



Concepts and Perspectives: Framework for water wise and sanitation secure resilient cities

Date: Sunday 15 October 2023,

Time: 15:30 – 17:00

Venue: Fabia I

Target Audience: Policymakers, practitioners, regulators, utilities, researchers, and academics

Organisers: IWA, NSS Specialist Group

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Summary

IWA's [Inclusive Urban Sanitation initiative](#) aims to reshape the global agenda on urban sanitation over the coming years. It forms part of IWA's work to promote inclusive, resilient, water-wise and sanitation-secure cities. Following the launch of [the IWA Principles for Water-Wise Cities](#) in 2016, over 32 cities endorsed globally, 70+ individual endorsers, and 60+ local authorities and institutions endorsed in France. With billions of people already lacking access to sanitation in recent years Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approach has gained momentum aimed to advance inclusive urban sanitation, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Today globally the cities are struggling to address the increasing incidences of intense flooding and droughts in wake of climate change. To accelerate SDG 6 within the environmental, economic, and social dimensions of sustainable development, a holistic approach is fundamentally important to consider the interlinkages of all targets of SDG6 and other related SDGs.

IWA has embarked on a global consultative process, and the IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition that took place in Copenhagen in September 2022 provided a platform to initiate this process. This was followed by a technical session at the 21st AfWA International Congress and

Exhibition. From these initial discussions, it is already clear that the fundamental assumption made in the development of the principles – that there are safe and reliable water and sanitation services for all – needs to be corrected. This then becomes the primary level of action and ultimately, the foundation for achieving “water-wise cities”. In addition, inter-sectoral collaboration, capacity development (South-South learning), and political will are highlighted as key principles to be integrated/ amplified in the review process.

There are also discussions and agreements as the principles are reviewed/ revisited to consider clear/ inclusive messaging/ terminologies for (drinking water, sanitation, wastewater, and drainage) because of the inter-connectedness of the components as focusing on one of the elements to the exclusion of the rest is a recipe for failure.

Objective

IWA seeks to leverage the 1st NSS Conference to bring together global actors working both on water-wise cities and inclusive urban sanitation (particularly LMICs) to deliberate on [IWA’s Water wise principles](#) and explore how to expand the principles to include sanitation, especially in terms of connecting with wider goals of securing the health of rivers and water bodies and building resilient cities in wake of climate change.

Agenda

Time	Item	Responsible
15:30 – 15:40	Opening remarks and address	Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, ED, IWA (TBC)
15:40 – 15:50	Context setting, Overview of IWA Water-wise Principles and workshop objectives	Daniela Bemfica, IWA Strategic Programmes & Engagement Director
15:50 – 16:25	Invited Panelist (7 min each):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eden Mati, Country Manager, WSUP, Kenya 2. Jennifer Williams, Executive Director, FSMA, Netherlands 3. Stefan Reuter Project Director, GAPWAS, Cote d’Ivoire 4. Tanvir Ahmed, Professor, ITN – BUET, Bangladesh 5. Temple C Oraeki, IWA YWP, Nigeria
16:25 – 16:55	Open Discussion - Roadmap for expanding IWA ‘water-wise principles’ for water-wise and sanitation secure resilient cities	All participants
16:55 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Suresh Kumar Rohilla, IWA Programme Lead