



SPECIAL SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

Session Code and Title:

SS8: 11th World Water Forum: “Action for a better tomorrow”

Special Session Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):

Session coordinator and moderator:

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

The 11th World Water Forum 2027 will be hosted in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a proposed theme “Action for a better tomorrow”. This theme is rooted in the understanding that the current trajectory of global water management is unsustainable. Without immediate and concerted action, the world is at risk of exacerbating water-related challenges and compromising the wellbeing of present and future generations.

“Action for a Better Tomorrow” recognizes that addressing water-related challenges requires a paradigm shift. The global community is called upon to move beyond mere discussions and instead focus on implementing tangible actions that effectively deploy pragmatic solutions.

The theme intends to leverage the demonstrated international experience of Saudi Arabia, which has successfully managed an integrated water sector despite facing critical challenges such as water scarcity, water production and transmission costs, growing demand and high usage of non-renewable water sources.

“Action for a Better Tomorrow” endorses the importance of collaboration among different entities to address water challenges effectively. It acknowledges that no single sector or organization can tackle these struggles alone. Public entities, private companies, civil society organizations, research institutions and international bodies must work together more effectively to deploy practical solutions and ensure a better future. Moreover, the proposed theme builds upon previous forum themes and their outcomes. It acknowledges the progress made in previous iterations and aims to build upon the momentum generated by those discussions. By linking back to previous themes, the forum seeks to ensure continuity, learn from past experiences and identify areas where further action is needed.

The proposed event aims at discussing the 3 year’s journey towards action-oriented solutions in managing water resources including main events and the stakeholder’s engagement. Moreover, it will discuss the proposed topics and subtopics of the 11th world water forum



Detailed Session plan :

Date: May 24th at 8:30 to 10 AM

Room: Kintamani 5 Theater

Moderator: Dr. Abdulaziz Alqahtani, Advisor- Deputy ministry for water, Saudi Arabia

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
8:30-8:35	Welcoming remarks	Dr. Abdulaziz Alqahtani	OK
8:35-8:50	Overview of the proposed theme and topics	Dr. Abdulaziz Alshaibani (MEWA)	OK
8:50-9:00	Status of SDG6 Goal	Sarah Nedolast (World Bank Group)	OK
9:00-9:10	The role of global organizations in supporting action-oriented solutions	Mary Matthews (UNDP)	OK
9:10-9:20	Water economics as a key toward sustainable global water sector	Xavier Leflaive (OECD)	OK
9:20-9:30	Desalination as a key in quenching world thirst to water	Eng. Abdullah Al-Zuwaid (SWCC)	OK
9:30-9:40	Privatizing water sector for sustainability	Sulaiman Turki (SWPC)	OK
9:40-10:00	Panel discussion		