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Speech of Mr. Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The beginning of the second day of the 10th World Water Forum marks a significant milestone as we launch the Regional Process today.

Your dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit have not only laid a strong foundation for a sustainable future but also played a crucial role in the success of the Regional Process.

Together, we embark on a journey towards better water management, improved quality of life, and a healthier environment through regional perspectives.

The Regional Process, which you are a crucial part of, provides a regionalized voice and priorities, enabling the two other processes to understand regional perspectives on thematic and political water agenda.

This process encourages acquiring new knowledge and sharing of experiences and best management practices across regions, underscoring your invaluable contribution.

Water is the lifeblood of our communities, economies, and ecosystems.

Yet, many regions worldwide face significant water-related challenges, the urgency of which cannot be overstated.

These range from scarcity and pollution to the impacts of climate change and population growth.

These issues not only threaten our environmental sustainability but also our social and economic stability, demanding our immediate attention and action.

We will explore the unique water challenges faced by different regions; from the arid landscapes of the Mediterranean to the densely populated cities of Asia and the Pacific, the drought-stricken areas of the Americas, and the water-scarce regions of Africa.

Each region has its own set of challenges, but through the Regional Process, we aim to create tailored solutions that address these specific needs while fostering global cooperation and knowledge sharing.



To tackle these challenges head-on, we must embrace a multifaceted approach that combines innovation, cooperation, and sustainable practices.

Across these diverse regions, the common thread is the urgent need for sustainable and collaborative water management practices.

By sharing knowledge, embracing innovative technologies, and fostering cooperative efforts, we can address these regional water challenges.

Your role in this collective effort is pivotal, and together, we can pave the way for a more water-secure future for all.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The path to addressing our regional water issues is not easy, but it is certainly achievable.

This Regional Process allows us to lead by example, setting a precedent for other regions to follow.

As we launch this Regional Process today, I invite each of you to engage fully, share your insights, and commit to the collective vision of water for all.

Let us hope this process produces tangible outcomes and pragmatic solutions based on local and regional wisdom.