

First Consultation Meeting for Launching the Activities of the Third Arab Water Forum

In preparation for the 3rd Arab Water Forum (AWF3) to be organized by the Arab Water Council in December 9 - 11, 2014 in Cairo, Egypt, a consultation meeting was held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 to launch the activities of the Forum. The meeting took place at the InterContinental City Stars Hotel in Cairo to discuss the objectives of the Forum and to agree on the main themes and sub-themes in view of the priority issues related to water resources and their uses in Arab countries.

The meeting brought together about 50 participants including members of the Board of Governors and the heads and representatives of regional and international organizations, as well as the members of the Organizing and Steering Committees of the Forum.

The meeting was opened by H.E. Dr. Hussein Atfy, Secretary-General of the Arab Water Council, in presence of H.E. Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, President of the Arab Water Council, and H.E. Prof. Dr. Safwat Abdel Dayem, Chairman of the AWF3 Organizing Committee. AWC President started by briefing the participants with the output of the Second Arab Water Forum, which was held in Cairo in November 2011. Then the Chairman of the Organizing Committee presented the approach and framework of organizing the Forum and the suggestions regarding the main themes and sub-themes. The participants then expressed their views through three World Cafés.

In conclusion, the hosts of the cafés, presented the results of the dialogue and discussions and their views regarding the preferences of the Forum logo and themes. Also the Heads and representatives of the regional and international organizations expressed their expectations drawn from the Forum outcomes, and the role their organizations can play to support the Forum activities and sessions. The floor was then open for discussion and interaction of the participants.

The meeting was concluded with closing remarks from AWC President, who thanked the participants and appreciated their efforts in making the meeting a success.

