



## SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

**This Session Description 2 is for the specified program of the side event. Please complete this form no later than 22nd of April 2024.**

*\*The session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

**Session Code and Title:**

SE 11: IFC's Utilities for Climate (U4C) CEO Roundtable

**Side Event Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):**

**Session coordinator and moderator:**

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**Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):**

The financing needed to achieve global water security by 2030 is estimated at between \$6.7 trillion and \$22.6 trillion by 2050. Water supply and sanitation investments are typically financed by the public sector, but public finances alone are insufficient to achieve the SDGs. With the right incentives and enabling environments, the private sector can support the urgent transformation and increased level of financing needed to combat the global water crisis and meet the SDGs.

While water is a global common good that needs collective cross-border action, it requires localized infrastructure to deliver it safely to consumers and to avoid pollution. Water utilities are the asset managers of this infrastructure (plants, pipes, pumps) and need continued access to capital for financing and maintenance. They are the vehicles through which countries will be able to meet their SDGs on universal access to safe water and sanitation.

The purpose of this side event is to bring together the CEOs of water utilities in the East Asia region to discuss the impact of climate change and urbanization on their ambitions to achieve universal access. The side event will cover the challenges utilities face in investing in their water infrastructure and solutions to scale up private sector participation in the sector. The focus areas to be covered in the discussions include the enabling environment and reforms needed to scale up access to private capital, financial instruments available to water utilities to meet their investment needs, and the innovation/ technological solutions that the private sector can bring to help utilities operate more efficiently.

This will be a closed-door CEO roundtable event to ensure that the discussions can be candid and that the event engages key decision makers. The expected outcome of this session is that the water utility CEOs take action to scale up much needed private sector participation to meet their goals of universal access to safe water and sanitation.

The expected outcome of this session is for the CEO participants to learn from success cases of emerging market utilities that have been able to access commercial finance and leverage private sector expertise to invest in their water infrastructure and improve their service delivery. The event will also aim to help expand the networks of the utilities so they can tap into global knowledge and learn from their peers on how to tackle increasingly complex and urgent water challenges.



**Detailed Session plan :** \*F/M indicates Female or Male

**Session date and time:** Wednesday May 22, 2024, 2:50- 4:20pm (90 mins)

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
2:50-2:55pm (5 mins)	Introductory remarks	Euan Marshall (IFC) M	OK
2:55 - 3:15pm (20 mins)	Session 1: Challenges  Impact of climate change and urbanization on water resources and service delivery	Moderator: Olivia Jensen (former Sr. Research Fellow, Singapore University Institute of Water Policy) F  Arief Cahyono Wisnu - PDAM Surabaya CEO - M  Andi Wijaya- CEO PDAM Palembang- M	TBC  OK  TBC
3:35- 4:15pm (60 mins)	Session 2: Solutions  Reducing NRW  How to leverage balance sheets to access more commercial finance.	Nyugen Van Thien, CEO BIWASE- M  Mr. Tran Viet Cuong, CEO Hai Phong Water  Jose Victor Emmanuel Dios- CEO Manila Water - M  Ramoncito Fernandez- CEO Maynilad Water Services - M  Lusia Sefo-Leau - CEO of Pacific Water and WW Association F	All TBC
4:15-4:20pm (5 mins)	Closing remarks	Vicky Delmon (IFC) F	OK

**Additional information:**

This side event will need:

- A roundtable room set up with 10 seats around the table and 20-25 seats in the room.
- If the room is big, desk mics for the participants seated on the table.
- Ability to project Power Point slides
- Translation services for Bahasa and Vietnamese participants
- Photography service