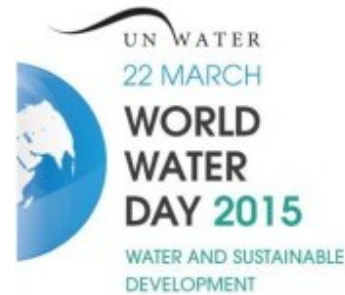


## World Water Day 2015

**Islamabad, 27 March 2015:** To mark the World Water Day 2015, UNESCO Islamabad in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms and in coordination with the World Youth Parliament of Water (WYPW), Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Pakistan Water Partnership (PWP), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Economic Cooperation Organization Science Foundation (ECOSF), Asian Development Bank (ADB), UNICEF, FAO-UN, UN-HABITAT, Plan International, Muslim Aid, Helping Hand for Relief and Development, GLOF Pakistan, UNDP, RSPN, ICARDA, Riphah University and WaterAid organized a conference with this year's global theme, 'Water and Sustainable Development - Role of Youth for Sustainable Water Resource Management'.



The conference was addressed by Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister of Planning Development and Reforms; Ms. Vibeke Jensen, Representative/ Director, UNESCO Islamabad; Mr. Bart Devos, President of World Youth Parliament for Water; Mr. Sardar Tariq, Chief Executive of Pakistan Water Partnership; Mr. Sher Ali, Ambassador of Tajikistan Embassy; Mr. Olivier Huynh-Van, Cooperation Attache of French Embassy; Dr. Manzoor Hussain Soomro, President ECOSF and Ms. Mukta Akter, Representative of GWP Bangladesh.

The conference aimed at sensitization of key stakeholders on critical water issues and challenges; engaging stakeholders especially youth ; advocating with the Government of Pakistan for approval of National Water Policy and building consensus for the adoption of Islamabad Water Day Declaration 2015.