

Today Cairo witnessed the opening ceremony of the 1st Cairo Water Week



Under the auspices of His Excellency President Abdel Fatah El Sisi, the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E Dr. Mustafa Madbouli the Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt chaired the 1st CWW ceremony which has been convened under the theme: "Water conservation for sustainable development.

The Ceremony was opened by H.E Dr. Mohamed Abdel Atti, Minister of Water Resources & Irrigation who welcomed all attendances. Then, H.E. gave his speech in which he emphasized the importance of synergy of efforts for facing the water challenges which confront the country under the current circumstances of water scarcity in the world.



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H.E. KAMEL HUSSEIN



H.E MR. LOÏC FAUCHON



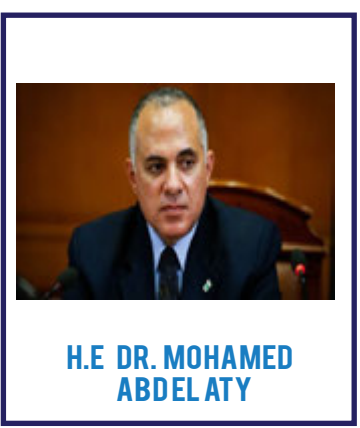
H.E. MR. LIU ZHENMIN

After that, several eminent experts made statements during the opening ceremony among them; H.E Mr. Loïc FAUCHON, Honorary President, World Water Council, who mentioned that the world is now facing multiple crises, water at the heart of this crisis. Also, he stressed at our responsibility now is overwhelming to guarantee to our population proper water resources. Then, H.E Mr. Abdessalam Ould Ahmed, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa, FAO, who said "Agriculture must be central to our responses to the challenge of water scarcity in the Region. Agriculture is by far the largest user of water in the region, but it is also fundamental to our survival and long-term resilience". H.E. Hassan Kamal Aly, the Assistance Secretary-General for economic affairs at the League of Arab States congratulated Egypt for organizing such an important event. He mentioned that the week is an important event that must attract the attention of the whole world. Also, he pointed that one of the biggest challenges facing the Arab region are water scarcity and Climate change.

After that, H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations who pointed out that water management is facing challenges of climate change and hindering the sustainable development. He stressed that the upcoming days of the week will provide a great opportunity to discuss water issues within sustainable development goals.

Eventually, H.E Dr. Mustafa Madbouli, the Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt made a statement whereby he welcomed all attendances. Also, he mentioned the 1st Cairo Water Week will provide a good opportunity for all participating delegations from the entire world to exchange knowledge and experiences. The opening ceremony was attended by a number of ministers, senior officials and water experts from more than 100 countries around the world.

"Water Conservation for Sustainable Development" was the main focus of the plenary session today



A plenary session entitled "Water Conservation for Sustainable Development" was chaired by Dr. Hany Suwailm, Academic Director of the Hydrological Engineering Department, Aachen University today.

Dr. Mohamed Abdel Atti, The Egyptian Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation initiated the discussion on Egypt's strategy 2030 to achieve sustainable development goals which focus on water as a key factor for future development.

The discussions was enriched by six speakers: H.E. Ms. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of state at Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Singapore, who has presented Singapore's Journey towards Water Sustainability , Dr. Heribert Nacken, RWTH Aachen University, Germany, who discussed Sustainable Water Management: Requirements for University Education, Dr. Stefan Uhlenbrook, WWAP, UNESCO programme, tackled Lessons learned and policy implications from the SDG 6 synthesis report on water and sanitation, Prof. Dr. Samir Abu Suleiman, Head of On-Farm Irrigation Project Management Unit, Ministry of Agriculture Ms. Kirsten Nyman, Head of Egyptian-German Water Management Reform Programme (WMRP) & provided over view about Improved on-farm Irrigation Management - Saving Water and Improving Livelihoods



Moreover, the session focused on innovative solutions in water management in different sectors in more efficient and productive ways by high-level officials from different countries as it tackled the Egyptian strategy for achieving sustainable development goals. The session also provided an overview of the requirements that should be placed on the training of professionals so that all dimensions of sustainability can be covered and implemented in the real world within the framework of a social discourse. Moreover, it illustrated the lessons learned and policy implications from the SDG 6 synthesis on water and sanitation, success stories, and new approaches on Water-Food-Energy nexus for more productivity regarding crop per drop per kilowatt per unit area.



Dr. Mohamed Abdel Atti, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation inaugurates the 1st Cairo Water Week exhibition

On the sidelines of the 1st CWW, Dr. Mohamed Abdel Atti inaugurated the first Cairo Water Week exhibition .

Worthy of note, that more than 25 exhibitors from different Egyptian and foreign companies and agencies have been participated in the exhibition.

The exhibition provides a unique opportunity for all public and private institutions in the water sector to present their activities, programs and products to participants from more than 100 countries.



Outstanding participation of STEM schools



Today...launching of the 4th session of Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water



President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi met today the head of delegations of the 4th session of Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water, in the presence of Dr. Mohamed Abdel Atti, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation.

Under the umbrella of the first Cairo Water Week, the 4th session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water was held this year as a high-level event in the 1st CWW. The conference started today by senior officials meeting with the presence of more than thirty delegations from various OIC member States. The meeting included presentations on the capacity and needs of Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) Member States in the area of capacity-building.

The conference aims at strengthening the cooperation between the Islamic states in order to enhance the social and environmental aspects. Main fields of concern of the conference are capacity building, transfer of knowledge and technology among the Islamic states to provide clean potable water, sanitation services, irrigation systems, food security, and disaster prevention.



Thirty young African future leaders actively involved in the 1st CWW

As a first step for youth empowerment, the establishment of the African Youth Water Forum was announced today under the aegis of 1st CWW. The forum was held under the auspices of the African Regional Working Group of the International Committee on Irrigation and Drainage.

Thirty young people with interested in water issues from different African countries have participated in the forum during the week. Today's meeting has included memorandums of understanding with the Moroccan Committee for Irrigation and Drainage, as well as discussing projects for drainage problems and maximizing the utilization of solar energy.



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