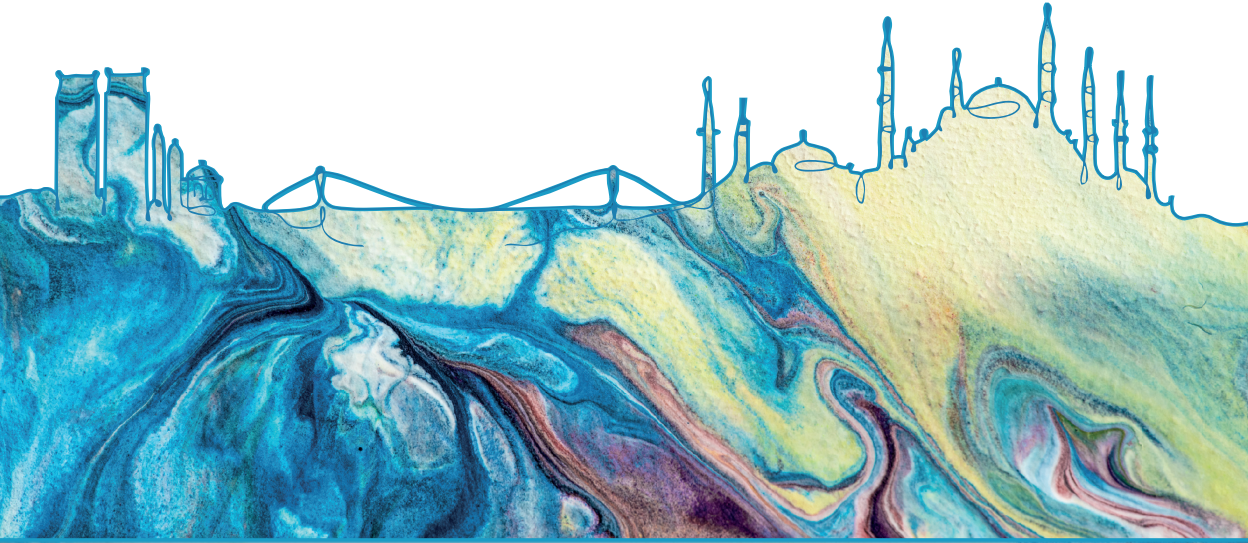




OVERVIEW

5th Istanbul International Water Forum

Istanbul, Türkiye | 5-6 May 2026



The 5th Istanbul International Water Forum Successfully Completed

As the impacts of climate change deepen and water scarcity and socioeconomic challenges intensify, strengthening water resilience has become an urgent necessity. Growing pressures on water resources compel us to reassess the importance we attach to this vital resource.

At the 5th Istanbul International Water Forum, organized under the main theme “Strengthening Water Resilience: From Innovation to Action,” global water-related challenges awaiting solutions were addressed, and ways to transform knowledge and innovation into action were discussed with a focus on dialogue, technology, financing, health and cross-sectoral linkages. The Forum served as a high-level platform for sharing experiences, best practices, and innovative approaches aimed at achieving water resilience and water efficiency.

Bringing together decision-makers, water experts, academics, and representatives from the public and private sectors from different regions of the world, the forum was organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and coordinated by the Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) and the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI). As part of the forum, academics, public institutions, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private sector representatives exchanged knowledge and experience, while new collaborations and policy recommendations were also discussed.

Within the framework of the forum, four interconnected sub-themes were featured, offering a holistic perspective on the main theme, “Strengthening Water Resilience: From Innovation to Action.”

Sub-Theme 1 Water Dialogue for Resilience

Sub-Theme 2 Finance Mobilization and Innovation for Climate-Resilient Water Management

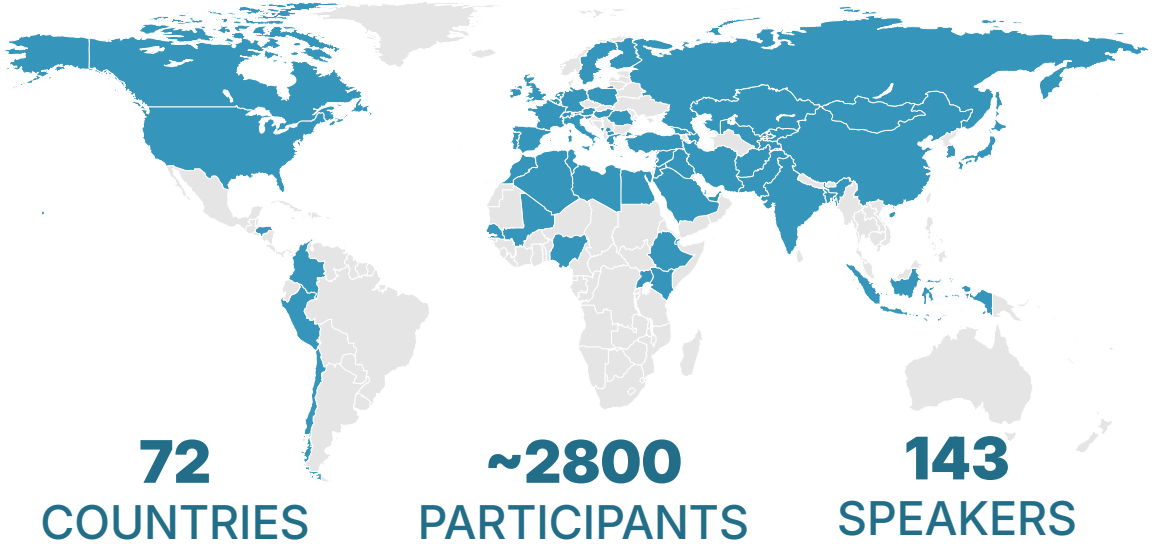
Sub-Theme 3 One Water, One Health: Integrated Management of Risks

Sub-Theme 4 Beyond Trade-offs: Advancing the Water–Energy–Food–Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus



5th IIWF IN NUMBERS

Held on 5–6 May 2026 with approximately 2,800 participants from 72 countries, the 5th Istanbul International Water Forum (IIWF) brought together global water leaders in Istanbul.



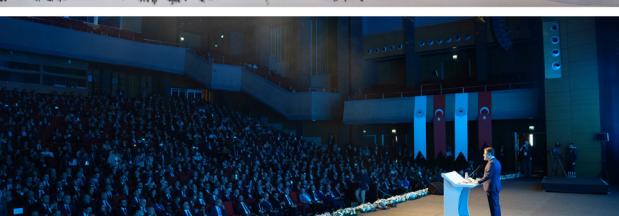
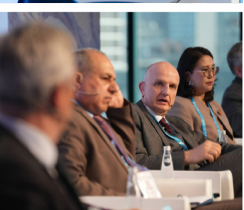
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International Organizations in the Forum

Around twenty international organizations took part in the forum.



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The key messages and outcomes shaped throughout the Forum will be shared soon.



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