



Water Leaders' Round Table, 16:00~18:00, Oct. 19th · Korea International Water Week 2016

A platform for high-level officials around the globe, encouraging implementation on Water Partnership for Sustainable Development, adopting an Action Declaration

Participations	Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 from government or local authority, • 5 from public corporation • 3 from international organization or association, • 5 from NGOs • 5 from academic fields. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared insights and experiences from different organizations regarding water partnership for sustainable development • Established an Action Declaration with 12 implementation plans • Encouraged upcoming international water-related meetings, sharing plans and cases with other participants

After 2 hours of debate and speeches of high-level officials on water, 12 Action Declarations have selected through the Water Leaders Round Table. In brief, the participants agreed that:

- A consideration should be taken from the KIWW to focus on the importance of initiating a Water Partnership for Sustainable Development;
- Measurements should be taken in parallel to SDG 6, “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and SDG 17, “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”, while recognizing the importance of technology innovations;
- The Action Declaration should be followed and developed, reviewed, and reported in the future, sharing the direction of Action Plans with the Implementation Roadmap and Action Monitoring System of World Water Forum and support steady progress of each other.

“Since it is a high time for setting a Roadmap of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, it is needed to enhance the recognition of social and economic aspects of water. Also, water should be approached with integration, in a way to achieve sustainability, suggesting detailed activities.” (Ministry of Land and Transport of the Republic of Korea / World Water Council)

“Korea could realize its water-related initiatives through the 7th World Water Forum held last year. The KIWW 2016 is one of those realizations, and we are planning to learn know-hows and technologies on water, sharing and developing at the same time.” (Daegu City of the Republic of Korea)

“Gyeongsangbuk-do is trying its best with Saemaul-undong to develop its communities by dispatching young volunteer workers to various countries, along with making cooperative partnerships with organizations and countries regarding water” (Gyeongsangbuk-do)

“Water Leaders, as we have gathered today, should make concise and decisive decisions in a right time at a right place.” (Water Environment Federation / World Water Council / Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health)

“For an efficient composition of Water Partnership, not only between individuals and groups, but also inter-governmental, inter-sectoral communications and approaches are needed from various spectrums and levels, including between developing and developed countries, and also inter-developing countries.” ((UAE / Jordan / Water Environment Federation)

The Water Leaders Round Table 2016 aims to connect other International water events, expanding the agenda, handling the Action Declarations to future meetings.

