

# 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Arab Water Council

March 16-17, 2019 - Cairo, Egypt

# **First Announcement**

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The Arab Water Council cordially invites you to participate in its 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA5) to be conducted at the InterContinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo, Egypt, during the period 16-17 March 2019.

During this triennial event, more than 400 members and experts representing 25 countries and several regional and international organizations will gather together to get acquainted with the Council achievements since the last meeting of the GA in February 2016, to discuss the way forward by approving the Council's future Work Plan for the next term 2019-202, and to elect its Board of Governors for the forthcoming mandate until 2021.

Through rule voting, the AWC members will elect 20 Governors from nominated candidates, besides 22 Arab country representatives that are independently appointed by their official authorities. New Governors will take seat in the Board for a three-year mandate during which AWC work plan for 2019-2021 will be implemented including preparations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Arab Water Forum.

Meanwhile, the 5<sup>th</sup> GA will be an opportunity for presenting several technical activities that shed light on the current projects/initiatives and the future regional priorities implemented in collaboration with development partners. These technical activities include:



### Launching of the SDG-Climate Nexus Facility



Under the framework of the League of Arab States Climate Risk Nexus Initiative (LAS- CRNI) and the Arab Water Security Strategy (2010-2030) towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda in the Arab region, the Arab Water Council (AWC), along with LAS and UN Partners will convene the "Official Launching Ceremony of the SDG-Climate Nexus Facility."



The Facility adapts a multi-phased program that aims at bringing together partners from regional organizations, governments, UN, private finance sector, civil society and academia, to undertake a series of national and regional activities - using a nexus approach - to support bottom-up local actions under SDG13 and the Paris Agreement on climate change to bring about clear co-benefits for core-related SDGs.

#### Technical Session on "The Arab Water Council Program to Support the Regional Endeavor for Expanding the Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources"

The future of the "Arab Water Security" will largely depend on the development of the non-conventional water resources (NCWR)(desalinated water, treated drainage and wastewater, brackish groundwater, etc...), which offers great potential. NCWR utilization is multi-faceted regarding the knowledge, expertise, consideration for the technical, socio-economic, cultural and environmental aspects and the special governance structure.

The session will present different "Case Studies" from the Arab Countries. The session aims at sharing knowledge and exchanging information about recent developments and innovation in policies, institutions, technologies, applications and management of non-conventional water in different uses. It also aims at exploring and deciding the way forward towards sustainable expansion of non-conventional water resources. This will help bridge the gap between the available water resources and the increasing demand on water for achieving the prospective development in the Arab region.

### Technical Session on "Indicators of State of the Water Report and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region"

With the aim of developing a consolidated database for water resources management, AWC – jointly with the Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), under the umbrella of the Arab Water Ministerial Council of the League of Arab States – has taken the lead in preparing and publishing on regular basis a series of "State of the Water Reports in the Arab Region" to present the country level water resources assessment on the Arab scale, together with the methodology applied. The series of reports represents a unique initiative by the Water Sector in the Arab Region on the road to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, to monitor progress and achievement.

The Session will shed the light on the updated information concerning the status of water strategic policy and service-related indicators in the Arab region. The collection and validation of the data associated with the selected indicators were obtained through selected focal points and experts from the Arab countries.

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Executive Committee Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting
- Opening Ceremony of GA5
- Tri-Annual Progress Report (2016-2018)
- AWC Work Plan (2019-2021)
- State of the Arab Water Report
- Election of the New AWC Board of Governors (2019-2021) ( and announcing the Election Results)
- Launching of the Arab Women Network

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Launching of the SDG-Climate Nexus Facility
- Technical Session (1):

"The Arab Water Council Program in Support of Regional Endeavors for Expanding the Use of Non-Conventional Water Resources"

- Technical Session (2): "Indicators of State of the Water Report and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region"
- Wrap-up & Recommendations of AWC General Assembly
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting (by invitation)

## Program Outline

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## VENUE

The meeting venue is the 5-stars InterContinental City Stars Cairo Heliopolis Hotel. The hotel is located 15 minutes from Cairo International Airport. For more details about the facilities of the hotel

please check the hotel website (www.citystars.com.eg).

# ACCOMMODATION

Block reservation is made at the InterContinental City Stars Hotel where the meeting will take place.

#### Room Rate:

Classic Single: US\$ 175 Classic Double: US\$ 190

Above rate is on B.B. basis and inclusive of all taxes and service charges.

#### Hotel Booking:

For hotel booking, participants are kindly requested to send an email directly to Mr. Moustafa Ibrahim (moustafa.ibrahim@ihg.com)

Note: Please send a copy of the reservation request to the AWC Secretariat for follow up on the following email: ga@arabwatercouncil.org

### REGISTRATION

For registration, please complete the Registration Form and send it to AWC Secretariat at: **ga@arabwatercouncil.org** 

### **Register Now**

### REGISTRATION FEES

AWC members (who have settled the membership fees) are exempted from registration fees. Non-member participants are kindly requested to pay a daily registration fee of LE 750. Registration fees will be collected on site at the Registration Desk.

### Note:

Please keep your name tag as you will be kindly requested to present it at the entrance of the meeting rooms. The meetings will be restricted only to the registered participants.