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FOR WATER

Virtual Meeting Space - VMS

The co-organizers of the 5th World Water Forum are pleased to present the **Virtual Meeting Space (VMS)**, an on-line collaborative tool that will prepare the debate at the Forum. Available on <http://portal.worldwaterforum5.org/>, the VMS is being heralded as the tool needed by the water community to meet mankind's global targets, including the Millennium Development Goals.

The 5th World Water Forum will focus on providing coherent answers to the most crucial water-related issues of our time. In line with the 5th World Water Forum's main theme, "**Bridging Divides for Water**", the VMS will make it possible for those with the knowledge and capacity to contribute to these targets to go beyond geographical, time and language barriers, and share their related ideas and experiences. The VMS will also provide coherency between the Forum's thematic, regional, major groups and political processes.

Take advantage today of this opportunity to join the ongoing efforts to achieve a world in which all people have access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and are free from the effects of water-related disasters. If you are reading this, the 5th World Water Forum is your Forum. Click on <http://portal.worldwaterforum5.org/> today and find out what all the fuss is about. Thousands of like-minded individuals await you there!

As an individual working on water-related issues, the VMS will:

- Provide you with access to the most up-to-date **information** on the Forum and the issues of interest to you;
- Allow you to **exchange ideas** and **collaborate** with others on these issues, leading to concrete outcomes;
- Facilitate your **contribution** to the various components of the Forum, including the sessions, regional and political processes and major groups;
- **Update** your personal data by sharing your events, programmes and reports with other users in the "Water Who's Who"; and
- Facilitate your **registration** for the Forum week and allow you to plan your stay in Istanbul.

