



## 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:

**4D3 Local Culture and Knowledge for Better Water Management**

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

Actively including marginalized voices, particularly from Indigenous and traditional communities, deepens our understanding of water related challenges and solutions, which leads to more effective and sustainable WRM and WASH outcomes. This session provides evidence-based approaches and tools being used to incorporate local culture and knowledge for equitable and climate resilient water and sanitation.

Panelists will share their case studies, challenges and lessons learnt from four different contexts in Asia and the Pacific, in which Indigenous and traditional knowledge has been essential to understanding and addressing water resource management challenges in a changing climate;

- **Milika Sobey**, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Fiji
- **Silvia Devina**, Yayasan Plan International Indonesia
- **Darshan Kaki**, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) Nepal
- **Sheila Funubo**, Solomon Islands National University

**Yumiko Asamaya** from Japan Water Forum and **Milika Sobey** will co-moderate the session, which will answer questions including;

- What is the role of intermediaries in engaging indigenous and traditional communities in WRM projects – where are they needed and not needed ?
- Where can technology be used to amplify voices and support *localisation in WRM*?
- In terms of gender equality and social inclusion, is traditional and cultural practice always the best guidance? Who should decide?

Outcomes of the session;

Four speakers will present from different contexts, with evidence based and tangible recommendations for policy makers, programs and allocation of resources to increase the



engagement and knowledge offered by traditional and Indigenous peoples for climate resilient inclusive development.

**Detailed Session plan :**

<b>ESTIMATED TIMING</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE</b>	<b>SPEAKERS</b>	<b>SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)</b>
0-10	Moderator	Yumiko Asamaya	OK
10-20	Moderator/Panelist	Milika Sobey	OK
20-30	Panelist	Darshan Kaki	OK
30-40	Panelist	Sheila Funubo	OK
40-50	Panelist	Silvia Devina	OK
50-90	Q&A / facilitated discussion	Moderator, panelists and audience	OK