



Emerging Water Leaders Forum

Plan the Future of the water sector

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER / 10.30 - 15.00 / ROOM 3 (101)

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 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 should be seen as the emerging leaders, who should be encouraged to contribute to the sector's advancements today and start planning the future of the water sector that they will lead!

WHAT IS THE FORUM?

An open platform for young and emerging water leaders to work with peers to start planning for the future of the water sector that will be in charge of.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

Young and emerging water leaders - aged 35 and under covering a wide range of disciplines ranging social, technical, economic to environmental. The participant needs to be a registered delegate of the World Water Congress and Exhibition.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Participants are invited to discuss among their peers and design solutions for big challenges (answering 3 big questions) for Post 2030 or even 2050 when they will be leading the sector. Using teaching and applying techniques to break complex issues down in smaller components, you will practice your problem solving skills whilst developing answers to the questions posed by senior and experienced professionals.

Want to join or have questions? Email Kirsten de Vette - [Kirsten.devette@iwahq.org](mailto:kirsten.devette@iwahq.org)

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

10.30 - 10.40 Welcome and Introduction

Digital Water **Climate Resilience** **Healthy Liveable Cities**

10.40 - 10.50 Meet and Greet

10.50 - 11.00 What is key question we will need to answer by 2050?

Presentation by emerging water leaders presenting question posed by Congress Keynote Speakers

11.00 - 11.50 Breaking the Questions Down

Group Exercise to break the question down and prioritise.

Plenary

11.50 - 12.00 The Toolkit to Answer

Presentation by emerging water leaders to provide tools to tackle the discussion after lunch.

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch at the IWA Stand

13.30 - 13.35 Recap part 1 and introduction

Emerging Water Leaders recap part 1 and introduce what next

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13.35 - 14.15 Answering the Questions

Group Exercise to answer the key question

14.15 - 14.30 What action is needed today to plan for this future?

Group discussion to action

Plenary

14.30 - 14.45 Group Pitches of the Answers

Group to pitch their results

14.45 - 15.00 Plenary Discussions and Closing

Reactions to Group Pitches and closing