

September 23, 2008 Cairo, Egypt

Subject: Invitation to the 1st Arab Water Forum 16-19 November 2008, Riyadh-Saudi Arabia

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 1st Arab Water Forum, which will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, during the period 16-19 November 2008. The Forum will be organized concurrently with the 3rd International Conference on Water Resources and Arid Environments and Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (<u>http://www.psipw.org/</u>).

The program of the 1st Arab Water Forum will include special sessions focusing on the contribution of the Arab Region in the thematic, regional, and political processes of the 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul (Turkey), 16-22 March 2009. The special session will focus on the review and discussion of the draft regional report, the discussion document of the Ministerial Meeting, and the Istanbul Urban Water Consensus, as well as the input of the Arab Region to the thematic session.

I would appreciate confirming your participation at your earliest convenience, in order to allow sufficient time to obtain the entry visa to KSA. The AWC will send names of the confirmed participants to the Saudi Organizers to facilitate the issue of your visa.

Looking forward to hear from you...

Sincerely Yours,

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