



# XVI World Water Congress

International Water Resources Association (IWRA)  
Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. 29 May- 3 June, 2017

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# Message from the Chair of the International Scientific Committee (ISC)

**Gabriel Eckstein**  
**Texas A&M University**

“Water for life; water for everybody;  
water security; water for the environment”

These are some of the cries we often hear worldwide from indigenous communities, businesses, non-governmental groups, and industry sectors, each one vying for increasingly limited water resources and, thereby, challenging existing water management regimes. If loud enough, these cries can serve as a foundation for new policies and decision-making and can catalyze governments to adopt new approaches and novel strategies for water resources management.

All-too-often, such cries and decisions lack a strong scientific underpinning supporting the soundness of the new approach or strategy. Sometimes they work, but oftentimes they result in unforeseen and unintended consequences. The reality is that a disconnect exists between the scientific and policy-making communities, and even between the scientific community and civil society. These are gaps in knowledge and communications between those with the technical knowledge, and those with the drive and capacity to make changes.

In selecting the overall theme as “Bridging Science and Policy”, the XVIth World Water Congress aims to bridge these gaps and facilitate both dialogue and collaboration among the various water communities and stakeholders. The chief objective of the Congress is to link water professionals across the various disciplines with information and experiences related to water resources issues around the world, as well as with experts – in both the public and private sector – working on key global water agendas and strategies.

As a platform for dialogue and exchange, the XVIth World Water Congress offers a unique space for advancing all of these objectives. Moreover, it will facilitate opportunities for coordinating research efforts with policy objectives. By collaborating and combining all of our efforts, by bridging and fortifying relations among scientists and policymakers, we will ensure a more sound future for the world we leave to our children.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Bureau and International Scientific Committee of the XVIth World Water Congress, I warmly welcome you to take part in the multitude of regular, special, and extraordinary sessions, high level panels, receptions, and networking opportunities that have been planned throughout the week of the Congress. We especially encourage your active participation in the ongoing discussions and to raise your ideas and suggestions as we collectively pursue solutions for some of the world’s most vexing water-related challenges.

*I look forward to seeing you in Cancun, Mexico!*



# Message from the Congress Steering Committee (CSC)

**Roberto Olivares**  
**ANEAS of Mexico, A.C.**

The International Water Resources Association (IWRA) is one of the pioneer organizations in the global discussion on the world's water situation and challenges. IWRA, through its World Water Congress, has also been a pioneer in bringing together the international community to discuss the most pressing issues in the water sector.

In 1979, Mexico had the honor to host this Congress third edition, and now, thirty-eight years later, the Mexican Government, through the National Water Commission (CONAGUA), will welcome again experts, scientists and researchers, politicians, decision-makers, utilities, technological innovators, investors, legal specialists, regulators, students and groups involved in capacity building to gather and share experiences during the XVI World Water Congress.

For Mexico, holding the XVI Congress reaffirms its global responsibility to drive a green agenda, where water policy is of utmost importance and a priority commitment. This is consistent with the task assumed to co-chair the High-Level Panel on Water, created by the United Nations and various international organizations.

In that vein, on behalf of the Congress Steering Committee members, we are delighted to welcome all participants, convinced that the outcomes of the meeting will be fruitful and an important step to continue building a genuine pact towards global water security.



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# The IWRA and the World Water Congresses



\*Resolution to create the World Water Council (host of the World Water Forum) was made at the 1994 Congress

## Objectives of the Congress

- Global meeting place for water stakeholders & professionals
- Share experiences, promote discussion, & present new knowledge, research results and developments
- Identify major global themes concerning the water agenda
- Pursue and encourage development and implementation of policy decisions

# XVI World Water Congress



KOHUNLICH, Quintana Roo

The XVI World Water Congress under the overarching theme “Bridging Science and Policy”, is organized by the International Water Resources Association (IWRA), the National Water Commission of Mexico (CONAGUA) and the National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities (ANEAS) will take place in the global water agenda at a decisive time, in face of the early stages of the 2030 Agenda and its implementation. The Congress takes into account the outcomes of the 7th World Water Forum held in Korea in 2015 and is a milestone towards the 8th World Water Forum to be held in Brasilia in 2018, focusing on the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) and the COP 21 climate agreement.

At this juncture, the World Water Congress aims to provide a meeting place to share experiences, promote discussion, and present new knowledge, research results and new developments in the field of water policy and science from around the world. For more than four decades, World Water Congress have been the breeding ground for identification of major global themes concerning the water agenda as well as for bringing together a large cross-section of stakeholders for the development and implementation of decisions in the field of water.

Natural and social scientists, engineers, technological innovators, policy and decision makers, financial stakeholders and investors, legal and regulatory specialists, students and groups involved in capacity building will discuss and present their initiatives. The Congress will bring together science and policy as well as possible solutions and pathways for the sustainable governance and management of the water, through best practices and recommendations for global, regional and local policies. It will help to connect scientific knowledge and policy actions, between those making scientific and technological discoveries and those who can mobilize governmental and societal adoption and implementation.



# A Few Distinguished Speakers

Ramon Aguirre	President	ANEAS
Aziza Akhmouch	Head of Unit - SDGs, Water and Local Public Services	OECD
Catarina de Albuquerque	Executive Chair	Sanitation and Water for All
Doğan Altınbilek	Vice-President	World Water Council
Luis Arce	Finance Minister	Bolivia
Asma Bachikh	President	World Youth Parliament for Water
Eugenio Barrios	Director of Public Policy, Corporate & Social Engagement	WWF Mexico
Diane d'Arras	President	International Water Association
Jean-Didier Berthault	Vice-President	Paris Sanitation Corporation
Benedito Braga	President	World Water Council
Stephano Burchi	Executive Chairman	International Association for Water Law
Jose Carrera	Vice-President	Development Bank of Latin America
Torkil Jønch Clausen	Chair of the Thematic Commission	8th World Water Forum
Gabriel Eckstein	Chair	International Scientific Committee, World Water Congress
Jerome Delli-Priscolli	Chair	GWP Technical Committee
Jean-François Donzier	Executive Secretary	International Network of Basin Organisations
Amadou Mansour Faye	Minister for Water Resources and Sanitation	Senegal
Torgny Holmgren	Executive Director	Stockholm International Water Institute
Neil Grigg	Professor	Colorado State University
Blanca Jimenez-Cisneros	Director, Water Division	UNESCO
Karin Krchnak	Director of the Freshwater Program	World Wildlife Fund USA
Simon Langan	Director of the Water Program	Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
Patrick Lavarde	President	IWRA
Haksoo Lee	CEO/President	K-Water/Asia Water Council
Soontak Lee	President	International Hydrologic Environmental Society
Yuanyuan Li	General Director	Institute of Water Resources & Hydropower Planning, China
Guihua Lu	Vice-minister for Water Resources	People's Republic of China
Rabi Mohtar	TEES Research Endowed Professor	Texas A&M University
Saeed Nairizi	President	International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
Roberto Olivares	General Director	ANEAS
Federico Properzi	UN Water	UN
Roberto Ramirez de la Parra	General Director	CONAGUA
Alfonso Rivera	Chief Hydrogeologist	Geological Survey of Canada
Diego J. Rodriguez	Senior Water Resources Management Specialist	The World Bank
Paulo Salles	Co-President	8th World Water Forum
William Sarni	Advisor on Water Strategy & Technology Innovation	Water Foundry
Mark Smith	Director of the Global Water Program	International Union for Conservation of Nature
András Szöllősi-Nagy	Chair	International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO
Cecilia Tortajada	Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Water Policy	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore
Jun Xia	Academician	Chinese Academy of Sciences
Victor Hugo Alcocer Yamanaka	Deputy Director for Technical Issues	CONAGUA

# General Program

The Congress will count with more than 13 Parallel Sessions, including approximately 55 Special Sessions, more than 250 presentations and 100 posters to be exhibited

Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 01	Friday 02	Saturday 03
Official Opening Ceremony	Parallel Sessions 3	Parallel Sessions 6	Parallel Sessions 10	Parallel Sessions 12	Field Trip
High Level Panel "Water and the SDGs"	High Level Panel "Water and Climate"	Parallel Sessions 7	Parallel Sessions 11	Parallel Sessions 13	
Parallel Sessions 1	High Level Panel "Water and Business"	High Level Panel "IWRM"	High Level Panel "Water-Energy-Food Nexus"	Closing Ceremony	
Parallel Sessions 2	Parallel Sessions 4	Parallel Sessions 8	IWRA Awards	IWRA General Assembly	
Congress Welcome Reception	Parallel Sessions 5	Parallel Sessions 9	Congress Gala Dinner		



# Registration

*The International Water Resources Association (IWRA), the National Water Commission (CONAGUA) and the National Association of Water and Sanitation Companies (ANEAS), invite you from May 29 to June 3 to participate in the XVI World Water Congress in Cancun, Mexico.*

- The registration process is still open. There are the preferential rates for IWRA members.
- You can choose payment per day or for the whole week.
- Choose the option of your interest and confirm your registration to this mayor event.
- Online registration: <http://iwra2017.xporegistro.com/index.php>

# Benefits

The inscription fee includes the following:

- Right to the Sessions of the General Technical Program, Special Sessions and Parallel Events
- Welcome Kit with the Event Program
- Access to the Welcome Cocktail
- Gala dinner (limited availability)
- Field Trip (limited availability)



Coastal Area Cancun, Quintana Roo

# Rates

## FEE STRUCTURE

IWRA MEMBER	NON MEMBER	STUDENT	1 DAY REGISTRY
Developing Country 200 USD	Developing Country 250 USD	Developing Country 75 USD	Developing Country 80 USD
Developed country 325 USD	Developed country 375 USD	Developed country 125 USD	Developed country 130 USD
Online registry closing 12th May	Online registry closing 12th May	Online registry closing 12th May	Online registry closing 12th May

Note: The IWRA Congress follows the OECD classification of Developed and Developing Countries. If you are unsure to register as “developed” or “developing”, visit the registration web site.



## Visa Information

Visitors arriving in Mexico must have a valid passport or identity document. Citizens of some countries require a visa to enter Mexico. If you are participating in the Congress you can consult this information on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

[http://www.worldwatercongress.com/docs/Visa\\_Mexico\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.worldwatercongress.com/docs/Visa_Mexico_ENG.pdf)

[http://www.worldwatercongress.com/docs/No\\_Visa\\_Mexico\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.worldwatercongress.com/docs/No_Visa_Mexico_ENG.pdf)

<http://www.gob.mx/tramites/migracion-visa-y-pasaporte>





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# “Milestone of the preparatory process Towards Brasilia 2018”



# Accommodation

Cancun, Mexico has an unrivaled Hotel Zone. The Organizing Committee has selected the best lodging options for you, to enjoy your stay at the XVI World Water Congress and are conveniently located just minutes from the Convention Center.

When booking your stay in any of these options, do not forget to mention the Promotion Code specified to obtain the special rate

that the Organizing Committee has managed for all participants. The promotion code has a cancellation policy of maximum 72 hours without penalty charge and could reserve with card.

Note: Other promotions can be found online, but correspond to seasonal offers and immediate payment. Other conditions may apply.

<b>GRAND FIESTA AMERICANA CORAL BEACH CANCUN 5★</b> Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9.5, Hotel Zone, 77500, Cancun Q.R.		
ROOM TYPE	EUROPEAN PLAN	
	Single	Double
JUNIOR SUITE	\$ 249.90 USD	\$ 249.90 USD
MASTER SUITE	\$ 464.10 USD	\$ 464.10 USD
<b>Booking code:</b> IWRA – ANEAS 2017		
<b>Contact:</b> Elizabeth Melgoza Phone: 521 (998) 881 32 00 E-mail: res2facb@posadas.com		

PRICE PER NIGHT, TAXES INCLUDED / PRICE OF DOLLAR SUBJECT TO VALUE OF CHANGE / SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



<b>KRYSTAL CANCUN 5★</b> Blvd. Kukulcan Km 9, Hotel Zone, 77500 Cancun, Q.R.				
ROOM TYPE	EUROPEAN PLAN		INCLUDING BREAKFAST	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
STANDARD	\$ 138 USD	\$ 138 USD	\$ 148 USD	\$ 164 USD
CLUB	\$ 168 USD	\$ 168 USD	\$ 178 USD	\$ 194 USD
<b>Booking code:</b> IWRA – ANEAS				
<b>Contact:</b> Gina Garcia / Marina Fernández Phone: 52 1 (998) 848 98 00 ext. 814 /815 /816 /803 E-mail: ggarcia@krystal-hotels.com   reservacionescancun@krystal-hotels.com				

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<b>BEACHSCAPEKIN HA VILLAS &amp; SUITE 5★</b> Blvd. Kukulcan km.8.5, Hotel Zone, 77500 Cancún, Q.R.				
ROOM TYPE	EUROPEAN PLAN		INCLUDING BREAKFAST	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
STANDARD	\$ 101 USD	\$ 101 USD	\$ 112 USD	\$ 123 USD
	\$ 119 USD	\$ 119 USD	\$ 130 USD	\$ 141 USD
SUITE	\$ 119 USD	\$ 119 USD	\$ 130 USD	\$ 141 USD
<b>Booking code:</b> IWRA2017				
<b>Contact:</b> Gerardo Rodriguez Phone:+52 1 (998) 891 54 27   (998) 891 54 00 E-mail: reservaciones@beachscape.com.mx				

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# Other accommodation options



## **RIU CANCUN ALL INCLUSIVE 5★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.9, Mz 50 Lt 5,  
Hotel Zone, 77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(5 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.riu.com/>  
Telephone: (52) 998 848 7151



## **KRYSTAL GRAND PUNTA CANCUN 5★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.8.5, Hotel Zone,  
77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(8 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.krystal-hotels.com.mx>  
Telephone: (52) 998 848 9800

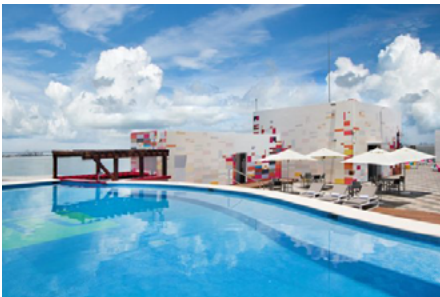


## **OCEAN DREAM BPR 4★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.9.5, Hotel Zone,  
77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(7 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.oceandreamcancun.com>  
Telephone: (52) 998 251 6350



## **ALOFT CANCUN 4★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.9, Mz 48 Lt 8-1,  
Hotel Zone, 77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(3 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.aloftcancun.com/es>  
Telephone: (52) 998 848 9900



## **SALVIA CANCUN 3★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.9, Hotel Zone,  
77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(6 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.salviacancun.com/>  
Telephone: (52) 998 883 2585



## **FIESTA AMERICANA VILLAS CANCUN 4★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.8.5 Lt. 3, Hotel  
Zone, 77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(15 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.fiestamericana.com>  
Telephone: (52) 998 881 1400



## **SUITES COSTA BLANCA 3★**

Blvd. Kukulcan Km.8.5, Hotel Zone,  
77500, Cancun Q.R.  
(5 minuts walking to ICC)

### **CONTACT**

<http://www.suitescostablanca.com>  
Telephone: (52) 998 883 0888





Hotel Zone, Cancun, Quintana Roo



# Local Transportation

To get around Cancun, the city has an ample fleet of taxis to get you to different points of the city. Taxis in Cancun are safe, reliable and fast, although you have to take into account the different rates that can be applied between the urban area and the hotel zone.

The most accessible means of transport to move between the city center and the hotel zone is by one of the buses that travel along the Kukulcan Boulevard (tickets cost around 11 Mexican pesos). The buses that go from the hotel zone to the city center carry the sign "Downtown", while in those that go from the center to the hotels are designated "Hotels". Tickets can not be paid with debit or credit cards.



# Accompanying Programme

May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 2017



## ARCHEOLOGIC ZONE OF TULUM

The only archaeological site that sits on the seashore, Tulum was a Mayan fortress. Half-day tour, one hour tour and free time on a lovely beach in Tulum where you can swim in the turquoise blue water or just soak up the sun.

### INCLUDES:

- Round Transportation Hotel– Tulum - Hotel
- Bottles of water on the bus
- Access to Tulum
- Professional guide
- Wet wipes after the visit to Tulum
- Tips

Price per person \$75 USD



## ECOLOGICAL PARK "XCARET"

Impressive ecological park where you can observe the majestic natural treasures of Mexico, be it by snorkeling or just walking through its facilities.

### INCLUDES:

- Round Transportation Hotel– Xcaret - Hotel
- Park Access
- Access to plus area, use of snorkel equipment
- Buffet
- Shows, exhibitions and cultural tours
- Water activities, safety bags, toilets, dressing rooms and showers
- Tips

Price per person \$200 USD.

## Other places to visit in Cancun

Extra individual cost and to choose for each person accompanying




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