

Gender sessions at World Water Week 2022

The theme of World Water Week 2022 is *Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water*, where the true value of water will be explored from varying perspectives. The week offers over 300 sessions, covering a diverse range of water-related topics. In this event programme, SIWI's champions for Gender Equality have listed here sessions that take a gender perspective to water challenges.



RECOMMENDED SESSIONS

MONDAY 29 AUGUST

14:00-15:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE

WaterWoman: Leadership Discussion on Need for Gender Parity in Water

Water managers discuss the need for increasing gender parity in the workforce and share current and needed policies, practices and programs that can help scale solutions to bridging the gender gap.

EMA Inc | WaterRising Institute | Xylem

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

11:00-12:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, ROOM: 451

A Rising Tide: Shared Vision for Women In Water Diplomacy

The Women in Water Diplomacy Network will share its 2022 Network Statement 'A Rising Tide' - a call to action to prioritize gender equality as a lever of positive change across transboundary water management. This statement is endorsed by Network members in the Nile Basin, Central Asia and Afghanistan, together with women water diplomats.

Cap-Net | Cooperation on International Waters in Africa (CIWA)/World Bank Group | Environmental Law Institute | IHE Delft Institute for Water Education | International Centre for Water Cooperation | Läkarmissionen-LM International | Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland | Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe | Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia | Stockholm International Water Institute | Community of Women in Water

11:00-12:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, MUSIC HALL

Rights to Water and Food in Fresh Water Resource Allocation

This session brings WASH, irrigation and other water sectors together to explore integrity and redistributive justice in water law, including statutory protection of indigenous communities and universal core minimum resource rights to water and food. This will unravel intersections between water law, constitutions, land and resource law, customary law, and human rights.

Environmental Law Institute | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | International Water Management Institute | Rural Water Supply Network | The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology/WISE Futures | Water Integrity Network | Water Research Commission

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST

16:00-17:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, ROOM 461

WASH in Schools (WinS) - Linking Education, Health, and Gender

This session will present the 2022 JMP report on WASH in Schools and examples of good practice for pandemic preparedness and response, and safe reopening of schools that were institutionalised within the Education sector in different parts of the world. Importantly, this session underscores the undeniable importance of WASH in keeping schools open, and demonstrating its power to link education, health and gender.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH | Joint Monitoring Programme Sustainable Sanitation Alliance | United Nations Children's Fund | WASH in Schools Network

16:00-17:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, PILLAR HALL

Empowering the Next Generation of Women Closing the Gender Gap

How can we support girls bridge the step from studying STEM to building a career in the water tech industry?

Welcome to an interactive session with a diverse panel who are eager to share their experiences working in water technology and offer insights for what it takes for women to succeed in the field. The panelists will share their unique journeys, reflecting on topics such as building self-confidence, developing peer networks, importance of mentorship and the role of male allies.

Stockholm International Water Institute | Stockholm Junior Water Prize | Xylem

THURSDAY 01 SEPTEMBER

09:00-10:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, ROOM 461

Integrated WASH and nutrition, gender-transformative approaches for early childhood development

This session will unpack how inadequate sanitation, hygiene, and environmental cleanliness affect children's physical and cognitive development, and how this can be combined with other elements to tackle undernutrition systematically. We will discuss relevant implications for diverse sector actors on practice and research priorities.

[Institute of Development Studies](#) | [Max Foundation](#) | [Plan International](#) | [Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne](#)

11:00-12:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE, ROOM 357

Preparing for an inclusive and action-orientated UN 2023 Water Conference

This flagship session convened by the hosts of the UN 2023 Water Conference, includes a brief introduction on the Conference followed by an update of progress on the road to the 2023 Conference. The session will highlight the opportunities for stakeholders to participate and contribute to the Conference's objectives to accelerate progress towards the water targets of the 2030 SDG agenda.

[Government of the Netherlands](#) | [Government of the Republic of Tajikistan](#) | [United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#) | [UN-Water](#)

OTHER SESSIONS ABOUT GENDER

MONDAY 23 AUGUST

15:30-16:50 | ONLINE

Social impact? Shouldn't we be asking the customer?

This session reviews a cross-organizational program on social impact measurement for safe water enterprises (SWEs), which includes a qualitative survey and workshops conducted with 60 Decibels, a specialist in impact measurement. Audience members will participate in an exercise to evaluate impact dimensions and explore the many uses of impact data.

[Safe Water Network](#) | [Water For Good](#) | [Water Mission](#) | [Water4](#)

20:00-21:30 | ONLINE

WaterWoman: Leadership Discussion on Need for Gender Parity in Water

This session will feature WASH stakeholders committed to moving beyond mere WASH service provision, beyond delivering facts and training, beyond promoting attendance and participation. Building on an essential foundation of access as well as emerging evidence of the importance of women's empowerment and measures to assess its change, this session enables us to review what we currently know and what is being done.

[Emory University](#) | [Global Water Challenge](#) | [Sesame Street](#) | [WaterAid](#) | [World Vision](#)

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

08:30-09:50 | ONLINE

Valuing inclusive systems for stronger resilience in water and WASH

How do we shift complex and dynamic water and WASH systems towards greater equity and resilience? Convenors will share practical examples of engaging with targeted leverage points in water and WASH systems to reduce inequalities and hence build a more resilient, sustainable and inclusive future for all.

[Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) | [Australian Water Partnership](#) | [iDE](#) | [Plan International](#) | [SNV Netherlands Development Organisation](#) | [Water for Women](#) | [WaterAid](#)

11:30-12:50 | ONLINE

Changing invisible norms -the key to inclusive water and WASH

Building resilient communities, systems and economies means starting where change needs to happen—with people. In this session, Water for Women will share examples of how changing harmful norms is critical to ending inequalities, creating inclusive systems, and enabling equitable access to, and use of, sustainable water and WASH services.

[Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) | [iDE](#) | [Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney](#) | [Plan International](#) | [SNV Netherlands Development Organisation](#) | [Water for Women](#) | [WaterAid](#)

13:00-14:20 | ONLINE

Valuing human experiences with water to reveal disparities, prioritize action

This interactive session will talk about implementation, analysis, and interpretation of WISE data, including resources to facilitate its use (training manuals, translations). It will host an open discussion on how the WISE Scales can be further mainstreamed to support global water security and achievement of SDGs.

[EQUIDE/Iberoamericano University](#) | [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Small Scale Irrigation](#) | [Feed the Future Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab](#) | [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) | [HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation](#) | [Innovative Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition](#) | [Montclair State University](#) | [Northwestern University](#) | [Swiss Water and Sanitation Consortium](#) | [USAID Center for Water Security, Sanitation and Hygiene](#) | [Yale University](#)

15:30-16:50 | ONLINE

Global multi-stakeholder action to accelerate gender equality in water

The Multi-stakeholder Call for Action for accelerating progress towards gender equality in the water domain has brought together a global coalition of stakeholders envisaged to break with business-as-usual. This session will present and discuss initiatives, strategies, and good practices developed and implemented by the Coalition members to help bridging the gender divide in the water domain. The audience will have the opportunity to participate exchanging experiences that work/do not work in practice.

[Government of Italy](#) | [UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme](#)

20:00-21:20 | ONLINE

Advancing Gender and Social Equity through Nature-Based Solutions

Cities around the world are integrating gender and social equity considerations in their urban nature-based solutions policies and programs, especially as it relates to water issues. This session will highlight the efforts of Cities4Forests, Forest Trends, and three cities from different geographies in planning equitable and inclusive nature-based solutions.

[Forest Trends](#) | [Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative](#) | [United Kingdom Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#) | [World Resources Institute](#)

20:00-21:20 | ONLINE

New ways of WASH in schools: Modern, playful behaviour change

Different contexts require different methods for behaviour change in WASH - but can also complement each other. In four roundtables, new interactive methods for teaching children about the importance of WASH will be introduced, focussing on Africa and the Balkans, e.g. a board game and an online "Water Classroom".

During the session, several new methods to playfully teach young people about WASH will be presented. The learning methods aim to induce dynamic and sustainable behaviour change and were developed for the African and the Balkan context.

[Viva con Agua](#) | [Women Engage for a Common Future](#)

20:00-21:20 | ONLINE

Unpacking lessons learned from collective action for community water resilience

Gap Inc. will unpack lessons learned from a 6-year collective action initiative focused on catalyzing women to improve community water resilience: the USAID Gap Inc Women + Water Alliance. This innovative public private partnership catalyzes women to become change agents for WASH.

[GAP Inc.](#) | [USAID Center for Water Security, Sanitation and Hygiene](#)

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

13:00-14:20 | ONLINE

The heart of resilience: Cultivating the untapped potential of women

In a world where the impending risks of climate change press daily, a twofold reality presents itself—while women are disproportionately affected by climate change, they are uniquely situated to lead efforts in response. This session aims to collect recommendations for further cultivating women's untapped potentials as heart of resilience.

[Asian Disaster Preparedness Center](#) | [Centre For Social Planning And Administrative Development](#) | [Simavi](#) | [Stockholm Environment Institute](#) | [WaterAid](#)

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

11:00-12:30 | ON-SITE, ROOM 300 (FOLKETS HUS)

Valuing Women and Youth in the Water Sector: Advancing careers

Recognising the need to incorporate more women and diversity within the sector, this session will explore the lived experiences, biases, challenges and opportunities that young professionals face while entering or working in the sector.

drinkPani | Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney | International Water Association | Netherlands Water Partnership | Water Youth Network | World Bank Group

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

12:00-12:30 | ONLINE & ON-SITE

Driving business action on integrating WASH and Gender

WaterAid, Diageo and The Coca-Cola Company have developed guidance building the case for why companies should deliver WASH programmes that integrate gender considerations and providing the how-to for implementers supporting the embedding and measurement of gender outcomes in WASH programmes. This event showcases the work and inspires adoption of guidance.

Diageo | The Coca-Cola Company | WaterAid

ABOUT WORLD WATER WEEK

World Water Week is a conference for people who understand that **tackling the greatest challenges of our time often starts with water**. The annual programme covers a **broad range of topics**, from food security and health to agriculture, technology, biodiversity, and the climate crisis. **Each year has its own theme** which is explored from different perspectives within the comprehensive programme.

World Water Week attracts a diverse and inspiring mix of **decision-makers, business leaders, city planners, activists, and researchers from all over the world**. Many are trailblazers who have found new and smarter ways to manage water. People join the conference to **share new ideas, learn from each other and collaborate on innovative solutions**. World Water Week is also an **important meeting place** for policymakers and institutions to **accelerate progress in international processes related to water, development, and climate**.