



10th World Water Forum in Bali: Pathways towards “Water for shared prosperity”

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Distinguished guests and our valuable working group members and coordinators of the Forum process,

We have made our pathway heading to “Water for Shared Prosperity” in Bali for more than a year now throughout the 10th World Water Forum. Thank you so much for your active engagement and for joining this journey.

Taking this opportunity of IWRA Congress, we are together here in the country of Asian region where they have taken leadership of water management throughout regional history with the wisdom of its ancestors for a massive scale management of resources and demand.

By seeing tailored solutions that have been applied to critical local challenges based on interfaces between technologies and policies, such as the South to North water national project of China, the national water management policies have been continuously developed in China that improve water supply where water was scarce. I hope this kind of representative case of regional wisdom and local practices could be our valuable foods to nurture our water dialogues. The implication of these cases in the lives of individual human beings and each of nature will lead to us towards shared prosperity.

It is a perfect time and space for us today, in this given context of addressing water as the most important element of the prosperity of humans and nature, to accelerate the further process of our efforts. This is to have concrete cases

of applying real solutions based on our action plans developed by intensive efforts and long-time dedication.

As a co-host and mother organization of the World Water Forum, the World Water Council has always stressed that Water is Politics.

In our development of water management, we are highlighting new technologies, development of experiments, and making innovations with fast-changing digitalization now. But let us remember that "Science without conscience is but the ruin of the soul". This is why we have said for many years: "Stop ignoring water!". And this is the reason why we need to consider three pillars of water from political, thematic, and regional aspects at the same time.

We are not only talking about water for the next day or month even not the next 10 years. We should think of water when our children and grandchildren will be at our age. This gives us more mission and more vision of where we need to move.

To have balanced solutions together, we are participating in the World Water Forum every 3 years. We are now heading to the 2nd SCM in Bali in October. Today's discussion will not be limited to our more than 300 thematic working group organizations and more than five sub-regions per 4 continents worldwide. Please do not hesitate to be engaged in the process by having today's message to make our water more visible in our politics, lives, and future plans for prosperity. As one of those efforts to provide global citizens an efficient and exclusive place to make this process, the World Water Council and the Indonesian government are co-organizing the 10th World Water Forum in Bali.

We welcome all of you to leap forward for 'Spare Water for shared prosperity' by joining this journey towards 2024.

Your commitment is total for the success of the incoming 10th World Water Forum and our gratitude is total for all your efforts, availability and dedication to make of this gathering for developing a stage for the process of preparation of the 10th World Water Forum.