



## SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

T4E3: Protecting the rights of women, children and marginalized groups

**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 investigate issues affecting women, children and marginalised groups in access to water and sanitation, and to generate practical responses on how to address these challenges.

**Structure of session:**

The session will be structured around **10 tables** with the intention that one of the 5 topics is addressed at each of two tables.

A brief introductory presentation will set the context (may include video clips of grassroots people speaking about the challenges that they face in terms of water and sanitation).

Following from this, discussions will take place at each table around a particular topic/question, with the intention of generating solutions that can be taken back by participants into their organisations, work programmes, and can be used for advocacy purposes.

The five tables will each address a different topic/question:

**Disaster risk reduction:** how does one mitigate the risks felt by women, children and marginalised groups in the context of water-related disasters (floods, droughts, pollution events etc)

**Water allocation and protection:** How does one address issues of corruption and malfeasance in allocation of water, permits to extract water, permits to mine sand, etc in order to protect the rights of women, children and marginalised groups

**Sextortion:** What actions can be taken by policy makers, regulators and water services providers to prevent sextortion in access to water?

**Weaponisation of water:** What actions can be taken at the national, local and/or international level to prevent the weaponisation of water in situations of conflict?

**People with disabilities:** What actions are needed to address the challenges faced by people with disabilities in accessing water and sanitation services?

In line with the cross-cutting theme for this topic, **Hearing the Unheard**, we will try to ensure that the voices of people from the grassroots are present in the discussion, either through in-person speakers, or through video presentations.

**Outcomes:** Practical suggestions on how to protect the rights of women, children and marginalised groups in relation to the 5 topics, that can be implemented or used for advocacy at a range of levels

**Detailed Session plan :**

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
10 mins	Welcome and introduction: Chair (includes time for people to arrive and get settled)	Barbara Schreiner	OK
15 mins	Setting the scene: Keynote address	Dipak Gyawali (Asia)	TBC (awaiting funding)
40 mins	Table presentations and discussions – <b>at each table someone gives a 5 minutes presentation on their lives experience of the particular issue, or narrates the lived experience of someone who is unable to participate, followed a discussion on practical ways to address the issue whether at international, national or local level. Each table to identify 3-4 key actions that they would like to see being taken forward</b>	Table leaders:  Barbara Schreiner (Africa/Europe)  Kusum Athukalora (Asia)  Moina Alhajji (youth)  Kate Harawa (Africa)  Geneva Water Hub	OK  OK  OK  OK  Name still to be confirmed
20 mins	Report backs from tables	Table leaders	
5 mins	Closure (Chair)	Barbara Schreiner	OK