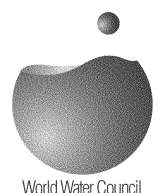
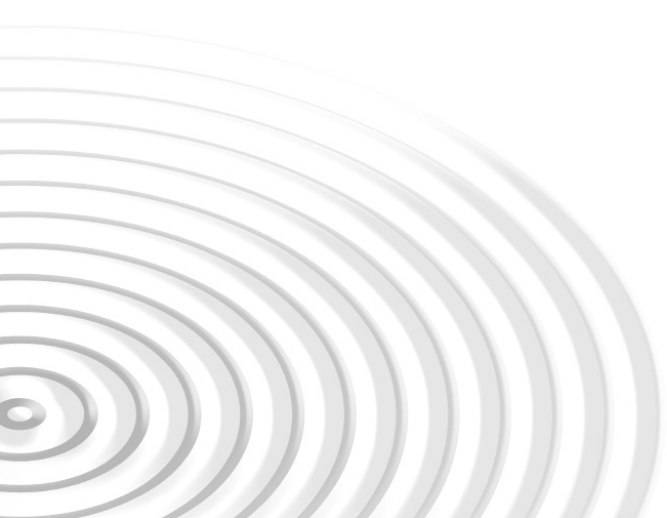


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WWC President received by the Secretary-General of the UN



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Loïc Fauchon pleads for a «Water-Energy-Climate» package

Loïc Fauchon, the President of the World Water Council, was received on Tuesday in New York by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon. The Secretary-General emphasized the vital importance he pays to the access to water for all in the battle against poverty - whether it's for food production, fighting water-borne diseases or ensuring the role of women and children in tomorrow's society. He assured Loïc Fauchon of his personal commitment to the cause and congratulated him on making the World Water Council an internationally recognized and respected organization in such a short time.

Loïc Fauchon evoked, in turn, the World Water Council's work on the right to water and transboundary cooperation (Euphrates, the Nile and the Mekong), particularly insisting on developing new global approaches. He also pleaded for water demand management policies to encourage behaviours that are civic and water-conserving.

The President of the Council further underlined the importance to create a closer link between water and energy and suggested creating a «Water-energy-climate» package. This «global fund for rare resources», already supported by taxes from financial transactions, could also then finance water and sanitation infrastructure in poor countries.

Finally, Ban Ki-moon and Loïc Fauchon discussed different pathways for future collaboration between UN agencies and the water community, especially with regards to upcoming high-level international meetings. The Secretary-General asked the Council to be involved in the preparation for the Rio+20 Earth Summit in 2012 and to ensure that further work is accomplished on green growth in view of the 6th World Water Forum in the same year.

Ben Braga, the President of the International Committee for the 6th World Water Forum, and Eun-kyung Park, the President of the Korea Water Forum, were part of the official delegation. Ben Braga personally invited the Secretary-General to open this historic event in Marseille, France, and underlined the Forum's potential for true citizen's involvement.

« This meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations is a very important step in the life of the World Water Council. »

Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council

« It's very important to meet the right person at the right time. I have a feeling that we accomplished that today. »

Eun-Kyung Park, Korea Water Forum, Member of the Bureau of the WWC

« The Secretary-General showed a very high importance of the World Water Forum as a multi-stakeholder forum that can produce ideas and concrete actions towards solving the water problems in the world »

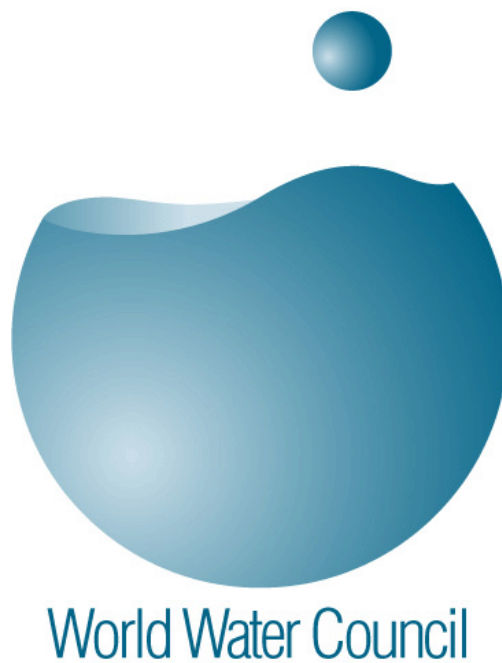
Benedito Braga, President of the International Committee for the 6th World Water Forum



The Secretary-General of the UN with the World Water Council delegation

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