINA

From January 8, 2023, China no longer conducts nucleic acid tests and quarantine for all inbound travelers. International travelers are advised to read the latest notices of Chinese Embassies and Consulates in the residential country on the adjustment to facilitate traveling.



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6-9
Morning	Opening Ceremony	Plenary Sessions			Closing Ceremony	Technical Field Trips
	Plenary Sessions	Regular Sessions(Thematic Sessions) /Special Sessions/Side Events				
Noon	Break					
Afternoon	Regular Sessions(Thematic Sessions)/Special Sessions/Side Events					
Evening	Welcome Reception					
	Exhibitions and Posters					

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, SPECIAL SESSIONS, AND SIDE EVENTS

(New Deadline: 28 FEBRUARY 2023)

The XVIII World Water Congress has extended the deadline to submit proposals for abstracts, special sessions, and side events to 28 February 2023.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The organisers of the XVIII World Water Congress welcome abstracts for oral and poster presentations at the XVIII World Water Congress, which will be presented during the main congress programme. Experts, academics, policymakers, water professionals, private sector practitioners, and civil society stakeholders, from all disciplines and perspectives who wish to share their work and experiences during the Congress, are invited to submit abstracts. Abstracts can only be submitted online through the official Congress website.

The Congress ISC will select a few excellent abstracts (with full paper afterwards) to recommend to the *IWRA Water International* for publication.

For more information about the submission process, please visit:
www.worldwatercongress.com/abstracts

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS

Special Session proposals are welcome from organisations or groups that wish to run a session or workshop to present their work on subjects related to the theme and sub-themes of this Congress. The format can vary from panel discussions to workshops. Innovation is welcome. These sessions are part of the main programme and open to all Congress attendees. There is no charge to hold a special session, but all speakers should be registered, and any additional expenses beyond the provision of the room and standard audio-visual equipment will be managed by the session organisers.

For more information about the submission process, please visit:

www.worldwatercongress.com/specialsession

For any queries, please contact: special@worldwatercongress.com

CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS

The organisers of the XVIII World Water Congress welcome proposals for side events to take place in conjunction with the Congress. All relevant governmental, non-governmental, and inter-governmental organisations, as well as private sector organisations, who wish to organise a side event or provide support and services to the side events, please submit your proposal to side@worldwatercongress.com.



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