



## 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:**

**T2C2. Realizing SDG 6 (access to water targets) in fragile and humanitarian contexts**

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

Global humanitarian needs are at an alarming level, with 363 million people requiring assistance in 2023, a trend that has been growing in recent years. Fragile or extremely fragile states, as defined by the OECD, represent 1.9 billion people, i.e. 24% of the world's population, but 73% of those living in extreme poverty. In addition to the effects of security, economic, health and political crises, there are also the consequences of the climate crisis. The interdependence between fragility, conflict and climate change was recently highlighted at COP 28: it is estimated that 7 out of 10 of the countries most vulnerable to climate change are also among the most fragile. While the investments needed to achieve SDG 6 will have to be quadrupled globally, in these fragile contexts, 23 times as much effort is required to achieve universal access to a safe drinking water supply by 2030. If we are to leave no one behind, humanitarian action matters.

The session will delve into the complex obstacles that stand in the way of this essential access - conflicts and climate changes, among others - and explore innovative strategies for responding quickly and effectively to immediate needs while laying the foundations for long-term resilience. It will address the crucial role of various actors - humanitarian and development NGOs, institutional players, and international organizations - and the importance of their collaboration across the humanitarian development spectrum. It will emphasize the need for coordinated collaboration between these actors to achieve ambitious goals, while building their capacity and expertise in complementary ways. The session will also highlight the critical issue of funding and advocacy in crisis contexts, exploring solutions to address the chronic under-funding of the humanitarian WASH sector. Discussions will lead to concrete and operational recommendations, as well as the formulation of best practices crucial to ensuring the achievement of sustainable development goals in contexts of crisis and fragility.

**Detailed Session plan:**

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
5"	Introduction & setting the scene	Baptiste Lecuyot Solidarités International	OK
60"	Panel Discussion: - Humanitarian development nexus - Partnership - Funding and advocacy	Colline Arnoux Butterfly Effect	OK
		Brooke Yamakoshi Unicef	TBC
		Alfonso Lozano DG ECHO	TBC



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordination and localisation</li> <li>- Recommendations</li> </ul>	Baptiste Lecuyot Solidarités International	TBC
		Bénédicte Wallez Veolia Foundation	OK

		René Bayili Parlement Burkinabé pour la jeunesse	TBC
		Ozlem Iritas General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works in Turkey	TBC
10"	Q&A	Facilitator	TBC
10"	Case study presentation on sustainable, local solution	Mustika Wijaya Solar Chapter	OK
5"	Q&A and closure	Facilitator	TBC