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## **No water scarcity in country: Ahsan**

Saturday, June 29, 2013 - Islamabad—Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal said on Friday that there is no water scarcity in the country but water resources are not managed properly to overcome water related issues.

“Pakistan has water storage capacity of only seven per cent of total available water in the country, which needs to be improved”, Ahsan Iqbal said while addressing a two-day International Conference on Water for Life and Development here on Friday.

The conference is organized by Pakistan Water Partnership in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), UNESCO and International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). The minister said that Pakistan is going to face critical water management crisis.

He said when Pakistan was created, the per capita water availability in the country was 5000 cubic meters while in near future it would be as low as 800 cubic meters per capita.