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## Executive Director's Message

I am pleased to present the Water Day on the Hill 2020 Report. This report describes the objectives of the event, provides highlights of the activities and offers insights into its future directions.

While Canada's waters are among its most important natural resources, our country is not as water secure as is commonly thought. Considering the future challenges that Canada faces, science-based decision-making is therefore fundamental when it comes to water security, as well as food and energy security. Our agriculture and trade, communities and industries, and national security depend on it. The need for an integrated and cooperative Canadian Water Security Agency -- the topic of much discussion at Water Day on the Hill -- is now greater than ever.

The Global Institute for Water Security at the University of Saskatchewan recognizes the importance of science communication with regulators, policymakers and parliamentarians. This is exactly why Water Day on the Hill was conceived. On March 10, 2020, we brought a diverse group of 23 water scientists from across Canada to Ottawa to interact with parliamentarians. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank all the government officials involved for taking a moment out of your busy schedules to interact with the nation's water scientists and to make the event a successful one. I would especially like to thank the Chief Science Advisor of Canada, Dr. Mona Nemer, her staff, MP Brad Redekopp of Saskatoon, and Sara Daniels, Alex Foster and Palash Sanyal of the University of Saskatchewan, for their dedication to planning and delivering a first-rate event.

We plan to repeat Water Day on the Hill in future years, and I hope that your support will be with us in that process.

Most sincerely,  
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