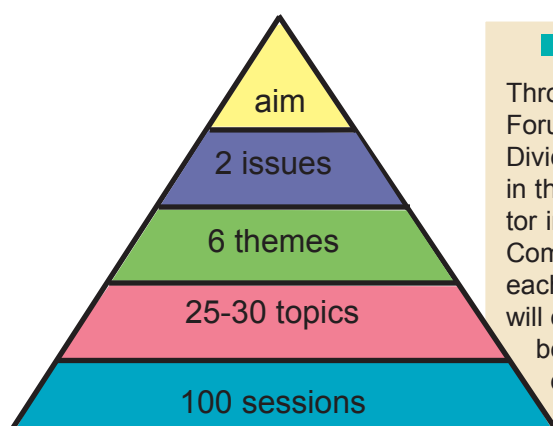
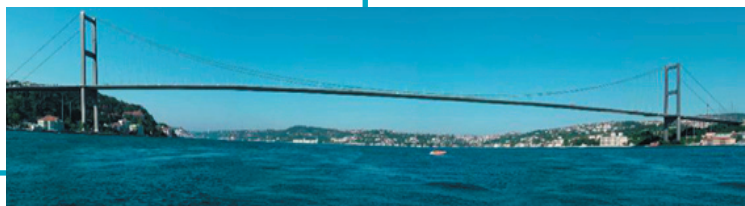


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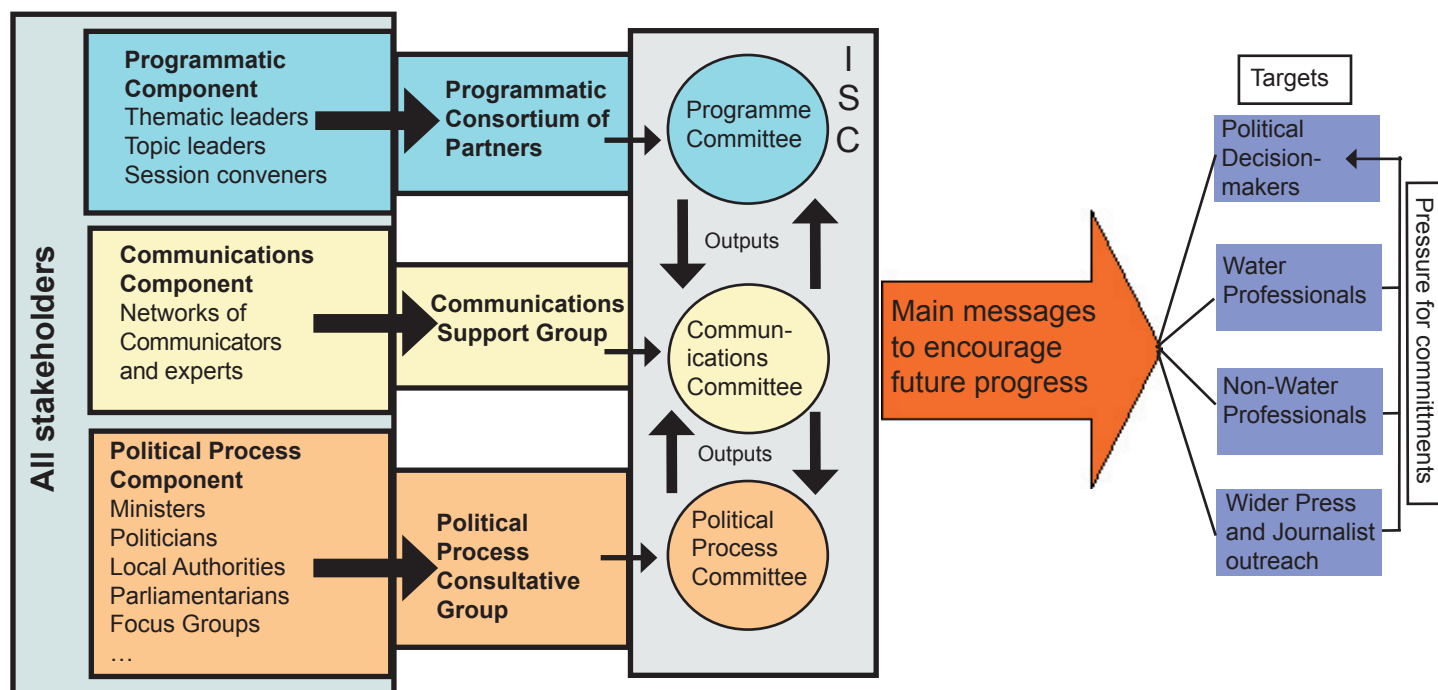
■ Towards the 5th World Water Forum

The 5th World Water Forum, co-organized by the Turkish Government and the World Water Council, will take place in **Istanbul, Turkey, 16-22 March 2009**. Three separate Committees have been established under the authority of the International Steering Committee (ISC) to lead the organisation of Programme, Political Process and Communications components. Each is composed by an equal number of Turkish representatives and World Water Council members.



■ Programme Development

Through a pyramidal conception, the programme for the 5th Forum will provide focus on the overarching theme of "Bridging Divides for Water". A consortium of institutions will be involved in the development of each theme led by a thematic coordinator in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Programme Committee. Approximately three sessions will be identified for each topic to allow for an open interaction and dialogue which will enable the bridging of divides between actors and sectors, between different regions and levels of economic development, between men and women and between the present and the future.



■ How to Contribute?

- Respond to our call for contributions to sessions: March 2008
- Join a regional preparation process
- Inform us of your organization's activities and initiatives
- Host a meeting
- Organize events at the Fair or Expo
- Inform your network of contacts of 5th Forum News and activities

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■ Programme Framework, Issues, Themes and Topics

Topics	Themes	Issues	Aim
Adapting to climate change	Global Changes and Risk Management	Providing Water for Sustainable Development	Bridging Divides for Water
Migration and changing land uses, human settlements and water			
Mitigating disasters			
Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all - ensuring adequate infrastructure - protecting public health in near term	Advancing Human Development and the MDGs		
Water for energy, energy for water			
Water and food for ending poverty and hunger			
Multiple uses of water e.g. water supply and irrigation			
Basin management and transboundary water cooperation	Managing and Protecting Water Resources and their Supply Systems to Meet Human and Environmental Needs		
Ensuring adequate water resources and storage infrastructure to meet agricultural, energy and urban needs			
Preserving natural ecosystems			
Managing and protecting surface, ground and rainwater			
Implementing the right to water and sanitation for improved access	Governance and Management	Enabling Mechanisms for Development	
Improving performance through regulatory approaches			
Ethics, transparency and empowerment of stakeholders			
Optimizing public and private roles in water services			
Institutional arrangements for efficient and effective water management			
Sustainable means of financing local water authorities and systems	Finance		
Pricing strategies to ensure fairness and sustainability			
Pro-poor policies and strategies			
Education and capacity-building strategies	Education, Knowledge and Capacity Building		
Water science and technology: appropriate and innovative solutions for the 21st Century			
Using professional networks and associations to strengthen the water sector			