



REGIONAL PROCESS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Regional Session Description Form 2 is for the specified program of the session. Please complete this form no later than 10th of March 2024.

**The Regional session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the Regional session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

Regional Session Code and Title:

Sustained provision of access to universal resilient WASH services

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

Sustainable and resilient WASH delivery are an immense challenge, requiring solutions beyond one-time infrastructure coverage to ensure sustained services in Africa. In most cases, the average 15-20-year design lifespan of water and sanitation systems is compromised by premature failures within 3-4 years. Consequently, public funds support rehabilitation of existing failed systems rather than expanding access to unserved populations. Thus, improved long-term functionality of water systems is imperative to provide the poorest and excluded community's reliable access. As climate variation and related disasters increasingly threaten critical infrastructure, sustained provision of access to universal and climate resilient WASH services are undermined. Water systems are especially exposed, with multiple impacts at various levels. Cost-effective climate adaptation requires community-based approaches that harness local knowledge and capacities. Solutions should demonstrate the interconnectedness of climate impacts on water systems and communities, while expanding inclusive, locally driven adaptation strategies. This session is designed to consider challenges and offer long-term solutions towards sustained provision of access to universal resilient WASH services across different spaces in Africa

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

Objectives : To share experiences, lessons learnt and identify barriers and drivers for provision of WASH services, focusing on:

- Sustainable models for ensuring financial, operational, climate resilient WASH services.
- Integration of utility and community action for sustainable provision of WASH services deprived and vulnerable populations.
- Enhancing use of sanitation data for effective monitoring of safely managed sanitation

Outcome :

- Increase the profile of safely managed sanitation and increase the appreciation of its inter-relation with water
- Obtain knowledge of variety of approaches that have been successfully used for sustainable and climate resilient water supply systems
- Barriers to sustainable WASH services and propose innovative solutions

The session will be interactive and a hybrid comprising of in-person as well as on-line presentations, panel discussion and Q and A session



Detailed Regional Session Plan:

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)