THEME 4. WATER FOR GOVERNANCE AND DIPLOMACY

Theme, Topic, Session Coordinators List

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Note Session coordinators for T4D1+4E, T4E1, T4E2 are under process of selection

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Theme 4: WATER GOVERNANCE AND DIPLOMACY							
Theme 4	**WATER GOVERNANCE AND DIPLOMACY**	**Theme coordinators**	**Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture**	**Saudi Arabia**	**Ouda**	**Omar**	**Senior advisor for Water Resources management**
			Scientific-Information Center of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia	**Uzbekistan**	**Ziganshina**	**Dinara**	**Director**
4A	**Adopting Policy, Regulatory Frameworks, and Institutional Mechanisms**	**Topic coordinator**	**Geneva Water Hub**	**Switzerland**	**Tignino**	**Mara**	**Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva**
T4A1	**Strengthening the Role of River Basin Organizations for Water Diplomacy and Dispute Prevention**	**Session co-coordinators**	The Permanent Joint Technical Commission for Nile Waters (PJTC)	Egypt	Gharib	Aref	Head of Egyptian side - PJTC
T4A2	**Applying Innovative Tools and Mechanisms for Inclusive Water Diplomacy in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts: Climate-Responsive Water Governance and Policy Innovation**		Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)	Türkiye	Calli	Burcu	Expert
			Palestinian Water Authority (PWA)	State of Palestine	Shonnar	Beesan	Policies and Technical Support Director, Palestinian Water Authority
T4A3	**Unlocking Financing and Capacity Building to Strengthen Institutions for Water Cooperation and Inclusive Water Diplomacy**		Geneva Water Hub	Switzerland	Tignino	Mara	Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva
4B	**Strengthening Political Will and Coordination**	**Topic coordinator**	**OECD Water Governance Initiative**	**International**	**Romano**	**Oriana**	**Head of Unit**
T4B1	**Water Governance: Lessons from the Past Decade and Priorities for the Future**	**Session co-coordinators**	OECD Water Governance Initiative	International	Romano	Oriana	Head of Unit
			National Research Council of Italy (CNR)	Italy	Lo Porto	Antonio	Associate Senior Researcher, CNR
T4B2	**Realizing Global Water Commitments: From Pledges to On-the-Ground Action**		OECD Water Governance Initiative	International	Romano	Oriana	Head of Unit
			Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)	International	Kapoor	Anjani	Head of Policy, Accountability and Results, SWA
T4B3	**Modernizing Transboundary Water Governance: Bridging Climate Science, Water Diplomacy, and Integrated Water Management**		Blue Peace Middle East	Jordan	Al-Mkhaimer	Aseel	Head of Coordination Office, Amman – Jordan
			Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)	Türkiye	Maden	Tuğba Evrim	Policy Development Coordinator

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4C	**New Instruments for Water Sustainability Policy Consensus**	**Topic coordinator**	**Japan Water Forum NoWNET Secretariat**	**Japan**	**Asayama**	**Yumiko**	**Chief Manager**
T4C1	**Turning Water Cooperation into Action: Scaling Integrated Basin Solutions for Better Water Management, Peace, and Sustainable Development**	**Session co-coordinators**	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	International	Gillet	Virginie	Land and Water Officer
			The Permanent Joint Technical Commission for Nile Waters (PJTC)	Egypt	Gharib	Aref	Head of Egyptian side - PJTC
T4C2	**Scaling Circular Water Solutions for the AI Era: Advancing Integrated Water Management through Inclusive Governance**		Japan Water Forum NoWNET Secretariat	Japan	Asayama	Yumiko	Chief Manager
			DHI	Denmark (HQ)	Heegaard	Louise	Partnerships and Funding Mobilisation Expert, International Development, DHI
T4C3	**Sharing Transboundary Water Cooperation Experiences as Learning Platforms**		International Water Management Institute (IWMI)	Sri Lanka	Janusz-Pawletta	Barbara	Country Representative Uzbekistan
			The Permanent Joint Technical Commission for Nile Waters (PJTC)	Egypt	Gharib	Aref	Head of Egyptian side - PJTC
4D	**Towards Holistic Water Advocacy and Public Awareness Programs**	**Topic coordinator**	**Water Mediation Institute**	**Germany**	**Bhalla**	**Sophie**	**Director**
T4D1 + 4E	**From Unheard Voices Lived Experience to Public and Policy Influence: Storytelling, Media and Inclusive Water Governance**	**Session co-coordinators**	*Under selection*				
T4D2	**Building Water Literacy for the Future – Education, Youth, and the Blue Curricula**		Blue Peace Middle East	Jordan	Al-Mkhaimer	Aseel	Head of Coordination Office, Amman – Jordan
			UNICEF Global WASH Practice	International	Broekhuijsen	Marije	WASH Specialist, UNICEF
T4D3	**Navigating Trade-offs and Rebuilding Trust – Facilitating Dialogue on Contested Water Issues in Agriculture**		Water Mediation Institute	Germany	Bhalla	Sophie	Director
			Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, University of Nebraska	United States of America	Neale	Christopher	Director of Research
4E	**Engaging Unheard and Vulnerable Voices**	**Topic coordinator**	**IHE Delft Institute for Water Education / TU Delft**	**The Netherlands**	**Frem**	**Michel**	**Researcher**
T4E1	**Making the Unheard Heard: Strengthening Policy and Institutional Frameworks for Meaningful Engagement**	**Session co-coordinators**	*Under selection*				
T4E2	**Making the Unheard Heard: Scaling Community Innovation and Evidence into Inclusive Water Governance**		*Under selection*				
T4E3	**Making the Unheard Heard: Humanitarian WASH and Water Governance in Fragile, Conflict-Affected and Violent Contexts**		Action Against Hunger	France	Lapègue	Jean	Senior WASH Specialist, Action Against Hunger
			French Water Partnership	France	Bouloumou	Marie-Sara	WASH in fragile and crisis contexts program officer, French Water Partnership