



## SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM

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

**Date, Time and Venue:**

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2024  
Time: 2:50 p.m. ~ 4: 20 p.m.  
Venue: Kintamani 1 Theater

**Session Code and Title:**

Session Code: SE9  
Title: UNESCO & i-WSSM Cooperation: Integrated Urban Water Management and Gender Equality for Water Security

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

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development emphasizes the importance of water through the sixth goal of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6). Water is essential for achieving the SDGs, as mentioned during the UN 2023 Water Conference, and it is not limited to only SDG 6. It plays a core role in other SDGs as well. UNESCO and i-WSSM have cooperated to build capacity for the global water agenda and to implement the SDGs.

The purpose of this side event is to launch the 4th Issue of the Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Series. The GWSI is a co-publication of UNESCO-IHP and i-WSSM with support of IWRA. The 4th Issue of GWSI, 'Water Security and Cities: Integrated Urban Water Management' spotlights the importance of integrated approaches to urban water management (IUWM) to make cities sustainable and resilient. This issue presents various case studies on the implementation of IUWM approaches. The event will provide opportunities for networking among practitioners working in IUWM.

The second objective of this event is to support gender equality and encourage young professionals' participation in gender equality initiatives. Gender equality is one of the main priorities of UNESCO. Women are still threatened by the lack of access to clean and safe water in many regions, ultimately restricting their educational opportunities and participation. UNESCO WWAP advocated a call for action in 2021 to accelerate the achievement of gender equality in the water sector. i-WSSM created the 'Early Career/Young Professionals Network on Water and Gender Equality in the Asia-Pacific Region', called WAGLE YP to support UNESCO's activity and to contribute to achieve the SDGs. We expect this event can be a place to profile the water and gender equality agenda through WAGLE YP to support gender equality and young professionals' engagement, as emphasized by the SDGs.

Today, more than half of the global population lives in cities and cities increasingly face various challenges. Cities, as centers for water use and decision-making, play a key role in ensuring Water for Shared Prosperity. This session, more specifically, fits firmly within the theme of integrated water resources management (subtheme 2E) as well as water insecurity and development (subtheme 1E). In addition, gender equality and youth's participation need to be considered critically for future generations (subtheme 4E). We expect that this event will be a place to raise awareness on the importance of the global water agenda and to discuss the way forward.

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

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5 min	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Mr. Bongwoo Shin (i-WSSM)	OK
10 min	<Part 1: GWSI 4 Launching> Welcoming Remarks Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Abou Amani (UNESCO-IHP) Dr. Yuanyuan Li (IWRA)	OK
15 min	UNESCO - Urban Water Management GWSI Issue 4 IWRA's Role on the GWSI Project	Dr. Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa (UNESCO-IHP) Dr. Dongkyun Kim (i-WSSM) Mr. Callum Clench (IWRA)	OK (Online) OK OK
5 min	<Part 2: Gender Equality and YP Engagement> Opening Remarks	Ms. Michela Miletto (UNESCO WWAP)	OK(Online)
(Total 40 min)	Presentations		
10min	1) Integrating gender into water resources management - Better data for better-informed policies	Ms. Laura Imburgia (UNESCO WWAP)	OK
10min	2) Gender and Water in Asia and the Pacific	Ms. Tanya Huizer (ADB)	OK
15min (each 5min)	3) Youth Empowerment in the field of Water and Gender  - Youth Initiative for Gender Equality in the Water Sector  - The Role of Gender Equality in Adequate and Safe Sanitation in Indonesia's National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN)  - The Impact of Water on the Expansion and Economic Revitalization of Miao Women's Jobs	Ms. Nishrin Qowamuna Researcher, CRPG (i-WSSM WAGLE YP)  Dr. Nopa Dwi Maulidiany Lecturer, University of Indonesia (i-WSSM WAGLE YP)  Ms. Yuhan Zheng (World Bank Water Communities)	OK  OK  OK
15 min	Q&A	All Speakers	
	Closing		

**Additional information:**

This side event is distinguished into two parts. The first part is to launch the Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Issue No. 4 Water Security and Cities: Integrated Urban Water Management, which is the co-publication of UNESCO and i-WSSM. The second part is to encourage young professionals' participation and support gender equality in the water sector.