



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:

CC 14: Finance delivery models that serve the unserved

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

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

The session aims to identify innovation financing models being implemented to provide safe water and sanitation services to underserved populations. The discussion will explore the effectiveness of microfinancing, impact investing, public financing, the vital contributions of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), and catalytic financing. These strategies are geared towards empowering communities, ensuring project sustainability, and generating significant social, environmental, and financial benefits. A key focus will be on DFIs' role in reducing investment risks and providing crucial long-term financing, especially highlighting their impact in small and medium-sized towns where investment needs are particularly acute. The discussion will also delve into the importance of political advocacy in securing funding for sanitation. This aspect is critical for the success of financing mechanisms in the sector.

The session has several objectives. First, it aims to clarify the roles of innovative financing mechanisms in improving access to water and sanitation services. It seeks to identify solutions that are adaptable, scalable, and sustainable, making them suitable for a variety of environments. Additionally, the session will draw on lessons and experiences from Africa and Asia. This includes insights from India and Indonesia and examples from small towns across South Asia. It will also look at initiatives aimed at enhancing the bankability of water and sanitation investments in Africa.

Expected outcomes of the session include a deeper understanding among participants of the array of financing strategies available for water and sanitation projects. It aims to develop a collaborative approach for engaging a wide range of stakeholders, including governments, private investors, DFIs, and the public sector. Furthermore, the session is designed to inspire a commitment among stakeholders to support and invest in innovative models that focus beyond infrastructure and support governance and systems strengthening. These models are crucial for significantly enhancing sustained access of services to the underserved.

Detailed Session plan :

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
02-05 min	Introduction of the speakers		
02-05 min	Introductory remark by the moderator and structure of the session	Moderator	



10-12 min	Affordable Financing in Water: Small Loans and Big Impact- Lessons from India and Indonesia	Water.org (Kiki Tazkiyah/ Rich Thorsten)	Ok
10-12 min	Catalytic Financing for Universal Access to WASH	SWA (Siddhartha Das)	Ok
10-12 min	Innovative Financing for Urban Sanitation: Lessons from South Asia's Small Towns	Athena Infonomics (Malini Reddy)	Ok
10-12 min	Infrastructure and Beyond: Enhancing the Bankability of Sanitation Investments in Africa	AfDB (O. Chanda)	Ok
10-12 min	Driving Change: The Power of Political Will and Advocacy in Boosting Sanitation Funding	AMCOW (Mr. Nelson Gomonda)	Ok
15-20 min	Q&A		