



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:

4B3: Thinking outside the box: making decentralized cooperation work for water

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

This session will explore innovative strategies to address the global water crisis through decentralized cooperation. We will discuss how governments, NGOs, and community organizations can collaborate and leverage their resources to ensure access to clean water and sanitation for all. By sharing successful case studies and best practices, we aim to inspire participants to think differently and find creative solutions to this pressing issue.

This interactive session aims to put young people at the heart of the debate. The session will be led mainly by young leaders and aims to explore innovative approaches and strategies for leveraging decentralized cooperation to address water and sanitation -related challenges. By thinking outside the conventional frameworks, the session will delve into the potential of decentralized cooperation to bring about positive transformations in water management, accessibility, and sustainability. Additionally, it will serve as a pivotal platform for integrating related sectors such as health, nutrition and climate change, providing a unique opportunity to formulate key directives for comprehensive and impactful water policies.

This session will be an unique occasion to highlight the role of women and youth on water resolution problems and showcase all the innovative approaches implemented on the ground.

Objectives:

- **Explore Creative Solutions:** Foster discussions on unconventional and creative solutions that decentralized cooperation can offer for effective water governance and management.
- **Promote Collaboration:** Facilitate a platform for stakeholders to share successful examples and case studies of decentralized cooperation initiatives that have made a tangible impact on water-related issues.
- **Identify Barriers and Solutions:** Identify challenges and barriers to successful decentralized cooperation in the water sector and collaboratively devise strategies to overcome them
- **Share innovation approaches** that was implemented at the global level and specificity by region in order to favorize learning and exchange
- **Enhance Local/ Regional Engagement:** Discuss ways to empower Local and Regional communities and authorities through decentralized cooperation, ensuring their active involvement in water-related decision making processes.
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Expected Outcomes:

- **Innovative Ideas:** Participants will gain insights into innovative ideas and approaches that can be applied to enhance decentralized cooperation for water-related initiatives.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** A repository of successful case studies and best practices in decentralized cooperation for water and sanitation will be established, fostering knowledge sharing among participants.
- **Youth and women engagement :** Strategies for greater involvement of women and youth in the management of water and sanitation issues are identified.

Session format

The session will be introduced by Olivier Ngosso, Executive Director of the African Water and Sanitation Association. M. Ngosso will set the scene for the debate by going back over the challenges of decentralization and the importance of thinking on innovative approaches to achieve SDG6. The introductory session will be followed by a youth talk.

Youth Talk : What innovative approaches to put in place for better Decentralized Cooperation for Water and Sanitation.

Interactive discussions will be led by young leaders on unconventional and creative solutions for water governance and management, exploring out-of-the-box ideas. In a roundtable format, 3 young people will identify the challenges linked to decentralization and identify innovative solutions that young people can implement for better management of water and sanitation resources. This session, which will be an open discussion, will also look at what decentralization means in a context marked by climate change, but also by difficult socio-political and economic contexts. It will be an opportunity to return to the importance of being resilient and, above all, to identify integrated approaches highlighting technology, cross-sectoral collaboration and the mobilization of all stakeholders, particularly community players.

Interaction with stakeholders on the field : Success Stories and challenges

This section will be an opportunity for young people to interact with two experts from the sector on the major challenges of effective and efficient decentralization. The two experts will share successful examples and case studies of decentralized cooperation initiatives that have made a tangible impact on water-related issues. Young people will have the opportunity to comment on these experiences and relate them to their current issues.

Detailed Session plan :

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
05mn	Introduction	Moderator - Yaye Sophietou Diop, Speak Up Africa	OK



10 mn	Keynote speech	Olivier Ngosso, AfWASA	OK
50 mn	Youth Talk	Anita Soina, 2023- 2024 SWA Youth Champion Abdilahi Nuh, World Youth Parliament for Water Duhitta Hayyardhini, Bali Youth Parliament for Water	OK
20 mn	Exchange session with water and sanitation experts	Jorge Werneck Lima - Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation - EMBRAPA Mouhamed CBC Diatta - MEA Senegal	OK
10mn	Recaps and closing (sharing key recommendations)	Moderator - Yaye Sophietou Diop	Ok