



Water Business Forum, 10:00~17:00, Oct. 20th - 21st. Korea International Water Week 2016
**A platform of Governments, Water sector Bodies and Corporations around the globe,
 Catalyzing water for sustainable development and growth.**

Participations	Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 from government or local authority • 3 from international organization • 7 from public organization • 7 from public corporation • 26 from private sector • 4 from NGOs • 5 from academic fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous 4 thematic sessions and 2 special sessions (included Smart Water Management and Desalination) • Discussed the need the Water Partnership for Sustainable Development • Signed 1 MOU(Memorandum Of Understanding) and 3 Agreements among Governments, Water sector Bodies and Corporations (Tanzania, Nigeria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Chile etc.) • Arranged 116 business meetings among 22 countries and 31 organizations • 2 days for the Ministerial field visit (Tanzania, Ethiopia etc.)

Following the tremendous success of 5th Water Business Forum(5th WBF) in Daegu of Republic of Korea, we have seen the largest water platform to meet the new challenges with over 131 official delegates from government, intergovernmental organizations, UN agencies, NGOs and the R&D sector as well as Public and private corporations. During the forum, all stakeholders have built on the successful framework for global collaboration for sustainable development and growth.

Key highlights from the 5th WBF during the Korea International Water Week 2016:

- 2days of informative presentations and active communications
- Memorandum Of Understanding(MOU) signed by Ministry of Water & Irrigation(Tanzania) and O2NB for “Water Supply Facilities”
- Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) signed by Kuwait Institute Scientific Research(KISR) and GS E&C
- Cooperation Agreement signed by Desalination Technology Research Institute(DTRI), Center of Excellence in Desalination Technology(CEDT), Global MVP for “Seawater Desalination Using Membrane Distillation”
- Cooperation Agreement signed by Asia Water Council(AWC), Arab Countries Water Utilities Association(ACWUA), Chile Waterworks Association, K-Water(Division of waterworks), Smart Water Grid Research Group, Indonesia Water Indonesia Water Institute, Nigeria Committee on Large Dams for “International cooperation for Smart Water Management”
- Arranged 116 business meetings among 31 delegates including water ministers, CEOs and directors of over 14 water utilities, 26 leading water businesses, NGOs and the R&D sector

“We, Ethiopian delegation, are here to promote that sense of partnership with all our development partners. We believe that the achievement of the objectives of this ‘Korea International Water Week’ will significantly contribute to the achievements of Sustainable Development Goals.”
 (H.E. Mr. James Dengchol, State Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia)

“There is a general belief that one of the most important problems that will face this new 21st Century will be to provide water of quality and quantity to thousands of millions of people living on Earth. Due to the high pressure that the economic development has exerted on the resources, sustainable policies have deeply been accepted by society.” (Engr. Imo E. Ekpo, FNSE, Hon. Vice President of ICOLD and Principal Partner of Micek Consult Ltd.)

“‘Smart’ is the main keyword in the 21th century. Smart Water Grid(SWG) will be a new platform for intelligent and integrated water management. SWG technologies are state-of-the-art technologies that integrate Korea’s latest information, communication, and scientific technologies in a creative way. This new technology will surely help us create a safe national water security and take the lead in the global water industry.” (Dr. Kyung Taek Yum, Managing Director of Smart Water Grid Research Group)

“Desalinated water is an important contributor to alleviate water shortage. Desalination has been used in over 155 countries, and 609 new plants were added last year in the world. SWCC(Saline Water Conversion Corporation) has been working through the research and development of innovative desalination technologies with DOOSAN, Hitachi Zosen and GMVP in Korea. It is a strategic industry for the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and we are seriously looking for different strategic partnership for sustainable development.” (Dr. Ibrahim A. Al-Tisan, Director General of Saline Water Conversion Corporation of Saudi Arabia)