



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:

SE 54 Water as a driver for peace and prosperity: lessons and prospects from West and Central African basins?

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

Session coordinator and moderator:
Niokhor Ndour, Department of water management and planning of Senegal (Ministry of Water and Sanitation), niokhorndour@gmail.com, +221775428111.

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

The session explores the crucial role of water in promoting peace and sustainable development in this dynamic region of the African continent. The main objective of this session is to examine past experiences, current initiatives and future perspectives in water resources management in the river basins of West and Central Africa. The session will highlight successes and challenges in promoting cross-border cooperation, resolving water-related conflicts and creating sustainable partnerships for integrated water resources management.

Areas of interest in this session include water governance, river basin management, water security, equitable sharing of water resources, water conflict resolution and sustainable socio-economic development. We will also explore the opportunities offered by technological innovations, multi-sector partnerships and participatory approaches to strengthen peace and prosperity in river basin communities.

The expected outcomes of this session include a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to water resources management in the region, as well as practical recommendations for strengthening regional cooperation, promoting peace and stimulating sustainable economic and social development in the river basins of West and Central Africa.

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

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
Introduction to the session and speakers (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions • Overview of the session objectives and outcomes • Brief introduction of speakers/moderators 	Niokhor Ndour	OK
Context Setting (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the importance of water in promoting peace and sustainable development in West and Central Africa • Brief presentation of report on Emerging Challenges of Shared Water Management in Africa. 	Madiodio Niasse, TBC	TBC

<p>Panel Discussion: Examining Past Experiences and Current Initiatives</p> <p>(40 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panelists discuss past experiences and current initiatives in water resources management in the river basins of West and Central Africa Delve into successes, challenges, and lessons learned Moderator facilitates discussion and poses questions to panelists Audience engagement through Q&A 	<p>M. Armand Houanye, executive secretary nouveau GWP-AO</p> <p>Mouhamed Fawzi Deputy Coordinator IWRMP - Senegal River Basin.</p> <p>MEWOUTH Armel, Regional Water Focal Point IUCN West and Central Africa Programme.</p> <p>Aminu Magaji Bala Head of Division of Natural Resources Management Lake Chad Basin Commission</p> <p>Georges GULEMVUGA Director of Water Resources International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui- Sangha Basin (CICOS).</p> <p>Laura Turley en charge du dialogue et interface entre science et politique (GWH)</p>	<p>OK</p> <p>OK</p> <p>OK</p> <p>ok</p> <p>ok</p>
<p>Synthesis and Audience Engagement</p> <p>(15 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator summarizes key points and insights from the panel discussion Open floor for audience members to share their perspectives, ask questions, and provide additional insights Facilitated discussion to explore common themes and potential solutions 	<p>Niokhor Ndour</p>	<p>OK</p>
<p>Closing Remarks and Call to Action</p> <p>(10 minutes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of main takeaways and insights gained from the session Emphasize the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing water-related challenges Call to action for participants to continue the dialogue, implement recommendations, and foster positive change in the region 	<p>Madiodio Niasse, TBC</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Networking Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal networking opportunity for participants to connect, exchange 		



(optional, last 10 minutes)	contact information, and further discuss ideas.		

Additional information:

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