



Overall Outline of the 4th Arab Water Forum

26-28 November 2017

InterContinental City Stars Hotel

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Forum Objectives

- The Forum is a tri-annual event that provides a platform to address the critical issues and challenges within the water sector in the Arab region.
- The outcome will not only be a commitment to a sustainable and prosperous future for all in the region, but also a regional contribution to the global debate at the 8th World Water Forum in Brazil next year.

History of AWF

1st AWF, KSA 2008

Water Resources in Arid Environment

2nd AWF, Cairo 2011

Living with Water Scarcity

3rd AWF, Cairo 2014

Together towards a Secure Arab Water

4th AWF, Cairo 2017

Sharing Water ... Sharing Destiny





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Forum Slogan, Logo, Themes and Topics



4th AWF Slogan

Sharing Water .. Sharing Destiny
الشراكة في المياه .. مشاركة في المصير





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The Logo design denotes the concept of:

- **Sharing Water** (the inter-linking waves forming the boundaries of the drop of water).
- **Sharing Destiny** (the overlapping arms of human beings with common interests in the shared drop of water).



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Main Themes

- 1. Water and Sustainable Development**
المياه والتنمية المستدامة
- 2. Water-Food-Energy-Climate Nexus**
الترابط بين المياه والغذاء والطاقة والتكيف مع التغيرات المناخية
- 3. Water Quality and Ecosystem Livelihood**
نوعية المياه والحياة فى النظام الإيكولوجي
- 4. Sustainable Solutions for Shared Water Resources**
الحلول المستدامة للموارد المائية المشتركة
- 5. Water and Science, Technology and Innovation**
المياه فى مجال العلم والتكنولوجيا والابتكار

Theme 1. Water and Sustainable Development

Topics:

- Arab Water Security Strategy for SDGs.
- Safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for all.
- Involving and empowering all in water decision-making.
- Developing and financing the water sector.
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Theme 2. Water-Food-Energy-Climate Nexus

Topics

- Efficient use of natural resources.
- Food security and virtual water trade.
- Role of renewable energy.
- Inclusive approaches for climate change.
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Theme 3. Water Quality and Ecosystem Livelihood

Topics

- Safe use of non-conventional water resources.
- Ecosystem sustainability and restoration.
- Solid waste management.
- Hygiene and public health.
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Theme 4. Sustainable Solutions for Shared Water Resources

Topics

- Improving shared water governance.
- Lessons learned from global practices.
- Cooperation and conflict resolution.
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Theme 5. Water and Science, Technology and Innovation

Topics

- Indigenous Arab science and technology.
- ICT for shared knowledge and information.
- Scientific-based capacity building.
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Cross Cutting Issues

Finance

Governance

Gender

Solutions &
Practices

Technical Program

- **Opening and Closing sessions**
- **5 Thematic sessions covering 5 themes**
- **Special sessions / back-to-back workshops**
- **Exhibition / Fine Arts gallery**



Program at a Glance

	Morning	Afternoon
Nov 26		Opening ceremony, Exhibition, Keynote address
Nov 27	2 Thematic sessions + Special sessions	1 Thematic session + Special sessions
Nov 28	2 Thematic sessions + Special sessions	Closing session

Confirmed Special Sessions

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| 1- Preparation for WWF8 | LAS/AWC |
| 2- State of Arab Water | CEDARE/AWC |
| 3- Non Conventional Water Initiative in the Arab Region | AWC/UNESCO/FAO |



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Thank you for your attention



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