



TOPIC SYNTHESIS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

Please complete this form no later than **22nd of March 2024**.

Session Code and Title (e.g. Topic Synthesis Session 3A):

Topic Synthesis Session 6C (Respect, valuation and protection of Indigenous, traditional, and community-based knowledge systems and inclusion of their practices into existing water management policies)

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Session Description (300 words):

This topic synthesis session will summarize the three sessions under topic 6C: (1) Successful water and ecosystem management through Indigenous and Local Knowledge (ILK), (2) Capacity building on ILK to sustain indigenous, traditional and community-based water management, and (3) Ensuring Gender Equality and Social Inclusion to achieve climate-resilient WASH for all. Those three sessions will bring together various Indigenous knowledge systems, tangible and intangible heritage and perspectives, theories, methodologies, case studies, and lessons learned from “our past” about natural or water resources management while maintaining the natural-cultural heritage balance with social-economical progress and facilitating the protection of traditional knowledge, systems and practices. Furthermore, some relevant topics are also expected from those three sessions, e.g., the threat of climate change on water resources, how modern development impacts the Indigenous communities, and challenges their heritage, etc. Lastly, this topic synthesis session tries to attract global attention to Indigenous communities, especially those related to water management and its tangible and intangible heritage.

Key messages (2 maximum)

1. Incorporating Indigenous, traditional, and community-based knowledge into water management policies and practices is necessary for the sustainability of water resources for all
2. The voices of the indigenous and marginal communities must be facilitated in any water and environment-related management

Concrete outcomes (2 maximum)

1. Documentation of good practices, success stories, and way forward
2. Initiation of a specialized forum for communication and exchanging information for possible common problems and choosing best practices solutions effectively.

Detailed Session Plan:



ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
2 min	Opening	Daniel	Ok
12 min	Reflection from the session 1 in topic 6C	Alexander Otte (UNESCO)	Ok
12 min	Reflection from the session 2 in topic 6C	Zahra Bolouri (Water for Women Fund)	Ok
12 min	Reflection from the session 3 in topic 6C	Nisrina Nadhifah Rahman (Yayasan Humanis dan Inovasi Sosial)	Ok
20 min	Q&A		
2 min	Closing	Daniel	Ok