



Emerging Water Leaders Forum

A stepping stone for the development of an action agenda for the water sector

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016 / 15:30 - 17:00 / SKY ROOM

WHY IS THE EMERGING WATER LEADERS FORUM IMPORTANT?

The water sector faces significant dual challenges of an ageing workforce and a shortage of adequately skilled staff to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6: to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. To address the high standards and targets set under this goal, the sector needs to attract and support the development of new talent. This new talent - us - should be seen as the emerging leaders, who should be encouraged to contribute to the sector's advancements today. Considering we grew up in this changing society, we are much more apt to the changes coming our way. Therefore we are in a great position to contribute to the agenda that influences their career development.

WHAT IS THE FORUM? The demands on water professionals to provide innovative solutions to the growing water challenges and opportunities will continue to rise. As this need is rising we - young professionals - should be prepared, aware of the challenges, and planning their actions. The forum will provide a platform to work with peers and to develop actions that contribute to achieve our visions.

WHO WILL ATTEND? The Emerging Leaders Forum provides an open platform for emerging water leaders - young water professionals aged 35 and under covering a wide range of disciplines ranging from social, technical, economic to environmental.

HOW? As the leaders emerging in the sector, young professionals should be at the forefront of discussing solutions, actions and competencies required in the sector to tackle the increasing challenges in cities, utilities and basins around water management. The Emerging Water Leaders Forum will be a stepping stone for the development of an action agenda to achieve the visions. Through formation of a position paper, and other communication vehicles, the water sector will be informed about the outcomes of these discussions.

If you have any questions please contact Kirsten.devette@iwahq.org

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15:30 - 15:40 Icebreaker activity

To form diverse table groups and network

15:40 - 15:50 Welcome and introductions

Norhayati Binti Abdullah, *Senior Lecturer, Malaysia Japan International Institute of Technology*
Diane D'Arras, *President Elect, International Water Association*

15:50 - 16:10 Visions and Challenges

Facilitator: Arlinda Ibrahimllari, *UKKO, Albania.*

Top 5 visions and challenges pitches from IWA YWP Australia conference 2016

16:10 - 16:40 Roundtable Discussions

Guiding questions:

- What are the three actions for academia, industry and yourself to overcome the challenges and achieve the vision ?
- What are critical competencies (skills, knowledge and attitudes) that professionals need to overcome the prioritised challenges?

16:40 - 17:00 Feedback

One key leader from each table will be asked to provide in a two minute pitch, their actions and the critical competencies needed. The senior professionals and audience are requested to provide feedback, share similar thoughts and commitments.

Senior professionals: Bruno Nguyen, Independent, France; Diane D'Arras, IWA & Suez Water Europe, France; Paul Bowen, WEF, USA; Simon Griffiths, Who gives a crap, Australia; Szilvia Szaloki HEA, Hungary