



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:

SE24: Access to Clean Water and the Business and Human Rights in Asia

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

The global discourse on the importance of responsible business practices has been rapidly growing in the last ten years due to investor interest, consumer pressure and regulatory demands. More and more businesses have been adopting human rights policies and engaging in Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) practice, as outlined by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs). HRDD requires businesses to identify, prevent and mitigate adverse impacts on human rights including the newly recognized right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

This session on, “Access to Clean Water and the Business and Human Rights in Asia” offers an avenue for government, businesses, and civil societies to exchange views on practices and share experiences in solving water challenges with a focus on water pollution in river basins.

The session is a collaboration between United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Indonesian Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Investment. The session will introduce the UNGPs and briefly explore its relevance to solving environmental challenges. The UNGPs are widely considered to be the world’s most authoritative, normative framework guiding responsible business practices today. Still, its practical application to water, air and soil pollution is only now being explored.

After introducing the UNGPs, the session will pivot to a case study of the Citarum River in West Java, Indonesia, renowned as one of the world’s ten most polluted rivers. Industrial waste, comprising plastics, sewage, harmful chemicals and heavy metals has severely contaminated the river, undermining water security, and affecting the prosperity of communities along its banks and beyond. The session will also highlight how key stakeholders including government, business and civil society worked together in promote the right to clean and safe drinking water within the Citarum River Basin.



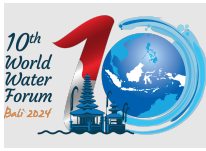
Lastly, the toolkit on human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD) will be introduced in the session as the framework for business to self-assess their risks to human rights with a focus on water pollution.

The session aims to achieve two main objectives: (1) drive business's attention to the interconnections between business, human rights and the environment, and (2) introduce possible solutions linked to the implementation of the UNGPs.

Targeted audience: governments, civil societies, private enterprises, and state-owned businesses.

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

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5m	Opening by Moderator	(M) Sean Lees, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP Asia Pacific	OK
7m	Responsible business within the business and human rights agenda	(M) Norimasa Shimomura, Resident Representative, UNDP Indonesia	OK
10m	Key findings of UNDP Study on Access to Clean Water and the Business and Human Rights Agenda and introduction on the toolkit of Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD): A Clean Water Self-Assessment	(M) Mohamad Mova Al'Afghani, Expert Consultant for UNDP, University of Ibn Khaldun	OK
	Panel Discussion: Practices and Challenges		
5m	Introduction of Speakers by Moderator	(M) Sean Lees, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP Asia Pacific	OK
7m	Gol initiative: Indonesia's National and sub-national initiatives to restore Citarum River	(F) Nani Hendiarti, Deputy Minister for Environment and Forestry Management, Indonesian Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment	OK
7m	Explore business perspective on what it takes to incorporate responsible business practices	(F) Shinta Kamdani, Chairperson, Indonesian Employer's Association (APINDO)	OK
7m	Innovation and best practices from South Asia with a focus on Bangladesh in tackling water pollution	(M) Jyotiraj Patra, Program Director, Concern Worldwide	OK
7m	Global development highlighting the EU initiatives on promoting rights to clean and healthy environment, including on the newly approved Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)	(F) Henriette Faergemann, First Counsellor for Environment, Climate Action, and Digital Cooperation, EU Delegation to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam	OK
7m	Innovation and best practices from South Asia with a focus on Bangladesh in tackling water pollution	(M) Jyotiraj Patra, Program Director, Concern Worldwide	OK
25m	Question and answer	Moderated by: (M) Sean Lees, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP Asia Pacific	OK
5m	Wrap-up and reflection	Moderated by: (M) Sean Lees, Business and Human Rights Specialist, UNDP Asia Pacific	OK



Additional information:

Time & date preference:
10.20 - 11.50 p.m. & 23 May 2024

Logistical needs: Floral decoration, recording services throughout the session, lighting, interpreter (including booth, simultaneous interpretation Indonesia-English and English-Indonesia, 2x 45 inch matador screens on stage.