

# ISTANBUL URBAN WATER CONSENSUS

5<sup>th</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM  
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BRIDGING  
DIVIDES  
FOR WATER



# 5<sup>th</sup> FORUM Political Process

- Ministers
- Parliamentarians
- Local Authorities
- Stakeholders – water companies, NGOs, civil society



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## One theme:

« Water management adaptation strategies for global changes, including climate change/variability »

# Istanbul Urban Water

## Consensus

### Declaration

- Imperatives
- Call for action

### Commitments

- Assessment
- Adaptation Plans
- Targets
- Reporting

# DECLARATION -

## Imperatives

- Urbanization and population change
- Stress on water resources
- Achieving the MDGs
- Climate change and variability
- Socio-economic complexity
- Water-related disasters

# DECLARATION – Call for Action

- National governments
- Water professionals and scientists
- Agriculture, Forestry, Energy Ministers
- International agencies and funders
- Other local authorities leaders

# COMMITMENTS:

## Assessment

- Population and land use changes
- Infrastructure capacity and condition
- Climate change scenarios
- Climate-related risks for water system
- Pollution and disaster vulnerability assessment

# COMMITMENTS: Adaptation plans

- “ Consider a range of water, sanitation and storm water management techniques to respond to urbanization and to the uncertainty and variability associated with global changes.”



# COMMITMENTS: Set targets

- Adopt specific, measurable, numeric targets to support the City's Adaptation Plan
- Targets will be fully voluntary, tailored to the City's priorities, and consistent with its jurisdiction
- Targets demonstrate that Cities are serious about taking action on water

# NEXT STEPS

- Consultation –How can the document be improved/strengthened?
- New versions including comments will be released each month
- Tailor to the cities
- Commit to sign



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- Present Istanbul Urban Water Consensus to Ministers and the public
- Dialogue and agree next steps

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