

**IWRA XVI WORLD WATER CONGRESS: CANCUN DECLARATION CALLS FOR ACTION TO BRIDGE SCIENCE AND WATER POLICY-MAKING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The XVI World Water Congress on "*Bridging Science and Policy*" held from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cancun, Mexico, calls in its final Declaration for urgent mobilization to achieve the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development on time.

The Congress, therefore, urges:

**Policy makers and donors:**

- To assimilate science into the decision-making process;
- To finance and facilitate programs and processes to build evidence-based policies.

**Scientists and professionals:**

- To respond to the needs of civil society and to make new knowledge available for public debate;
- To commit themselves to the implementation of adaptive solutions.

**Civil society:**

- To adapt its own behaviour to new challenges;
- To share its knowledge of realities and take part in the design and implementation of adaptive innovative solutions.

Patrick Lavarde, President of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA), highlighted that this Declaration was conceived through a participatory process and committed to involve the Association in supporting new water policies.

The XVI World Water Congress is one of the most important international water meetings globally aiming to further water resources knowledge, policy and management. This Congress was jointly organised by IWRA and Mexico's National Water Commission (CONAGUA) and National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities (ANEAS), bringing together more than 1000 participants from over 65 countries.

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