



N°: 674 /2023-CK

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Jakarta presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia –Directorate General of Multilateral cooperation – and has the honor to enclose, herewith, a communication kit, addressed by the Ministry of Equipment and Water of Morocco, to Indonesian organizations interested by water issues to submit their candidacy to participate in “the 8th Edition of King Hassan II Great World Water Award” that will be held on the sideline of the Water Forum in 2024 in Bali, Indonesia, under the theme “ Securing Water Resources for Food Sovereignty and shared prosperity”.

Thanks to the notoriety that this prestigious award enjoys within the international water community and its importance for the Kingdom of Morocco, His Majesty the King Mohammed VI, May God Assist Him, raised its value from 100.000 USD to 500.000 USD.

While submitting here annexed the indicative timeline of the 8th Edition of King Hassan II Great World Water award, the Embassy has the honour to inform that the deadline to submit the candidacies is set for 30 September 2023.

The interested parties can submit their candidacies in the following website:

www.hassan2gwwp.org

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Jakarta avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia – Directorate General of Multilateral Cooperation — the assurances of its highest consideration. *k*



Jakarta, 10/08/2023

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

- DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MULTILATERAL COOPERATION
- DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE
- SOCIO-CULTURAL, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DIRECTORATE

JAKARTA



ROYAUME DU MAROC



Ministère de l'Équipement et de l'Eau
Direction Générale de l'Hydraulique



8th Edition of King Hassan II Great World Water Prize

« Securing Water Resources for Food Sovereignty and Shared Prosperity ».

Communication Kit



Kit Contents

- ↪ **Overview of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize**
- ↪ **Press Release on the 8th Edition of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize**
- ↪ **Specific Theme of the 8th Edition**
- ↪ **Members of the Standing Committee of the 8th Edition**
- ↪ **Winners of Previous Editions**
- ↪ **Brochure of the 8th Edition**



Overview of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize

Created in 2002, the Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an initiative led jointly by the Kingdom of Morocco and the World Water Council to pay tribute to the memory of the late HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II for his actions in favor of international cooperation and the preservation of water resources.

Attributed to an individual or a group of natural or legal persons, whether public or private, and intended to reward actions that promote the protection and preservation of water resources, improvement in their management, reuse of wastewater, as well as raising awareness among the population about water issues, the prize is awarded every three years during the World Water Forum, at a special ceremony organized within the framework of the opening plenary session.

After Kyoto in 2003, Mexico City in 2006, Istanbul in 2009, Marseille in 2012, Daegu-Gyeongbuk in 2015, Brasilia in 2018 and Dakar in 2022, the Prize will be awarded for the eighth time at the 10th World Water Forum, to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in May 2024.

The winner of the Prize will receive a check of 500,000 USD* and will benefit from worldwide recognition and international exposure.



Press release on the 8th edition of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize

Fez, July 06, 2023 – the Minister of Equipment and Water, Mr. Nizar Baraka, and the President of the World Water Council, Mr. Loïc Fauchon, officially launch the 8th edition of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize on the occasion of the 3rd International Conference on Water and Climate (06 and 07 July 2023, Fez).

Under the general theme of "Cooperation and Solidarity in the Areas of Water Resources Management and Development", the 8th edition of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize will have as its specific theme: "Securing Water Resources for Food Sovereignty and Shared Prosperity".

Also, this edition will reward any project, work, experience, invention, or initiative aimed at achieving water security, food sovereignty, as well as prosperity, through the adoption of appropriate approaches of water resources management.

As usual, the Prize will be awarded during the opening ceremony of the World Water Forum, the next one will take place in Bali, Indonesia, in May 2024. The winner will receive a check for \$500,000, a trophy and a certificate.

It is emphasized that the Hassan II Great World Water Prize is an initiative led jointly by the Kingdom of Morocco and the World Water Council, in memory of the late HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II for his enlightened and strategic vision in protection and integrated and sustainable management of water resources, as well as for its actions in favor of international cooperation.

Created in 2002, and awarded for the first time at the 3rd World Water Forum in Kyoto, Japan, in 2003, The Prize is awarded to an individual, a group of people, an institution or organization that have made a significant contribution in the fields of development and use of water resources, at the scientific, economic, technical, environmental, social, institutional, cultural or political levels.

The application procedures and additional information relating to the 8th edition are published on the official websites of the Ministry of Equipment and Water of the Kingdom of Morocco (<http://www.equipement.gov.ma/>) and the World Water Council (<https://www.worldwatercouncil.org/>). Applications will be received **from August 04, 2023**, via the dedicated platform: www.hassan2gwwp.org



Specific Theme on the 8th Edition

« Securing Water Resources for Food Sovereignty and Shared Prosperity »

In a global context marked by uncertainty, where crises follow one another and climate change is becoming more and more serious, the challenge of water security and food sovereignty now arises for all States, especially those in development, and despite the multiplicity and diversity of the programs set up within the framework of national agricultural policies. These countries, often vulnerable to climate change, are still dependent on external food imports to ensure the supply of their populations with basic foods.

Recurrent droughts now represent one of the most important impacts of climate change for arid countries, which directly affect countries whose GDP is mainly based on the agricultural sector.

In addition, the COVID 19 pandemic crisis has revealed the strong comeback of the theme of Sovereignty in all areas. Whether it is health, energy, industrial or food, achieving the objective of food sovereignty depends on more systemic and coordinated governance and requires more strategic and operational coordination, particularly at the territorial level.

The notion of food sovereignty, which appeared in the international arena with the Via Campesina⁽¹⁾ declaration on the sidelines of the 1996 World Food Summit, could be the pillar of a global public food security policy. It is based on the recognition, for each State of the law to give itself the means to produce its own food under the conditions that it chooses in complete autonomy and this through the agricultural policies, which seem to them best suited to guarantee food security.

Water is an indispensable resource and a key element not only for ensuring food security, contributing to increased plant, animal and fish production, but also for ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. This relationship should be approached with particular attention and in a very concerted way with all the partners concerned. The common objective of the latter should make it possible to ensure fair use of available water resources and to find effective and innovative solutions to better exploit them in agriculture while preserving them, paying particular attention to underground water resources.

The good management of water resources is therefore a lever for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that all signatory countries have committed to achieving by 2030, whether in terms of access for all to drinking water, to food, to



health and to prosperity. Thus, sustainable economic growth with less poverty will be possible.

The application for the 8th edition of the Hassan II Great World Water Prize is open to any project, work, innovative development experience, or initiative aimed at achieving food security and sovereignty, through appropriate water resources management approaches. It is a question of targeting specific objectives and providing answers to the problems, among others:

- Which mode of water resource management should be implemented in order to ensure water security, in favor of food sovereignty?

- How to promote and implement the sustainable management of water resources, particularly groundwater resources, for the conservation of ecosystems and the preservation of the quality and availability of water in the context of food production?

- How could reducing food waste, promoting sustainable diets and raising awareness strategies help address water scarcity?

- How do technologies, innovations and investments guarantee food security and sovereignty, given the scarcity of water resources, in a context of growing competition between the different uses of water?

- How do water and agricultural policies support and reinforce each other in order to achieve the objectives of water security and food sovereignty in favor of shared prosperity?



Members of the Standing Committee of the 8th Edition

Chairman of Standing Committee:

- **M. Nizar Baraka, Minister of Equipment and Water**

Member of the Standing Committee:

- **Mr. Loïc Fauchon**, President of the World water Council.
- **Mr. Driss Dahak**, Former Secretary General of the Government and member of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Mr. Guy Fradin**, Special Advisor to the President of the World Water Council
- **Mr. Ahmed Réda Chami**, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE)
- **Mr. Mamadou Dia**, Chief Executive Officer of Senegalese Waters
- **Mrs. Nouzha Chekrouni**, Professor, Ex-Minister and Ex-Ambassador
- **Mr. Hicham El Habti**, President, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
- **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)



Winners of Previous Editions

2022- Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)

The prize thus constituted recognition for the efforts of this organization, as a successful model of equitable sharing and democratization of access to water resources, which promotes peace, prosperity and territorial development of member countries.

2018- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The consecration of the OECD was a recognition for its efforts and its commitment to the implementation of the principles of solidarity and inclusion in order to guarantee water security and contribute to climate justice. Indeed, the OECD supports policies that promote the equitable distribution of socio-economic benefits. It also works to establish and promote the principles of good governance in water management.

2015 – Abdou Maman Kane

Mr. Abdou Maman, Director of Tech Innov Niger, was awarded the Hassan II World Water Prize for his work in favor of an integrated and innovative remote-irrigation solution. This social entrepreneur has brought a concrete solution to the problems of the food, energy and water nexus through a technological process that allows farmers to remotely control the irrigation system of their farms via their mobile phone and solar panels. This solution allows farmers to save time and energy, increase the area of the irrigable surface, increase production and their income, and optimize the management of irrigated water.

2012 – The Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)

OSS is an international organization headquartered in Tunis. Created in 1992, the action of this institution is located in the arid and semi-arid zones of the Sahelo-Saharan region and it aims to promote the conditions for good environmental governance in order to contribute to food security and sustainable development in its area of action. The OSS focuses its action on shared aquifers and on the development of North-South synergy in order to give new impetus to the fight against desertification and the mitigation of the effects of recurrent droughts. OSS has developed an innovative regional approach for Member States, based on the notion of raising awareness around the theme of basins and water management.

2009 - Abdulatif Youssef Al-Hamad

President and CEO of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD), Mr. Al-Hamad was rewarded for his significant achievements in relation to water and



for his contribution to improving cooperation and solidarity in the area of water resources development and management.

2006 - Torkil Jonch Clausen

Both Director of Development and CEO of DHI Water and Environment (Denmark), Mr. Clausen received the Hassan II Great World Water Prize for his outstanding contribution to the progress of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in worldwide. He is also a founding member of the Global Water Partnership and Governor of the World Water Council.

2003 - Jerson Kelman and Mahmoud Abu-Zeid

The President Director of the National Water Agency (ANA) of Brazil and the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation in Egypt were honored for their considerable achievements and contributions in the areas of management and development water resources.



Brochure of the 8th Edition

The Brochure, as attached, is also available in electronic format, in three languages, on the official websites of:

- Ministry of Equipment and Water - General Directorate of Hydraulics / Kingdom of Morocco
- World Water Council

It can also be downloaded via the platform dedicated to submitting applications: www.hassan2gwwp.org.

