

**In Cairo, Loic Fauchon and the World Water Council restate publicly their availability in hydrodiplomacy efforts and announce the creation of an International Observatory on Unconventional Water and Energy Resources.**



Loic Fauchon during Cairo Water Week in the presence of Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President of Egypt, and other high dignitaries, Cairo, 21 October 2019

Cairo, 21 October 2019 – During a meeting with the President of Egypt, as part of the opening of the 2nd Cairo Water Week, World Water Council President Loic Fauchon warned of the multiple economic, financial, climate, and environmental crises that our planet is facing.

« The earth is thirsty, and consequently, humans are hungry! »

The real “monsters of modern times” are man-made megacities that waste water and energy and cause pollution. “We must end the spoliation of water” by changing our individual behaviors and public policies.

In response, unconventional resources such as desalination of sea water and salted aquifers as well as water reuse are efficient and renewable solutions.

**The World Water Council is ready to promote an International Observatory of Unconventional Water and Energy Resources.**

Loic Fauchon added that in various regions of the world tensions can arise when water resources depend on transboundary rivers and basins.

The World Water Council wishes to bring “dialogue, always dialogue and again more dialogue” to the discussions between neighboring states on a fair and equitable sharing of common resources.

**Loic Fauchon has restated the availability of the World Water Council to contribute to a renewed dialogue between the neighboring communities of the river Nile.**



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### **About the World Water Forum**

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