



## SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

#### Procedure for submission

By 28 February 2024, here are the two forms that must be submitted:

- The Session Program Form that you will find here below (submission in Word format only). Mariana Salgado <[m.salgado@worldwatercouncil.org](mailto:m.salgado@worldwatercouncil.org)> ; thematic <[thematic@worldwaterforum.org](mailto:thematic@worldwaterforum.org)> ; secretariat@inwtc.org <[secretariat@inwtc.org](mailto:secretariat@inwtc.org)> ; [r.elfithri@unesco.org](mailto:r.elfithri@unesco.org)
- The Session Logistics Form via the [dedicated online form](#). A Word format is available and shared in the Word document entitled “Session Logistics Form.docx” to facilitate offline completion before online submission.

**The Session Program Form must be completed and returned by email to the World Water Council 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:

6E1.  
Increasing financing to vocational and communities training in the water sector

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

International Network of Water Training Centers (INWTC):

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

Financing in the water sector primarily focuses on infrastructures, networks and equipment required for water and sanitation services and water resource management, overlooking the need to strengthen human resources. The dire consequences of this blindspot are a lack of qualified professionals and, ultimately, the inability to achieve the water-related SDGs.

This session will demonstrate that the availability of well-trained human resources is one of the most important factors for the quality of water management, and more precisely, the infrastructures designed, built and maintained, the governance established and the techniques that are used to make the most of this precious resource.

The session will showcase sustainable financial mechanisms for training (integration of financing of training in infrastructural investments and organizations and companies budgeting, creation of earmarked funds) to finance training solutions and facilities and to build a qualified workforce with water-related expertise (water management, water treatment, irrigation, fish farming, hydropower, drinking water supply and sanitation, etc.).

It will highlight the essential role of international cooperation and Official Development Aid (of both bilateral and multilateral donors) in supporting such mechanisms and in advocating that training human resources in water management is not a cost but a sustainable investment. There is a clear return on investments made in the training for the effectiveness of good water management.

**Detailed Session plan :**

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5	Introduction	Mr. Oswald Chanda, Director Water Development and Sanitation, African Development Bank	TBC
5	Moderation	Ms. Stéphanie Laronde, Director of international relations, International Office for Water (OiEau)	OK
10	Keynote speaker	Mr. Lionel Goujon, Director of the Water & Sanitation Department, French Development Agency (AFD)	OK
8	Panelist	Ms. Anne Bousquet, Regional Coordinator for Africa and Asia, Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)	OK
8	Panelist	Mr. Leiro Letangule, Director, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI)	TBC
8	Panelist	Mr. Yashar Kalbiyev, Chief of the Training Centre - AZERSU, Ministry of Taxes, Azerbaijan	TBC
8	Panelist	Mr. Franz Rojas, Head of Water and Sanitation Division, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean LAC	TBC
8	Panelist	Ms. Neeta Pokhrel, Chief of Water Sector Group, Asian Development Bank (ADB)	OK
25	Questions and answers	Animated by the moderator, with exchanges between panelists and with the audience.	OK
5	Conclusion	Mr. Mustafa Sarikay, Coordinator for Trainings and Publications, Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)	OK