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RENDEZ-VOUS WITH OUR DUTY TO ACT



MACKY SALL
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

Welcome to "Dakar 2021"!

The global water and sanitation community will meet in Senegal, on March 22-27, 2021, for the 9th World Water Forum, under the theme: Water Security for Peace and Development.

The Senegalese people and their government are honored by the choice of the World Water Council to hold this edition in the land of Téranga, an expression of convivial hospitality for Senegalese people.

By bringing together Governments, the private sector and civil society organizations to strengthen the implementation of actions needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6), the 9th World Water Forum will also provide a platform for expression of other stakeholders (women's groups, youth, farmers, pastoralists and fishermen) and thus contribute to the qualitative transformation of people's daily lives and improving the performance of the productive sectors.

Water plays a vital role in meeting our needs, preserving our environment and developing our countries. Cooperation around water contributes to peaceful coexistence and the preservation of cordial relations between countries sharing transboundary river basins.

In addition, with the combined effects of climate change and population growth leading to the scarcity of water, it is necessary to address the issue of water from the perspective of promoting peace.

The event is also consistent with the Emerging Senegal Plan (PSE) aiming at the structural transformation of the economy, the promotion of human capital including the reduction of inequalities through access for all to drinking water and sanitation.

As a gateway to Africa on the Atlantic Ocean, Dakar, the host city for the Forum, is a cosmopolitan crossroads, open to diverse horizons with a long history of hosting world events.

Dakar 2021 will be part of this long tradition, pending the 2022 Youth Olympic Games.

Together, let's mobilize in the spirit of Téranga for the success of the 9th World Water Forum!

ROADMAP FOR TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION



**SERIGNE MBAYE
THIAM**
MINISTER OF WATER AND
SANITATION

A world that is more aware of water issues is on the move. A certain culture of water citizenship is expected to develop to lay the foundations for sustainable development. Communities and decision-makers at all levels of State, civil society organizations and the private sector, understand that the world is safer with the possibility of having access to water and sanitation services than in a situation of deprivation. This awareness is materialized by international commitments in the field of water. It is now up to all stakeholders to be the guarantors of a culture of preserving and sharing water. The time to organize the 9th World Water Forum has come!

This is the mission assigned to the Ministry of Water and Sanitation in the management of the "Dakar 2021" agenda. The 9th World Water Forum, the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa, is a big challenge. The hosting of this event reflects Senegal's commitment to participate in the development of a roadmap for the water and sanitation sector. Our country expressed the wish to host the World Water Forum on the basis of a choice by the President of the Republic and a desire expressed by Africa. His Excellency Mr. Macky Sall has the merit of being attentive to the national and African community in its relationship with the rest of the world on such a central issue as water.

The 9th Forum program focuses on the 2030 Agenda for transformative action. This vision is a roadmap with four priorities: water and sanitation security, cooperation, water for rural development and means and tools.

To these issues of great importance, it is urgent to provide sustainable responses, not forgetting financing, governance, knowledge and innovation management. Through cooperation, the world has the means to change in the direction of universal and equitable access to water and sanitation. Senegal will make every effort to ensure that "Dakar 2021" is a fundamental milestone in our collective journey. This new common adventure is called sustainable and equitable development for our global community.



A CITY OPEN TO THE WORLD



SOHAM EL WARDINI
MAYOR OF DAKAR

The city of Dakar, with a long tradition of hosting international events, is honored to have been designated to host the 9th World Water Forum. Located on the farthest western point of the African continent and known for receptive collaboration with international partners, the city of Dakar is proud to have been chosen and convinced that our cosmopolitan capital has all the necessary infrastructure to ensure the success of this large event. The hotels, transportation and communications networks meet international standards.

We are ready to take on the required organizational challenges and will work in collaboration with the local organizing committee to ensure that participants have a dynamic Forum, where they can reflect, answer and take action on the critical questions facing the water and sanitation sectors today.

These questions challenge us every day, because they are at the heart of local and national economies throughout the world. This is why Dakar will be fully mobilized across all areas to participate comprehensively in the inclusive thinking with the world water community, Governments, local communities, technical and financial partners, NGOs, civil society and research institutes. We are committed to working with all stakeholders on all such aspects to ensure that "Dakar 2021" is a well-managed and unforgettable gathering, thanks to a strong synergy with the local organizing committee.

Finally, we will take extra efforts to ensure that the Dakar Forum is inclusive, with robust social mobilization. It is critical to incorporate different segments of the population, especially young people and women, so that they can bring their perspectives to the discussions.

The people of Dakar are waiting with open arms to welcome you and eager to see their capital become the world's capital for water in March 2021.

WATER EVERYWHERE AND FOR EVERYONE



LOÏC FAUCHON
PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD
WATER COUNCIL

Water is the most precious and essential element in nature, and yet the most fragile. Our planet is full of water, and yet many of its inhabitants are thirsty. This is especially true in Africa. A continent rich in resources and especially rich in skills, passion and energy of the children, women and men who live there, but who are suffering from water scarcity.

Water surrounds us, water stimulates us, water brings us together. Despite our constant efforts, the demand for water is growing faster than the supply. It is time to be responsible and act to ensure water for today and for tomorrow. It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure water for equitable development, to satisfy the essential needs of billions of children, women and men for whom we have to guarantee food, health, education and energy so that they can finally pull themselves out of poverty and live with dignity.

In the last decades, water and sanitation have gained higher attention in the international political agenda. The World Water Council, notably through the organisation of the World Water Forums, has strongly contributed to situating water as a global political priority. It is now time to translate our words into tangible and concrete responses.

This is the challenge to which Senegal and the World Water Council will rise by organising the 9th World Water Forum in 2021, for the first time in sub-Saharan Africa.

The raison d'être of the World Water Forum is to bring together key political actors, business leaders, NGO, donors and international organizations, gathering experiences and know-how to further contribute and facilitate access to water and sanitation.

It is an honour to associate our World Water Council with the skills of Africa, Senegal and Dakar to enable billions of children, women and men to access a resource essential to life.

Join us in this endeavour to increase the quality of life of people worldwide. This is our responsibility. The responsibility to secure water everywhere and for everyone.



FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE



ABDOULAYE SÈNE
CO-PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL STEERING
COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that we share with all relevant stakeholders this first announcement of the 9th World Water Forum, by already giving them an appointment in Dakar from 22 to 27 March 2019. The National Organizing Committee, which I have the honor to lead, is hard at work to ensure that this event takes place in the best conditions and meets the expectations of actors in the global community of water and sanitation.

In this context, we have already organized a number of events with the inclusion of all categories of actors so that the contribution of Senegal and Africa is of very high quality. This momentum will be reinforced within the four working groups in charge of the Forum's priorities related to water security and sanitation, cooperation, water for rural development, means and tools. At the kick-off meeting held in Dakar on 20 and 21 June 2019, a fruitful reflection allowed participants from various backgrounds to establish the roadmap of the preparatory process.

We are now on right path, so that various milestones are set in the coming months, to mark the way to success of the 9th World Water Forum. It will also be an opportunity to share the experience of Senegal whose leadership in the management of water issues at the regional and global levels needs no longer to be demonstrated. After the MDGs, our country is resolutely committed to achieving SDG 6 for universal access to water and sanitation by 2030. This can only be achieved through global cooperation and the Forum in Dakar will make it possible to activate the operational levers.

The 9th World Water Forum will be particularly marked by the implementation of the "Dakar Initiative 2021", an innovation aimed at carrying out concrete actions on the ground. In this context, labeled projects will improve access to water and sanitation so that no one is left behind.

"Dakar 2021" offers an opportunity to come together to share our different experiences and cultural diversity with a view to giving new impetus to policies and actions that will consolidate hope to a world where threats on water, sanitation and the environment are increasing.

We hope you will take part in this great event for the present and the future.

We are counting on all of you to take part in this great historic rendez-vous to consolidate peace and development.

WATER: A CHALLENGE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT



PATRICK LAVARDE
CO-PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL STEERING
COMMITTEE

Nearly 25 years after the first World Water Forum organized in Morocco, it is important that the 9th World Water Forum takes place in sub-Saharan Africa in the context of Agenda 2030 and the challenges raised by the Sustainable Development Goals. Water plays a major role in development, food security, health, and education. Water-related tensions can only increase with the acceleration of demographic growth, rampant urbanization, and climate change that threatens zones that are already lacking water.

At present, water security is a key issue for the future of the African continent, an issue for peace and for development. It is also a major issue for the whole world. After identifying the issues and then the solutions, the time has come to concentrate on concrete responses to water management challenges. It is our collective responsibility to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

The 9th World Water Forum organized in Senegal will be inclusive and integrated. Connected to major international water events, it will encourage dialogues between regions and among stakeholders to share experiences. The World Water Forum is a unique opportunity to mobilize all stakeholders in order to reach the targets linked to the water-related SDGs.

We invite you to participate in Dakar in March 2021, but also starting now by contributing to the preparatory process to build the Forum of Responses. Let's move forward together on the path for water, for peace and for development, which reconciles the needs of humankind with those of nature.



WORLD WATER FORUM

A UNIQUE PLATFORM FOR THE WATER COMMUNITY AND DECISION-MAKERS



Organized every three years with a host country, the World Water Forum whose 9th edition will take place from 22 to 27 March 2021 in Dakar provides a unique platform where the water community and key decision makers can collaborate and make long-term progress on global water challenges. The World Water Council catalyzes collective action during and in between each World Water Forum – the world's largest event on water.

The 9th World Water Forum brings together participants from all regions and activities, including politics, multilateral institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector, among others. Over the years, the number



of people participating in the Forum has grown from a few hundred to tens of thousands, from both the international community and host countries. By participating in the 9th World Water Forum you will contribute to responding to the challenges of water and sanitation of our time.

WORD WATER COUNCIL

A GLOBAL NETWORK FOR CHANGE



• The **World Water Council** is an international multistakeholder platform organization whose mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking. Created in 1996, the Council is the founder of the World Water Forum and catalyzes collective action during and in between each Forum.

• The World Water Council focuses on the **political dimensions of water security**, adaptation and sustainability and works towards increasing the awareness of high-level decision makers on water issues. It seeks to position water at the top of the global political agenda and to produce worldwide policies

to help authorities develop and manage water resources and encourage efficient water use. The Council endeavors to reach the whole political sphere: national governments, parliamentarians and local authorities, as well as United Nations bodies.

• The World Water Council brings together more than **350 organizations** from some **50 countries**. Together, they form a unique network involving different sectors, regions, disciplines and professional fields with varied expertise and interests. With its members and other stakeholders, the Council explores areas where it sees the potential to increase the visibility of water. Their skills, experience and involvement help solve the complex water challenges around the world.



AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH



The Dindéfelo waterfalls (Senegal)

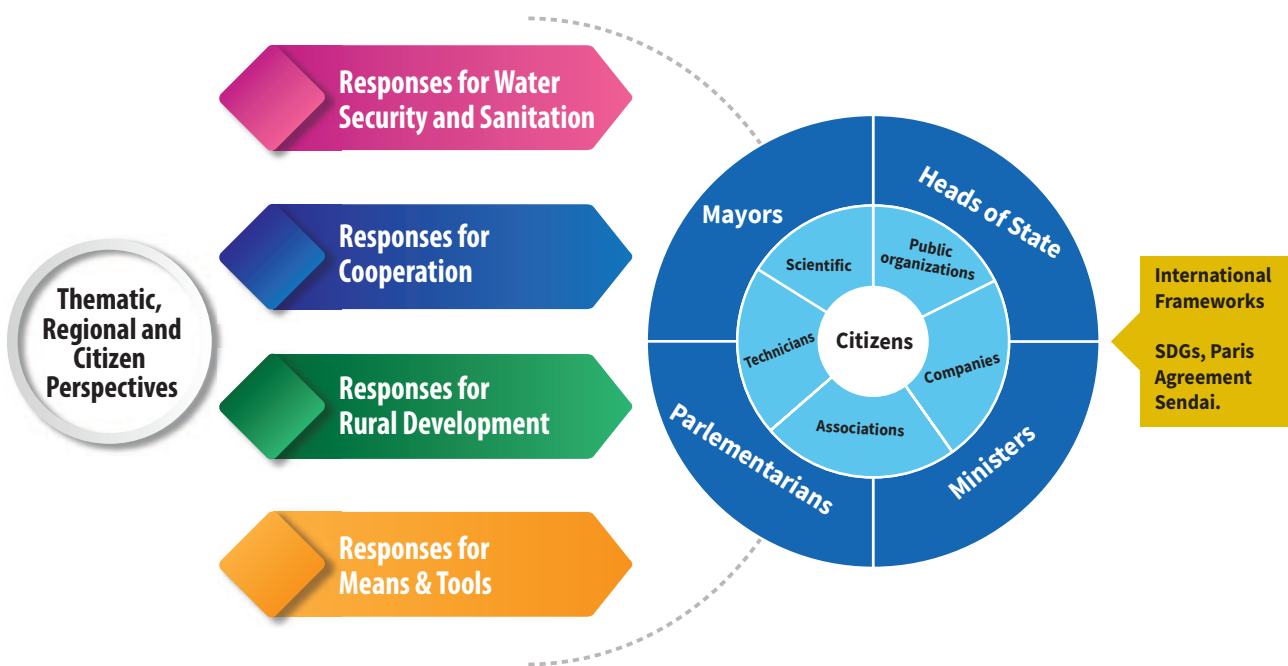
The goal of Senegal and the World Water Council is to organize a more effective Forum at the social, political and economic levels, a Forum Catalyst for Action on commitments on water and sanitation, a Forum connected with the SDG agendas, platforms and commitments, the Sendai Agreement on Natural Hazards and Disasters, the Paris Climate Agreement, Africa's Agenda 2063, etc., and a contextualized, global and local Forum, anchored on the main water challenges of Africa and the world.

It is important to note that previous editions of the World Water Forum included three major processes: thematic, political and regional. The 9th World Water Forum in Dakar will mark a break with the institutional organization of past Forums. It focuses on an integrated preparation based on quality exchanges, multi-actors around a limited number of priorities integrating the previous tools of the processes: thematic, political, regional, citizen.

The Dakar 2021 Forum will focus on four priorities:

- 1- Water security and sanitation**
- 2- Cooperation**
- 3- Water for rural development**
- 4- Means and tools**

The process will be facilitated by specialized working groups structured around the 4 priorities. Each working group will be led by Senegal and the World Water Council, and supported by strategic partners (governments, intergovernmental, bilateral and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and non-governmental organizations). Strategic partners should play a leading role from the preparatory process to the organization of the Forum.



« Dakar 2021 » Initiative

One of the innovative features of the 9th World Water Forum is the implementation of responses to people's expectations. This is essentially the "Dakar 2021 initiative", a project labelling mechanism that generates commitments and actions to accelerate progress, in particular for the achievement of the SDGs.

The "Dakar 2021 Initiative" will be followed by a specific group, which will take stock of the progress made in the dynamics of the 9th World Water Forum.

Heads of State Summit

Beyond the work of the groups, a Summit of Heads of State and major international institutions is planned to advance the international political agenda at the mid-point of the 2030 agenda with regard to the implementation of water and sanitation targets and sustainable development objectives. The recommended approach aims to make "Dakar 2021" a Forum for responses, for demonstrating results, a political Forum with the involvement of Heads of State and Government.



THE KICK-OFF MEETING

The kick-off meeting of the 9th World Water Forum was held on 20-21 June, 2019 at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Center in Diamniadio. The purpose of this strategic meeting was to prefigure the content, activities and expected results of the Forum according to the four priorities.

In addition to having provided the direction to follow to ensure the success of the Forum in March 2021, it made it possible to collect the concerns of the actors on the one hand and on the other hand, the relevant issues and topics to address at the Dakar Forum. Major axes have been defined and strategies put in place to better take charge of the various activities that will contribute to the success of the Forum.

The meeting also outlined elements of the working group roadmap. Next steps include (i) consolidation of the contents of the priorities; (ii) the stabilization of the road map, (iii) the implementation of the "Dakar 2021" initiative, (iv) the promotion of the Forum and the mobilization of the actors, (v) the mobilization of the strategic partners for the working groups and mobilizing support for the organization of the Forum.



ACTION FRAMEWORK OF THE 9TH WORLD WATER FORUM

The framework for action of the 9th World Water Forum is articulated around the four priorities that were discussed during several preparatory meetings, including the kick-off meeting organized on 20 and 21 June 2019 in Dakar. It has identified the major challenges that underlie them, in connection with the SDG targets (indicated in parentheses).

“Water Security and Sanitation” Priority

- Implement the Right to Water and Sanitation and provide access to safe water and sanitation in emergency situations (6.1, 6.2,1.4, 11.1)
- Improve water quality and waste management (6.3 11.6 12.4, 12.5)
- Reduce water-related illness and deaths (3.9, 3.3, 3.2)
- Protect and restore ecosystems and forests, including coastal and marine impacts, and combat desertification (6.6 14.1, 14.2, 15.1, 15.3)
- Halt the loss of aquatic biodiversity and invasive species in water ecosystems (15.5 15.8, 15.9)
- Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change and natural disasters (13.1, 11.5, 1.5, 11.B, 13.3)

“Cooperation” Priority

- Implement IWRM at all levels (6.5)
- Implement transboundary cooperation to foster peace and prevent conflicts (6.5, 6.A)
- Expand international cooperation, including ODA, and capacity building to foster peace (6.A,17.2, 16A, 10.B)
- Enhance cooperation on multipurpose infrastructure, including hydropower (7.A, 7.B, 1.A, 9.1, 9.4, 9.A)
- Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation on data and information sharing, and capacity building (17.6, 12.8, 16.10, 17.9, 17.18)
- Enhance multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships, including with outside sectors (17.16, 17.17)

“Water for Rural Development” Priority

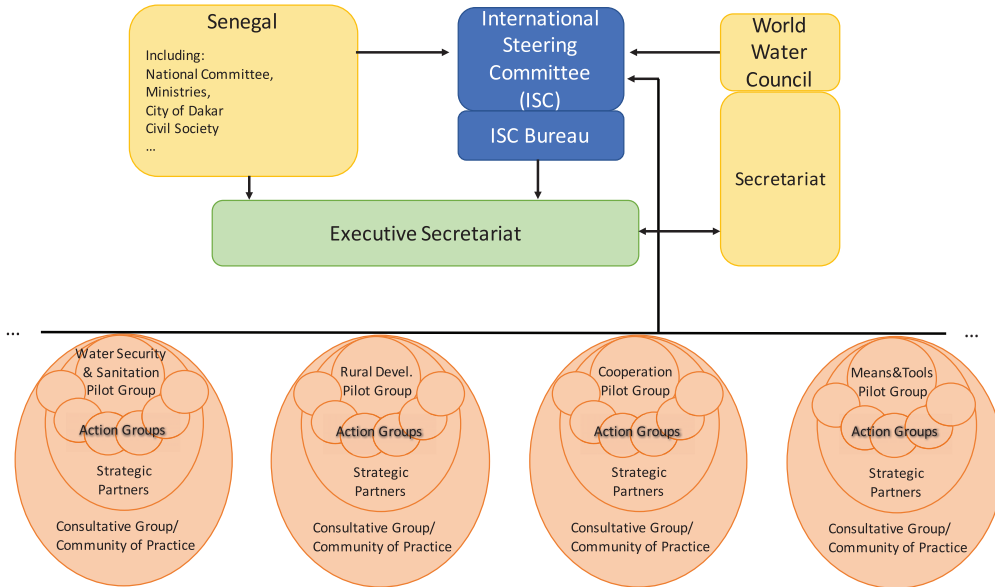
- Ensure universal access to water (in rural areas) (6.1, 1.4)
- Ensure universal access to sanitation and hygiene (in rural areas) (6.2, 1.4)
- Provide public water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (schools, healthcare facilities, etc.) (4.A 5.1, 4.5, 3.3,3.9, 6.1)
- Ensure sustainable agricultural practices, including water productivity and efficiency, reduction of diffuse pollution, and decreased food losses (2.3, 2.4, 12.3, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, 14.1, 14.2)
- Engage and empower rural communities to be the drivers of social-economic development through water (8.2, 5.4, 5.A, 1.4, 2.A)
- Harmonize the rural-urban divide to curb migration (11.A, 10.7, 11.3)

“Means & Tools” Priority

- Mobilize additional financial resources and promote innovative funding (17.3, 2.A)
- Implement the principles of good water governance, including participatory decision-making (6.5, 6.B, 16.7, 5.5, 17.18)
- Foster a water-sensitive approach to legislation and regulation (10.3, 5.C)
- Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels and promote integrity (10.6, 16.6, 17.15)
- Increase water efficiency and sustainable management through science, technology, innovation and education (6.4, 12.2, 8.4, 17.7, 17.8, 5.B, 4.3, 9.5, 12.A)



THE INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE



The governance mechanisms of the Forum revolve around an International Steering Committee composed by Senegal and the World Water Council which oversees the implementation of the crucial actions of the road map, the preparatory process and the organization of the Forum.



- International Steering Committee (ISC) of the 9th World Water Forum Bureau

Position	Name	Organization
Co-Chair of the International Steering Committee	Patrick Lavarde	WWC
Co-Chair of the International Steering Committee	Abdoulaye Sène	Executive Secretary of the 9 th World Water Forum
Member of the ISC Bureau	Paulo Salles	ADASA - Brasil
Member of the ISC Bureau	Rui Godinho	Portuguese Association of Water and Wastewater Services
Member of the ISC Bureau	Youssef Filali-Meknassi	UNESCO
Member of the ISC Bureau	Ababacar Ndao	Gambia River Basin Organization (OMVG)
Member of the ISC Bureau	Bai Mass Taal	Executive Secretary of the 9 th World Water Forum
Member of the ISC Bureau	Mamadou Dia	Aquafed

- Pilot groups

Position	Name	Organization
Co-Chair of the Water security and sanitation Priority	Qiuchi Shi	International Economic & Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center – China
Co-Chair of the Cooperation Priority	Yoonjin Kim	Korea Water Forum
Co-Chair of the Rural Development Priority	Rabi Mohtar	American University of Beirut
Co-Chair of the Means and Tools Priority	Aziza Akhmouch	OECD
Co-Chair of the Water security and sanitation Priority	Pr Alioune Kane	Cheik Anta Diop University, Dakar
Co-Chair of the Cooperation Priority	Abacabar Ndao	Gambia River Basin Organization (OMVG)
Co-Chair of the Rural Development Priority	Mamadou Dia	Aquafed
Co-Chair of the Means and Tools Priority	Amadou Bocoum	Société d'exploitation de Manantali et Felou-sa (SEMAF-sa)
Member at large	Mbaruku Vyakweli	Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Co. Ltd. – NCWSC
Member at large	Safaa Bahije	Secretary of State - Morocco
Member at large	Mohamed Fawzi Bedredine	OMVS
Member at large	Amacodou Diouf	CONGAD (Conseil des ONG d'appui au développement) - Senegal
Member at large	Dr Papa Samba DIOP	ONAS (National sanitation agency) Senegal
Member at large	Dr Fatimatou Sall	Young water professional - Senegal



KEY STAGES OF THE ROADMAP

The success of the Forum requires significant preparation work focused on an inclusive approach, good identification and involvement of stakeholders, mobilization of adequate resources and the timely completion of activities. The main stages of the roadmap are:





THE CITIZEN AT THE HEART OF THE FORUM



The 9th World Water Forum, "Dakar 2021" will not only be a matter for specialists but also for the populations. It will be an inclusive process to engage and motivate a wide range of partners and allies at the local level to raise awareness about appropriate behavior, including protection of water resources, water conservation, preservation of water quality, etc. The Forum will offer, in particular, the opportunity for youth, women and civil society representatives to participate, as stakeholders, in the work of the groups. Many events will make it possible to listen to communities and the various social actors. The citizen will thus be at the core of the Forum.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

A major international exhibition will highlight the know-how, technologies and major innovations concerning water, sanitation and the environment. This will be an opportunity to connect users, researchers, scientists and suppliers of products and services. Considering new challenges, the world of water must rely resolutely on technological innovations to better meet people's expectations. Labeled projects, relevant actions carried out in the field, innovative initiatives and technologies will be the subject of an exhibition in a dedicated area called Response pathway.



PRIZES ON WATER AND SANITATION



Many prizes will be awarded during ceremonies during the Forum, in particular King Hassan II Great World Water Prize and Kyoto World Water Grand Prize. They will celebrate excellence and innovation in various areas related to water and sanitation.

REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL



A true crossroads of West Africa, Senegal is a country with multiple influences reconciling modernity and respect for tradition. Dakar, a modern and dynamic capital, fully reflects this openness to the world. Located on the Atlantic coast of the African continent, Senegal is by its geographical position a privileged gateway to West Africa. The country enjoys an incomparable geographical proximity with several regions of the world. It is 6 hours from Europe and 7 hours from the United States by plane. Dakar is at the crossroads of several maritime routes too.

Modern airport and port infrastructures as well as competent service providers make it possible to offer quality logistical services. As an influential player in Africa, Senegal enjoys great stability and is cited as an example throughout the world. Senegal stands out for its leadership in making major decisions concerning Africa and major global issues.

Senegalese exemplarity is built on a solid democratic base with an uninterrupted functioning of the institutions since the independence of the country on April 4, 1960. Democracy, a multiparty system, solid institutions, recognition of political and social rights, and freedom of expression make it a model in Africa.

Senegal is often designated as the country of Teranga (hospitality in the Wolof language) which is based on the great attention given to foreigners and the warm welcome that is reserved to them so that their stay in the country is unforgettable. The population is very much attached to this value and pays particular attention to the well-being of its guests.

Some numbers

- Surface area: 196,722 km²
- Population: 15 million
- Dakar: 3 million
- Currency: XOF CFA franc
1 € = 655,957CFA



DAKAR



Dakar capital of Senegal is located on the peninsula of Cap Vert facing the Atlantic Ocean. It is a cosmopolitan African city of more than three million inhabitants. It is located on an old volcano - nowadays surmounted by the lighthouse of Mamelles - which after a long erosion, gave the rocky promontory of the peninsula of Cap Vert, the island of Gorée in the south, the islands of Madeleine to the west and Ngor Island to the north. From the Administrative Plateau to the sprawling suburbs of Pikine and Guediawaye, the Grand Dakar extends over almost the entire peninsula of Cap Vert.

Dakar is one of the most dynamic cities in Africa with beautiful beaches, colorful markets, numerous museums, hotels and restaurants popular with tourists. It is a real crossroads with modern facilities, highways, the new airport Blaise Diagne etc. In a subtropical desert zone, Dakar benefits from a mild microclimate, influenced by the maritime trade winds and the monsoon.

To visit

- Goree, world historical heritage
- The Museum of Black Civilizations
- The Museum of African Arts
- The Léopold Sédar Senghor Museum
- The Mamelles lighthouse
- The artisanal Soumbédioune market
- The pink lake, wonder of nature
- Dakar markets etc.

DIAMNIADIO URBAN CENTER

The 9th World Water Forum Dakar 2021 will be organized mainly in sites located in the new Urban Pole of Diamniadio. It is a newly integrated city about thirty kilometers from the city center of Dakar with conference sites, administrative districts, sports complexes, mixed housing areas, industrial zones, universities and training centers, and business facilities.

The Diamniadio sites that will house the 9th World Water Forum are mainly the Abdou DIOUF International Conference Center, Dakar Arena and the International Exhibition Center.





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