



SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH 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:

SE26 Building Strategic Knowledge Systems for Efficient Water and Sanitation in Africa

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

Session coordinator and moderator: Obinna Anah and Motshidisi Mokhele

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

Description:

The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) convenes the session on the topic "Building Strategic Knowledge Systems for Efficient Water and Sanitation in Africa". The idea is to create broader awareness about AMCOW's establishment and operationalisation of a robust knowledge system that will position Africa to become a water-wise continent in the future. The session intends to showcase AMCOW's knowledge management initiative by the Secretariat and member states. Also, regional institutions and development partners working with AMCOW will share their KM experiences and innovations. The 10th World Water Forum is an excellent platform to promote this activity, aligning with the Knowledge and Innovation subtheme.

The session will be coordinated by Obinna Anah, Knowledge Management, Communications and Visibility Officer, AMCOW, and moderated by Ms Motshidisi Mokhele, Director of Knowledge Management, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, South Africa.

Objectives:

The central objective of the session is to highlight the value of water knowledge in delivering development gains at all levels.

Expected outcomes:

- i. Increased awareness and understanding of AMCOW's KM initiatives and their significance in advancing water and sanitation goals.
- ii. Exchange of experiences and best practices among participants, fostering cross-country learning and collaboration.
- iii. Identification of potential synergies and opportunities for future partnerships in knowledge management.
- iv. Empowerment of attendees with practical insights and tools to strengthen their own KM efforts within their respective contexts.

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

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5 mins	Welcome address	AMCOW Executive Secretary (M)	Ok
5 mins	Opening remarks	AMCOW Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair (F)	Ok
5 mins	Keynote address: A Case for Investing in Water Knowledge.	Minister of Water Resources and irrigation and AMCOW President, Prof Hani Sewilam (M)	TBC
10 mins	Introduction of key speakers, organisations, and brief bio of KM work	Obinna Anah (M)	Ok
35 mins	Presentation of KM initiatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. South Africa b. Nile Basin Initiative c. BGS/SADC d. African Development Bank e. AMCOW Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Support from SIDA and o Support from USAID 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motshidi Mokhele (F) 2. Juliet Nakasagga (F) 3. Kirsty (F) 4. Obinna Anah (M) 5. AfDB rep. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ok 2. TBC 3. TBC 4. Ok
15 mins	Q&A	Motshidisi (F) (how do you manage (create, store, re-use) the knowledge emerging from your organisation? What are you doing to institutionalise these processes?)	Ok
10 mins	AMCOW and DHI collaboration	DHI Louise Heegaard	Ok
5 mins	Call for partnership	Obinna/ Louise Heegaard	Ok
5 mins	Closing and networking	Lindiwe Lusenga	TBC

Additional information:

Target Audience for the session will include:

1. Government officials, representatives of bilateral and multilateral finance institutions, and policymakers in the water and sanitation sector.
2. Representatives from international organisations and NGOs involved in water management.
3. Academics and researchers interested in knowledge management and sustainable development.
4. Practitioners and professionals seeking insights into effective KM strategies.