



## SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

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

#### **Session Code and Title:**

CC1: How to educate and meaningfully involve people in the tough decisions on climate mitigation and adaptation?

#### **Session Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):**

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

Climate change impacts are forcing governments and public authorities into making extremely difficult decisions, but with the aim of protecting people and services in the short term, as well as building long-term resilience.

These decisions come with big financial, social and environmental trade-offs. People are going to have to pay much more through taxes, utility tariffs and other means. There will also be other difficult decisions around allocation of services, environmental protection, food production and many other aspects of people's lives.

By accepting that climate change impacts are going to happen more frequently and intensely, there is a need to involve communities and all sectors of society to ensure decisions are inclusive and acceptable to people's livelihoods and futures. This requires public understanding, capacity building and active participation in decision-making, particularly from voices that are traditionally excluded or underrepresented.

This session is about how governments and authorities can meaningfully engage with all sectors of society, so that ultimately decisions are fair, equitable and can galvanise society into action.

#### **Session objectives:**

- Explain the latest public engagement tools and methods for hardest to reach communities and sectors of society.
- Discuss the views and voices from these communities regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Inform future research, stakeholder engagement and public communication programmes.

#### **Session format**

Discussion-based, participatory and inclusive. There will not be any formal presentations – instead questions from the participants to each other and from the audience. The core speakers will initially be given 5 minutes each to present their research and face an initial round of questions

from each other or the audience. They will then be asked questions by the action implementers, who will also be brought into the discussion.

Expected outcomes:

- Increased awareness of the latest public engagement tools and methods for reaching hard-to-reach communities and sectors of society, including innovative approaches and best practices.
- Engage in discussions that incorporate views and voices from diverse perspectives regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Gain actionable insights and practical recommendations for implementing public engagement strategies in climate change initiatives.

**Detailed Session plan:**

ESTIMATED TIMING	REPRESENTATION TYPE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKER ROLE
5	Introduction from the Moderators	Tekaherha Logan Lazore – World Youth Parliament for Water.  Neil Dhot – Executive Director, AquaFed	Moderators
10	Framing presentation	Tania Fu, PhD Student, University of Hull, UK	Core speaker and panel member
65 Short remarks and panel discussion	Researcher	Ripin Kalra, Urban Resilience and Sustainability Adviser	Panel member - research
	Private company	Kai Zimmerman, Sustainability Manager of the Josef Wund Thermal Spa Group and Wund Holding	Panel member- research
	Research/media/consultancy	Christian Fischer, Knowledge Management Specialist, Onewater	Panel member - research
	UN (UNESCO)	Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, Programme	Panel member - implementer



		Specialist (Water for Human Settlements Theme Lead), UNESCO	
	Utility operator	Criselle Alejandro – President, Balibago Waterworks	Panel member - implementer
10	Concluding remarks	Tekaherha Logan Lazore and Neil Dhot	