



THE KING HASSAN II GREAT WORLD WATER PRIZE



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World Water Council

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KING HASSAN II AND MOROCCAN WATER POLICY

The World Water Council instituted the Hassan II Great World Water Prize, in homage to **LATE HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II**, for his water policy in his country and for his international action in this domain, and proposed to award it on the occasion of every World Water Forum.

With this initiative, the World Water Council wanted to testify a recognition to **LATE HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II** who, since 1967, became illustrious by his strategic vision of water resources management, whereas the problems of water didn't arise with the present acuteness.

HIS MAJESTY had initiated at this time an ambitious program of construction of dams and facilities for the irrigation.

The results of this policy proved to be paying back since, during the last two decades, the Moroccan cities, even they staked out by frequent and long periods of drought, didn't know shortages of drinking water and the irrigated areas contributed to provide the Moroccan markets in food products.

WORLD WATER COUNCIL

The World Water Council, whose headquarter is in Marseille in France, is an international association whose members are :

- Governmental agencies (Morocco is represented by the General Direction of the Hydraulics, the Council of Agriculture and the National Office of Drinking Water).
- International institutions such as UNESCO, BIRD, UNEP, UNDP, WMO....
- Scientific associations such as the International Commission of Big Dams, the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage, the International Association of Water Resources ...
- Companies operating in the sector of water.
- NGOs (a Moroccan NGO, ALMAE, is member).

Morocco is represented in the Board of Governors of this institution by three (3) governors.

The World Water Council is an instance of reflection that set as objective to develop this reflection through conferences, seminars and workshops. Its activities are published in newspapers and periodic publications.

The World Water Council associates with countries to organize a world water forum every three years.

HASSAN II GREAT WORLD WATER PRIZE

The World Water Council and the Government of Morocco took jointly the initiative to award the Hassan II Great World Water Prize every three years on the occasion of the world water forums, in homage to **LATE HIS MAJESTY THE KING HASSAN II**, for his clear-sighted policy, his notoriety and his encouragement to cooperation and to the rational management in the domain of the development and the use of water resources in Morocco and around the world.

The Hassan II Great World Water Prize is awarded for the first time in March 2003 on the occasion of the Third World Water Forum, organized jointly, in Japan, by the Japanese government and the World Water Council.

The Hassan II Great World Water Prize is managed by :

- The Permanent Committee, responsible for the choice of the Jury members and for the establishment of the criteria of selection of the candidates to the prize. It is constituted by four representatives of the Moroccan Government and three representatives of the World Water Council;
- The Panel of Judges, composed of personalities of international renown chosen by the Permanent Committee;
- The promotional sub-committee, in charge of the coordination and the organization of the different components of the prize, since the call to candidature until the laureate's announcement.

The theme for the 2003 inaugural edition of Hassan II Great World Water Prize is "Cooperation and solidarity in the fields of management and development in water resources", theme dedicated to the memory of **LATE HIS MAJESTY THE KING HASSAN II**.

Twenty five candidatures have been presented for the Prize. These candidatures have been examined by the Jury of the Prize, that held its meeting in Rabat, Morocco, on Friday January 17th, 2003.

The jury designated at the end of this meeting, two laureates for the prize :

- Dr. Jerson KELMAN, Director President of the National Water Agency of Brazil;
- H.E. Dr. Mahmoud ABU-ZEID, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. JERSON KELMAN



Dr. Jerson KELMAN got his PhD on Water Resources at Colorado State University and an engineering degree from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

He developed, as a university professor, many scientific researches and mathematical models in hydrology and water planning, and was a member of the Electric

Energy Research Center.

He led the process of putting together the legal and institutional framework for an integrated water resources management system.

The President of Brazil appointed Dr. KELMAN to carry on the task of conceiving the National Water Agency and to be her first President, started from January 2001.

Dr. KELMAN conceived the River Basin Restoration Program to develop policies and institutional arrangements in the fields of irrigation, hydro-power, water and sanitation.

He's a member of the steering committee of PROAGUA, a program to face the challenge of mitigating droughts in cities of the Brazilian Northeast.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. MAHMOUD ABU-ZEID



Dr. Mahmoud ABU-ZEID is a world water leader. He earned prestigious engineering degrees at Cairo University and the University of California. He has assumed various progressive responsibilities from lecturer at university to research engineer, Director and Director General and Chairman of the National Water Research Center, and since 1997, he had served at the highest position as the Minister of Public Works and Water Resources and as the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt.

He has authored hundreds of research papers and articles published in prestigious journals on water resources, irrigation, drainage, groundwater and environment.

He contributed to the development of practical aspects of trans-boundary water and conflict prevention by his pioneering research work on the Nile River Basin and Middle-East water.

He served in many world water institutions: UNESCO-IHP, ICID, IWRA and finally created the World Water Council (WWC).

The outstanding contributions of Dr. ABU-ZEID in water issues include not only his country Egypt but also Middle-East and Africa.