

## 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 19 Water as Leverage Innovation Lab: Catalyzing Urban Water Resilience for Global Impact

#### 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):

This session, convened by a global network of partners, aims to unite the urban resilience and 'Water as Leverage' (WaL) community in exploring avenues for rethinking and upscaling urban water resilience. The Water as Leverage programs and methodology signify a paradigm shift in urban planning, turning water into an opportunity and a unifying force rather than a challenge through inclusion, integrity, finance and nature-based solutions.

In the innovation lab we combine and converge diverse perspectives, insights and urban initiatives worldwide into a Water as Leverage framework providing actionable principles and steps. Expertise of local champions, global networks and top researchers contribute to outlining pathways towards urban resilience.

Session comprises four parts:

- (1) **~5 min Opening** The session starts with a group check-in, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.
- (2) **~10 min Scoping the session** Introduction of WaL framework including principles
- (3) **~30 min Panel presentations** We dive into inspiring reflections by a panel change-makers, in local and global contexts, highlighting and deep-diving into the framework. Insights and learnings on upscaling urban water resilience in WaL initiatives in India, Colombia, and Indonesia are being brought forward. Key questions addressed include fostering systemic change, leveraging partnerships for action, and effective scaling strategies.
- (4) **~25 min Working session** Using the WaL framework, participants engage in a working session to co-create practical insights and actionable strategies. Facilitators guide group discussions.
- (5) **~20 min Plenary summary** Insights from the discussions are shared and participants outline pathways for upscaling urban water resilience towards systems change at institutional, landscape, and personal levels. Common themes, challenges, and potential actions will be identified, paving the way for collective action.

This session is designed for urban water professionals, local authorities, policymakers, researchers, NGOs, and other stakeholders passionate about advancing urban water resilience. By the end, we gain practical insights, forge new connections, strengthen the network, and identified pathways to enhancing urban water resilience globally. Together, we formulate actions for meaningful change in urban resilience. The outcomes of the meeting inform the Water as Leverage Multilevel Climate Action Programme: "Accelerating Upscaling Water as Leverage Globally".

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

| ESTIMATED TIMING* | ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE   | SPEAKERS               | SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC) |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Moderator         | Researcher social inclusion and nature-based solutions, Water as Leverage Academy   | Stephanie Janssen (F)  | OK                          |
| Panel member      | Teamlead resilience, water, adaptation, OECD  | Xavier Leflaive        | OK                          |
| Opening speech    | Water Envoy for the Kingdom of The Netherlands  | Meike van Ginneken (F) | TBC                         |
| Panel member      | Director of Ooze Architects and Urbanists and team leader of City of 1000 Tanks Chennai bringing stories of upscaling urban resilience in Chennai India | Eva Pfannes (F)        | OK                          |
| Panel member      | City manager of Nakuru, Kenya   | Mr Thabanja            | OK                          |
| Panel member      | Youth representative and member international panel of Delta's and coasts   | Josien Grashof (F)     |                             |
| Panel member      | Coordinator for River, Coast and Water Related Disaster at Bappenas, Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning                               | Ewin Sofian Winata (M) | TBC                         |

\*timing is included in session description

**Additional information:**

Room set-up cabaret style.