



SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

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Session Code and Title:

CC4. Securing the Stream: Transformative and Participatory Financing for Water and Sanitation

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

This session emphasizes a local dimension to financing strategies for improved drinking water and sanitation services, which are also climate resilient. The session will engage with dimensions of water value, to the extent that they can inform financing strategies for improved drinking water and sanitation services. Other areas of focus include discussion on community-based financing— drawing on recent case studies of approaches that have worked, but equally on approaches which offer applied learnings.

In this session, 6 case studies will be presented on financing strategies for improved drinking water and sanitation. The two common factors coming in all presentations are crucial role of women and climate resilience in the financing strategies.

A case presentation from ADB will cover how governance driven, performance-based fund allocation incentivized water service at the municipalities in Bangladesh. Municipalities achieved reforms for water tariff, introducing volumetric water tariff, and digitizing water billing and collection system through a participatory manner.

Athena Infonomics will share PPP models in the specific context of sewage treatment plants under the Namami Gange program and fecal sludge treatment plants implemented by various states in India, discussing their role in enhancing sanitation infrastructure, alongside the challenges and keys to success.

Simavi will present on the Water Justice Fund, a climate adaptation fund which supports last mile women- and girls to realize locally-led and women-owned solutions to the water crisis and climate challenges. Aligned to the principles of Locally Led Adaptation, the Water Justice Funds aims to realise systemic change whereby groups most affected by climate change, get agency and resources to take those measures they believe are the best for their context. The Water Justice Fund is currently piloted in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Kenya.

A youth representative from International Secretariat for Water (ISW) and the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW) will share how youth are getting actively involved in infrastructure activities, capacity building and awareness raising campaigns to promote safe sanitation solutions adapted to rural areas. Under the Rural WASH Project, ISW plays a critical role in the implementation of infrastructure interventions to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation for rural communities.

A speaker from the Adour-Garonne Water Agency from France will share the French model of water management that operates on the "user pays" principle. Users (companies, industrialists, farmers, citizens) pay an annual fee to the water agencies. The water agencies collect an annual fee from users (companies, industrialists, farmers, citizens) and use these funds to maintain the good condition of French waters, to restore aquatic environments, and to finance water and sanitation projects in French river basins. Increasingly, water agencies are working to improve adaptation to climate change and access to services by reconciling use and environmental protection.

The expected outcomes of this session will be a policy brief that will be comprised of:

- concrete case studies and solutions for financing strategies taken at different levels to contribute to achieving SDG 6
- governance reform to improve water and sanitation
- establishing a water justice fund for the climate vulnerable people
- effective collaboration model among users, local authorities, and water agencies for increasing climate adaptation
- successful mobilization of public and private stakeholders, PPP, and community-based financing implement for improved drinking water and sanitation.

Detailed Session plan:

<u>ESTIMATED TIMING</u>	<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE</u>	<u>SPEAKERS</u>	<u>SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)</u>
00-02 mins	Introduction of the speakers		
02-05 mins	Introductory remark and structure of the session	Moderator	
05-15 mins	Performance-Based Fund Allocation for Improving Water Service Delivery for Secondary Towns in Bangladesh	Amit Datta Roy, ADB	Ok.
15-25 mins	PPP models in wastewater treatment in India – design, challenges and keys to success	Y. Malini Reddy, Athena Infonomics,	Ok
25-35 mins	The Water Justice Fund: a climate adaptation fund which supports last mile women- and girls to realise locally led and women-owned solutions to the water crisis and climate challenges.	Sabiha Siddique, Simavi,	Ok.
35-45 mins	A case of critical role played by youth for improving WASH	Makhkamjon Muinov, ISW & World Youth Parliament for Water	Ok.
45-55 mins	Finance innovative water and sanitation projects in France and abroad through water charges and the "polluter pays" principle.	Marc Abadie, Adour-Garonne Water Agency	Ok.
55-70 mins	Panel discussion and Q&A session with the audience	All speakers and audience	