

Stakeholder statement – International Water Resources Association

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Thank you for the opportunity to address this important meeting. The International Water Resources Association is a global NGO with more than 5000 members and whose vision is to bridge science and policy to find a cross-sectoral solutions to water security. Our World Water Congress attracts more than 1000 participants from around the world, and, with the support of the Moroccan Ministry of Equipment and Water, the 19th World Water Congress will take place in Marrakech during the first week of December of this year. Its theme of Water in a Changing World: Innovation and Adaptation aligns well with the recommendations that have been made today for the interactive dialogues. We extend an invitation to the United Arab Emirates, Senegal, and all organizers of the 2026 UN Water Conference to join us at our World Water Congress in order to promote the goals and interactive dialogues that will define the 2026 Water Conference. In addition, we support including sustainable development in the interactive dialogues and taking a systems approach to ensuring water security by considering not only the Water-Energy-Food-Environment nexus but also the economic and social aspects of water use, water scarcity and water quality in the context of the SDGs. Thank you.