

**XVIII
World Water Congress**
International Water Resources Association (IWRA)
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Water for All:

Harmony between Humans and Nature

11-15 September 2023, Beijing, China

THE THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT



The Grand Canal

Hosted by



International Water Resources Association (IWRA)



Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China (MWR)

Organised by

General Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design, MWR

China National Committee of IWRA

Beijing Water Authority

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Participants from over 60 countries/regions and more than 30 international organisations are expected at the forthcoming XVIII World Water Congress (as of mid-July 2023).

UN Under-Secretary-General Li Junhua, senior representatives of UNESCO, and ministers of water-related departments from several countries will also attend the Congress.

One plenary session will be organised each day of the Congress (days 1-4) on the topics of "Water-Economy - Ecology Nexus Under Changing Environment" "Resilient Water Infrastructures and Global Water Security" "Water Resources Management and Best Practices" and "Water Ecosystem Conservative and Restoration", with keynote speeches on the hot topics of international water issues.

891 abstracts have been accepted by Congress, including 410 oral presentations and 481 poster presentations. To facilitate the dissemination of this valuable work, 61 regular sessions that cover a wide array of topics have been organised, ensuring ample opportunities for in-depth discussions and knowledge sharing. Additionally, a dedicated poster exhibition area has been allocated, providing a platform for attendees to engage with visual presentations and foster further connections. To see the XVIII World Water Congress Abstracts Acceptance List, please click: <https://www.worldwatercongress.com/newsDetail/4871>.

The International Scientific Committee of the XVIII World Water Congress has accepted 77 special session proposals submitted by 50 esteemed organisations. These sessions will cover various crucial topics, including water and sustainable development, climate change, water resources management, and water and ecosystem protection.

The Congress will feature an exciting line-up of special sessions, such as:

A China's Special Session organised by the Ministry of Water Resources of China.

B "Governance and Protection of Major Rivers and Lakes" organised by the Changjiang Water Resources Commission of the Ministry of Water Resources.

C "Green Economic Development and Ecological Protection - The Yangtze River Economic Belt Initiative" organised by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

D "Smart Water Management in Large River Basins" organised by Wuhan University.

E "Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge in Water Transmission and Management" jointly organised by IWRA and UNESCO.

F A Special Session on IWRA's World Water Envoys.

To see the XVIII World Water Congress Special Session Acceptance List, please click here: <https://www.worldwatercongress.com/newsDetail/4869>.

Additionally, 13 side events will be organised including:

A "The 3rd Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Forum" organised by Lancang-mekong Water Resources Cooperation Centre MWR.

B The 84th World Water Council Board of Governors' meeting.

C "Rural wastewater management in China" organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB).

D "The Application of Danish Water Technology" organised by the Danish Embassy and the Danish Export Association.

An exhibition related to the water sector will be held during the Congress to showcase the unique water management technology and experience, innovative water-related products, production technology and process etc. from all over the world.

During the Congress, "China's Achievements in Water Governance", "China Water Ecological Civilisation Exhibition" and "Glimpses of China by Water Delegations Organised by IWRA Presidents, 1974 and 1980" await you for a past and present visual experience of China Water Development.

Click on the link below to view the detailed programme: <https://www.worldwatercongress.cn/schedule>.



KEY DATES

30 June 2023

Launch of the Congress' detailed Programme

31 July 2023

Deadline for Submission of the Oral Presentation Slides and Posters

31 July 2023

Deadline for Exhibitor Registration

25 August 2023

Deadline for Regular Registration

10-15 September 2023

On-site Registration

Meet the High-level Preliminary Speakers

(Surnames in the Alphabetical Order)



Abou Amani

Director of the Division of Water Sciences, Secretary of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO



Guillermo Donoso

Professor at the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile



Francois Fevrier

CEO of Water and Recycling & Recovery, SUEZ ASIA



James George

UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in China



Jia Jinsheng

Hon. President of International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD), Vice President of Chinese National Committee on Large Dams (CHINCOLD), Deputy Director of State Key Laboratory, IWHR



Dwikorita Karnawati

Head of Indonesia Agency for Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics (BMKG)



Kang Shaozhong

Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, Director of State Key Laboratory of Efficient Utilisation of Agricultural Water Resources



Bassel Daher

Assistant Research Scientist, Texas A&M Energy Institute



Gabriel Eckstein

Professor of Law at Texas A&M University
Past President of IWRA



Loïc Fauchon

President of the World Water Council



Mikio Ishiwatari

Visiting Professor of the University of Tokyo, Senior Advisor of Japan International Cooperation Agency, Board Director of Japan Water Forum



Anoulak Kittikhoun

CEO of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat



Shahbaz Khan

Director of the UNESCO Office in Beijing and UNESCO Representative to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, People's Republic of China, and the Republic of Korea



Li Junhua

United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs



Joseph Hun-wei Lee

President and Chair Professor of the Macau University of Science and Technology, President of IAHR, Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences



Li Yuanyuan

President of IWRA, Vice President of the General Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Planning and Design, Ministry of Water Resources of China



Peng Jing

President of China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR)



Wu Jupei

Secretary of Chenzhou Municipal Committee, Hunan Province



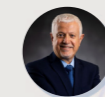
Zhang Fan

Lead Economist and Global Lead for Water, Economy, and Climate Change, World Bank



Lu Yonglong

Chair Professor of Xiamen University, Elected Fellow of TWAS (The World Academy of Sciences), Foreign member of Academia Europaea (AE) and Russian Academy of Science



Rabi H. Mohtar

Professor at the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and Zachry Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Texas A&M University



Thomas Panella

Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Sector Office, Sectors Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Tony Yau

Director of Water Supplies, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Hong Kong, China

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Meet the XVIII World Water Congress Envoys!



Kate Hawley

United Kingdom



Ourdi Kgomongwe

South Africa



Son Tra Nguyen

Vietnam



Moemen Sobh

Egypt

IWRA opened a call for applications for the World Water Envoy programme. Over 100 applications were received from across the globe. Now we are pleased to announce the 4 winners selected to participate in the XVIII World Water Congress in Beijing, September 2023.

To learn about the World Water Envoys, please click the following link: <https://www.iwra.org/meet-the-xviii-congress-world-water-envoys>.

VENUE



Beijing Guoce International Convention and Exhibition Centre



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(Beijing China–Germany International Convention and Exhibition Centre)

The XVIII World Water Congress will take place at the Beijing Guoce International Convention and Exhibition Centre, located in the southern area of the National Geographic Information Technology Industrial Park.

The venue boasts a prime location adjacent to the Dongjiao Wetland Forest Park, which covers a planned area of 89,000 acres and is one of the four suburban parks designated in the overall planning of Beijing.

Spanning an impressive total construction area of approximately 320,000 square meters, Beijing Guoce International Convention and Exhibition is equipped to cater to diverse needs. Its notable features include a grand conference room capable of accommodating 1,000 individuals, accompanied by over 18 parallel conference rooms. Additionally, the venue boasts an expansive exhibition area spanning over 20,000 square meters. This international conference and exhibition centre can seamlessly integrate multiple functions, including conference facilities, exhibition spaces, accommodation options, catering services, and a variety of leisure and entertainment amenities.



HOTEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The Congress Recommended Accommodation Hotel Beijing Guoce International Convention and Exhibition Centre

Beijing Guoce International Convention and Exhibition Centre is the Congress official accommodation hotel with special discounts for participants of the XVIII World Water Congress. It is the same location with the venue. To see more details of the information about the accommodation and booking, please sign in to the Congress website: <https://www.worldwatercongress.com/service?type=notice>.

Congress Organising Committee has secured discounted rates of the Hotel for participants. If you wish to book accommodation with a discounted price, please make your reservation in the "Hotel Booking" section on the Congress official website page at your earliest convenience.

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TRANSPORTATION

A Shuttle pick-up service will be arranged at the Beijing Capital International Airport and Daxing International Airport. Participants are kindly requested to follow the online guidelines to take the Congress shuttle buses to the designated hotels of the Congress. Participants can also take public transport to get there on their own. For more information on the latest transportation information, please click here: <http://www.ce.micecube.com/service?type=go>.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency

Renminbi (RMB, ¥) is the legal currency of the People's Republic of China. The basic currency units of the Renminbi (RMB) are the "yuan", "jiao" and "fen". 1 yuan = 10 jiao = 100 fen.

Exchange Rate: For currency exchange, please check the People's Bank of China's foreign exchange rates on the day.

Travel to China and Visas

International travelers are advised to read the latest notices of Chinese Embassies and Consulates in their residential countries on any changes to facilitate travelling.

Visitors who arrive in China must have a passport or valid identity document if you will be participating in the Congress. You should choose the most appropriate visa category for your application. For updated and accurate information, please refer to the Chinese Embassy and Consulates in your residential country.

If an invitation letter is needed for the visa application, you are advised to firstly fill in the registration form and pay your registration fee. Then please email the following personal information to XVIII Congress Secretariat (WWC18th@163.com): 1) Full name; 2) Gender; 3) Nationality; 4) Date of birth; 5) Affiliation and Position; 6) Arrival and departure dates; 7) Passport number.

For more information on Chinese Embassies and Consulates in various countries, see the official website of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/lhqzjjs/>.

BEIJING

Tian'anmen Square

Situated in the centre of Beijing, China, Tiananmen Square is at the southern end of the Forbidden City and now serves as the entrance to the Palace Museum. On 1 October 1949, Tiananmen Square was the site of the founding ceremony of the People's Republic of China and is widely used as a national symbol. Tiananmen Square is surrounded by famous buildings such as the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of China, the Memorial Hall of Chairman Mao Zedong and the Monument to the People's Heroes.

Transportation Tian'anmen East Station, Subway Line 1

Duration 1 hour (square visit only), 3-5 hours (including visits to the Forbidden City, National Museum or Great Hall of the People etc.)



The Palace Museum

The Palace Museum is a large-scale comprehensive museum of ancient art built based on the Ming and Qing imperial palaces (the Forbidden City) and their collections and is the largest museum of ancient culture and art in China, as well as the largest and best-preserved wooden palace complex in the world.

Transportation Tian'an Men East Station, Subway Line 1

Duration 4-5hrs



Shichahai

Shichahai is a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes in the north of central Beijing. They are located directly northwest of the Forbidden City and north of the Beihai Lake. Shichahai consists of the following three lakes: Qianhai, Xihai and Houhai. In imperial times it was called the Riverbank. Shichahai literally means "the lake of ten temples". Around the lakes there are ten famous Taoist and Buddhist temples and several formal royal mansions and gardens. Prince Gong Mansion and Prince Chun Mansion are the most well-known ones.

Transportation Shichahai Station, Subway Line 8 **Duration** 2-3hrs



Olympic Green

The Olympic Green is an Olympic Theme Park in Chaoyang District, Beijing, China constructed for the 2008 Summer Olympics and the 2008 Summer Paralympics. Since then, the streets around the park have been used for an exhibition street race of the FIA GT1 World Championship in 2011, after a race at Goldenport Park Circuit in the vicinity. It again served as an Olympic Park when Beijing hosted the 2022 Winter Olympics and the 2022 Winter Paralympics. The main attractions are the Bird's Nest National Stadium, the Water Cube, the Forest Park and the Olympic Tower. The above buildings adopt green and low-carbon construction technology, realising the perfect combination of modern landscape and traditional Chinese garden mood.

Transportation Olympic Park Station, Subway Line 8 **Duration** 3hrs



CONGRESS FIELD TRIPS

In-Congress Day Trips

Route 1: The Great Wall & Olympic Venues (1 day)	12 Sep.	191 USD /person
Route 2: Forbidden City & Qianmen Pedestrian Street (1 day)	13 Sep.	161 USD /person
Route 3: Hutong, Prince's Mansion & Royal Altar (1 day)	14 Sep.	164 USD /person
Post Congress Field Trips		
Route 1: Summer Palace & Jingmi Aqueduct (1 Day)	16 Sep.	197 USD /person
Route 2: Miyun Reservoir & the Reservoir Area (1 Day)	16 Sep.	197 USD /person
Route 3: Dujiangyan and Chengdu City (4 Days)	16-19 Sep.	One-way Flight: 440 USD /person Round-trip Flight: 880 USD /person Accommodation: 321 USD /person Inspection Cost: 504 USD /person
Route 4: Three Gorges and Gezhouba Dam (4 Days)	16-19 Sep.	One-way Flight: 233 USD /person Round-trip Flight: 466 USD /person Accommodation: 321 USD /person Inspection Cost: 533 USD /person
Route 5: The Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal (Hangzhou Section) (4 Days)	16-19 Sep.	One-way Flight: 477 USD /person Round-trip Flight: 954 USD /person Accommodation: 287 USD /person Inspection Cost: 496 USD /person

Click on the link below to view the detailed programme: <https://www.worldwatercongress.com/investigate>. To book the trip, please register the Congress and make the reservation.

The Great Wall - Mutianyu Section

Mutianyu is a section of the Great Wall of China located in Huairou District within the city limits of Beijing 70 kilometres northeast of the centre of the city. The Mutianyu section of the Great Wall is connected to Jiankou in the west and Lianhuachi in the east. As one of the best-preserved parts of the Great Wall, the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall used to serve as the northern barrier defending the capital and the imperial tombs. In 1987, the Mutianyu Great Wall was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Transportation Shuttle bus departure from 8: 30 daily at Dongzhimen

Wai bus station. **Duration** 1 day



Summer Palace

The Summer Palace is a vast ensemble of lakes, gardens, and palaces in Beijing. It was an imperial garden in the Qing dynasty. Inside includes Longevity Hill, Kunming Lake and Seventeen Hole Bridge. It covers an expanse of 2.9 square kilometres, three-quarters of which is water. The Summer Palace was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1998.

Transportation Bei Gong Men Station, Subway Line 4 **Duration** 4-5hrs



(Visits to Beijing's museums, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall etc. need to be booked online or in advance, or join a tour)

COUNTRIES AT THE XVIII WORLD WATER CONGRESS

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE XVIII WORLD WATER CONGRESS

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CONGRESS EXHIBITION

Content

The XVIII World Water Congress exhibition will revolve around the theme of the Congress, while also showcasing China's achievements in water governance, water science and technology, investigation, design and consulting, hydraulic infrastructure construction and management, water management, technology equipment and water culture in different zones. The exhibition aims to exchange water management experiences and showcase achievements in water governance. The exhibition covers various fields, including but not limited to:

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| A China's Achievements in Water Governance | E Water Governance and Water Management |
| B Water Science and Technology | F Smart Water Conservancy |
| C Water Conservancy Engineering, Planning and Design, Construction, Implementation and Supervision Units etc. | G Unconventional Water Resources Utilisation Technology and Equipment |
| D Water Infrastructure Construction Management | H Technology, Equipment & Products |

Booth Price

<p>350 USD/m² Luxury Exhibition Area Bare space</p>	<p>255 USD/m² General Exhibition Area Bare space</p>	<p>2400 USD/booth Standard booth 9m²</p>
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