

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

### SESSION AGENDA



### Fostering cooperation and partnership for water and gender

### Expanding the Multi-stakeholder Coalition to accelerate Gender Equality in the Water Domain in Asia Pacific

Date: Tuesday May 21

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Venue: Asia Pavilion

Conveners: UNESCO WWAP, International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management – IWSSM

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#### Objectives:

In 2021, the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme launched the Global initiative Call for Action: Accelerating progress towards gender equality in the water domain, together with an international Multi-stakeholder Coalition. To date, more than 160 individual members from Member States institutions, regional organizations, UN agencies, NGOs, academia and civil society are part of the Coalition. The session will serve as an opportunity to showcase achievements, and update stakeholders on progress made so far on the implementation of the voluntary commitments made during the 2023 UN Water Conference of New York. Examples of concrete projects on the ground and from different regions will be shared.

Ensuring improved representation of Asia in the Multi-stakeholder Coalition on water and gender allows a better understanding of regional challenges. Considering the significant role that Asian

countries play in achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, increased representation of Asian members will strengthen the Coalition's support to the fulfilment of SDG 5 and 6, and a greater impact of the global Call for Action. Moreover, it will ensure cultural sensitivity, contextual solutions, and equitable decision-making within the Coalition, ultimately fostering more effective strategies for promoting gender equality in the water domain.

### AGENDA

10:00 -	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Ms. Laura Imburgia, Senior Water and Gender Program Specialist, UNESCO WWAP
15 min	Keynote speaker	Ms. Ana Carolina Argolo Nascimento de Castro, Director ANA Brasil
10 min	Multistakeholder Coalition and the Call for Action – partnership and cooperation on water and gender	Ms. Laura Imburgia, Senior Water and Gender Program Specialist, UNESCO WWAP
42 min	Coalition members – <i>Showcasing concrete actions from members with focus on good practices to advance gender equality in water</i>	
	Regional organizations	Representative of African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)
	Academia	Ms. Francesca Greco, University of Bergamo, Italy
	Water professional institution	Ms. Sooyoung Park, International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM), Republic of Korea
	Water and Sanitation professional association	Ms. Leticia Ackun, African Water and Sanitation Association (AfWASA)
	Women's organisations	Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Women for Water Partnership
	Women's global initiative	Ms. Ulrike Kelm, Women in Water & Sanitation Network (WWSN)
	UN Agencies – UNESCO	Ms. Laura Imburgia, Senior Water and Gender Program Specialist, UNESCO WWAP
20 min 2 questions	Panel discussion <i>Challenges and opportunities for integrating gender into water resources management in the context of Asia Pacific</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Joanna Mott, Water for Women Fund</li> <li>• Ms. Shweta Shiwangni, Fiji Meteorological Services</li> <li>• African Renaissance/ African Civil Society Network on Water (ANEW)</li> </ul>
10 min	Q&A	
20 min	Open Discussion	Moderator
- 12:00	Conclusions and Closing Remarks	UNESCO WWAP



*The Coalition members and interested participants are invited to have an informal gathering during lunch time.*