



5th World Water Forum

- Hosted by Istanbul, Turkey in March 09
- Theme was *Bridging Divides for Water*
- SA delegation >100 strong incl. DWEA & Water sector lead by Minister and DG
- Present on international best practices, network with sector experts and lobby for hosting of 6th WWF in SA – objective to influence global water agenda from an SA and African perspective met
- Political process culminated in Istanbul Ministerial Statement



SA's bid to host 6th WWF

- WWF takes place every 3 years, and SA is bidding against France to host the event in eThekivini in 2012
- Opportunity to discuss MDG targets, showcase policies and projects for sustainable water management and delivery
- Inter-departmental project (DHA, SAPS, DIRC, Durban etc. involved, but also sector involvement is critical in defining the programme and content of the Forum)
- Theme: *Water Beyond Boundaries – Securing the Future*
- Final bid was made in May 2009, decision is made by World Water Council in mid-June



2nd Africa Water Week

- SA Chairs AMCOW during its 7th Session
- SA to host 2nd Africa Water Week in November 2009
- Concept document developed, finalisation and approval awaited.
- Huge sector involvement planned, incl. content development, participation, exhibitions, awards and technical tours/on site visits
- Theme: Bridging the Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Gap in Africa'



World Water Week 2009

- Annual global event in Stockholm, Sweden in August – only technical discussions, no political programme
- Focus: Transboundary waters – SA to present and participate
- SA co-chairing seminar on: Challenges Facing Africa in Meeting the MDG Targets for Water and Sanitation: The Kenyan and South African Approach and Practices – DWA and sector will present
- SA water sector will also exhibit on the theme of transboundary waters and to promote the 2nd Africa Water Week