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## THE WAY TOWARDS RIO + 20

International Forum Committee

### Description:

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20) will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012. Although the outcomes of that Conference are still under negotiation, water issues in the context of sustainable development have a crucial importance and will be debated in the context of that major event and its preparatory process.

Moreover, there is an understanding between the Government of Brazil and the United Nations Secretariat that an on-site high-level Dialogue on the sustainable uses of water will be organized during the week immediately prior to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development.

It is expected that the recommendations to be formulated during the 6th World Water Forum be shared and presented during that parallel event of Rio + 20 and that they will contribute effective input to the expected outcomes of the UN Conference itself.

This opening day high-level side event intends to contribute to the discussions that will be held during the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. It aims at highlighting the importance of water issues in the context of the discussions to be held during the Rio + 20 Conference on green economy, in the context of poverty eradication and sustainable development and on the institutional framework for sustainable development.

This event will highlight the role of water in securing food and health as an essential human need; securing economic growth with social inclusion and securing the conservation of our natural resources. In order to achieve the envisaged water security linked with energy security it is imperative to have an appropriate legal, institutional, financing and participatory mechanism through good governance at the local and national levels.

This side event will provide an opportunity to foster the discussion on the concrete solutions and recommendations that will arise from the 6th World Water Forum to the Rio + 20 Conference.

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## Programme:

- 15:15 – 15:20**      **Welcome from the Chairman**  
Mr. Ben Braga, President of International Committee of the 6th World Water Forum - IFC
- 15:20 – 15:25**      **Welcome from the French Government**  
H.E. Henri de Raincourt, Minister for Cooperation of France
- 15:25 – 15:35**      **Opening remarks**  
H.E. Kim Hwang-sik, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea
- 15:35 – 15:55**      **Keynote Speech**  
H.E. Izabella Teixeira, Minister of Environment of Brazil
- 16:05 – 16:20**      **Presentation of Rio + 20**  
Mr. Sha Zukang, Secretary-General of Rio + 20
- 16:20 – 17:00**      **The role of water in:**
- Securing food and health as an essential human need
    - HRH Prince Fahad Al Attiya, Qatar National Food Security Programme (QNFSP), Qatar
  - Securing economic growth and social inclusion
    - Mr. Angel Gurría, Organization for Economic and Co-operation Development (OECD)
  - Securing the conservation of natural resources
    - Mrs. Julia Marton-Lefèvre, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- The role of good governance as a basis for achieving water security:**
- Mr. Francisco Nunes Correia, Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), Portugal
- 17:00 – 17:20**      **Questions and Answers**  
Moderated by the Chairman
- 17:20 – 17:30**      **Closing remarks**  
Mr. Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council

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