

## Mark Your Calendar

The Arab Water Forum is a tri-annual multi-stakeholder event organized by the Arab Water Council (AWC). The forum is a platform for all water stakeholders to meet and deliberate on the water issues that influence their daily life and have impact on their future. The scarce water resources in this region represent the biggest challenge, which is aggravated by fast growing population and global changes as in the case of climate, and water related disasters (floods and droughts). The Third Arab Water Forum (AWF3) will be held in Cairo, Egypt, **in December 9 – 11, 2014**. The AWF3 will convene around the general theme **“Together Towards a Secure Arab Water Future”** and IWRM will represent the central issue embedded in the specific themes and topics of the forum. The AWF3 will allow all water-interest groups and stakeholders to engage in debate about how far the current water policies and actions are successful to bring water security to the region, effectively contribute to food security and protect the environment. It aims at identifying policy adjustments and necessary mechanisms that could further promote cooperation between the Arab countries in the Water Sector.

As was the case in the past, the AWF3 will bring together governments, development organization, private sector, civil society and academia to share their recent actions on the ground to improve water management in the Arab Countries. The forum will be an opportunity for enriching the water knowledge base with the latest of innovation, lessons and successes in the water sectors. It is an appointment for interaction between politicians, practitioners, scientists and all members of the civil society to identify further actions towards converting the many water challenges in the region into opportunities. The forum will send clear messages to policy makers about how water experts, professionals and users see the future and what is expected from them on short and long terms. The forum will be also a gateway for the Arab region to participate in the 7th World Water Forum in Korea in April 2015.