



SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Session Description Form 2 is for the specified program of the session. Please complete this form no later than 28th of February 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:

T2C1: Policies and approaches to implement the human right to safe water for the most vulnerable

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

The United Nations recognised the human rights to water and sanitation in 2010. 2020 was the tenth anniversary of the landmark resolution adopted by the General Assembly in July 2010, which “recognized the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights”. Since then, a number of subsequent resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly gave further affirmation and clarified the human rights to water and sanitation as fundamental human rights. Furthermore, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, included a specific reference to the human rights to water and sanitation; dedicated two SDGs to gender equality and reducing gender inequalities, and made leaving no one behind a cross cutting-objective of all SDGs, including SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation.

The realization of human rights is generally included in the strategies of States and development actors; however, operationalizing a rights-based approach raises many challenges. Development programs still remain too oriented towards the provision of services, a vision which has limits given the imperative of leaving no one behind.

The Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) opens a path that strengthens the links between development actions and human rights. This approach takes into account power inequalities and discriminatory practices, the root causes of inequalities that hinder development. People and communities are at the center of this approach and - as rights holders - play an active role in the realization of their rights.

The session will aim to highlight the concrete implications of this approach, based on existing initiatives and projects. It will discuss the role of public institutions (States being responsible for

the progressive implementation of the rights to water and sanitation) and will include examples of public policies aiming at realizing the rights of the most vulnerable people. It will question the limits and factors of success and will promote the dissemination of good practices, tools and recommendations for greater equity and inclusiveness.

The expected outcomes of this session will be to highlight :

- concrete measures and initiatives taken at different levels to enable a human rights-based approach to the water sector
- successful mobilization of public and private stakeholders to leave no one behind

The session will last 90 minutes and will require English/Indonesian and French/English translation.

Detailed Session plan :

TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	TOPIC	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
4 minutes	Introduction	Moderator: Fatmata Hannah Conteh (Youth Parliament)		Confirmed
8 minutes	Case study / presentation	Rawan Isaed, expert of the Palestinian Water Authority		Confirmed
8 minutes	Case study / presentation	Nathalie Seguin, FANMEX	Community water management as a model to be strengthened in order to realise the human rights to water and sanitation in rural communities in Mexico.	Confirmed
8 minutes	Case study / presentation	Elshad Iskandarov, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan	New standards which has to be applied with climate change and pollution including landmines to measure the impact and prevent the water pollution for the displaced persons.	TBC
11 minutes	Case study	Sabiha Siddique, Simavi	Presentation of Make Rights Real (MRR) approach with	Confirmed

			<p>a case study from Bangladesh</p> <p>Includind a video broadcast (3'): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehu2DxYUqY&list=PLVFFGhEKfuQwIxV0U3oYvP8xj9p9SEITY&index=30</p>	
11 minutes	Case study / presentation	Edith Guiochon, Coalition Eau	<p>Presentation of new law of water access on UE and case study of translation in french legislation</p> <p>Includind a video broadcast (3'): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHjOzLSMxZU</p>	Confirmed
35 minutes	Discussion with the audience			
5 minutes	Conclusion	Fatmata Hannah Conteh (Youth Parliament)		Confirmed