

9-11 NOVEMBER 2021

EMERGING WATER LEADERS FORUM



leading the water industry through disruptive change

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO ATTEND THE EMERGING WATER LEADERS VIRTUAL FORUM?

The water sector has been facing significant changes in various areas. In order to successfully lead the industry, it is crucial to allow transgenerational and transdisciplinary cooperation to support and enable the development of innovative solutions. Young Water Professionals, as catalysts of positive change, will be empowered to lead on advancements in the water sector for a water wise world.

WHAT IS THE FORUM?

The IWA Emerging Water Leaders Forum is a virtual event which sets an open platform for YWPs to connect with their peers from around the world. The Forum is a place to share professional experiences and to highlight the important responsibility of YWPs working on the solutions for the future of water.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

Young Water Professionals - aged 35 and under covering a wide range of disciplines in the water sector spanning social, technical, economic and environmental. The Forum is dedicated to IWA YWP active members only.



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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THE FORUM?

This edition is centred around a very significant question: How are young professionals leading the water industry through disruptive change? This matter will be explored from a climate, pandemic, and economic perspective. The Forum is structured into three different sessions, namely: the panel, workshop, and a networking session. You will have a unique opportunity to advance your knowledge on climate, economic and pandemic-related issues, increase your awareness of disruptive change, and improve problem-solving and crisis management skills with your IWA Young Water Professionals.

DAY 1: PANEL SESSION

- A. 9-11am, GMT - [Register for A](#)
- B. 4-6pm, GMT - [Register for B](#)

DAY 2: WORKSHOP SESSION

- A. 9-11am, GMT - [Register for A](#)
- B. 4-6pm, GMT - [Register for B](#)

DAY 3: NETWORKING SESSION

- A. 9-11am, GMT - [Register for A](#)
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FINAL PROGRAMME

9 NOVEMBER 2021 - PANEL SESSION

The universal health crisis has marked a spotlight on the water sector. In order to move forward, we need to openly address challenges and reevaluate current approaches to collaboratively create solutions to the constantly transforming water sector. For this to happen, cross-sectoral and transgenerational collaboration is required. Through this online panel session, the Forum will debate a very significant question:

How are young professionals leading the water industry through disruptive change?

This matter will be explored from a climate, pandemic, and economic perspective. The meeting will consist of presentations from expert panellists as well as a Q&A live discussion. Each session will feature the following speakers:

SESSION A



Dhesigen Naidoo

President of HumanRight2Water, Member of Presidential Climate Commission, Research Associate at Institute for Security Studies Africa, South Africa

Pandemic perspective



Jennifer Moller-Gulland

Founder of Water Risk Assessment Blue Print Training, Water Risk Expert & Water Economist at World Bank, Germany

Economic perspective



Dong Xin

Associate Professor at Tsinghua University, Division of Environmental Analysis, China

Climate perspective

SESSION B



Joone Kim-Lopez

General Manager of Moulton Niguel Water District, United States

Pandemic perspective



Walid Khoury

General Manager at Desalytics, United Arab Emirates

Economic perspective



Siddhartha Roy

Research Scientist at Virginia Tech University, IWA Young Leadership Award Winner & Ambassador 2020-2022, United States

Climate perspective & pandemic perspective

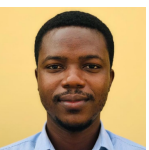
The sessions will be moderated by the following IWA Young Water Professionals:



Yang Villa

Isle Utilities, Philippines

Moderator



Jacob Amengor

Ghana Water Company Ltd, Ghana

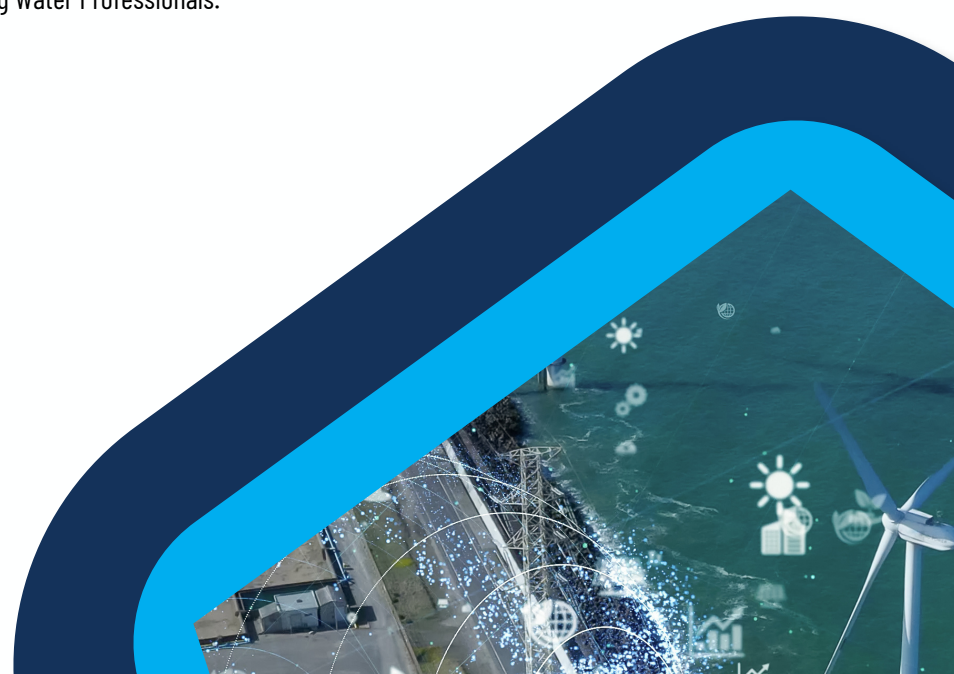
Moderator



Liudmyla Odud

UN Mission in South Sudan

Supporting Moderator



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10 NOVEMBER 2021 - WORKSHOP SESSION

In the face of fast paced developments and constant transitions, water professionals are required to remain up to date with global trends and emerging solutions. Today more than ever, however, this task may appear to be quite challenging. At this thought-provoking workshop session, the Forum will discover the relationship between the water sector and the media. Participants will examine very important questions, such as: **How can young water professional navigate through a great amount of information? How can they develop critical thinking as well as their own informed opinions? How can these opinions contribute to stories about the water sector for the general public?** The session will invite a guest speaker to talk about the role of communications, as well as a key stakeholder from BBC StoryWorks who will share their insights about an inspiring project for Young Water Professionals to get involved. The gathering will begin with an open meeting format, which will then move to smaller interactive groups. The session will feature the following guest speaker:



Keith Hayward

IWA Director, Marketing & Communications
Publisher of The Source Magazine
United Kingdom

11 NOVEMBER 2021 - NETWORKING SESSION

The current pandemic has created many challenges for all. Lack of in-person gatherings and social interaction has been one of them. With the networking session, we aim to replicate an **open, social and informal environment** to connect with others. The Forum will therefore conclude with a networking session, which will be an excellent opportunity to draw lessons learnt, exchange opinions and talk about the hot topics together with industry peers. Additionally, the networking session will see a key stakeholder from Cranfield University presenting a wonderful scholarship opportunity available to IWA Young Water Professionals.

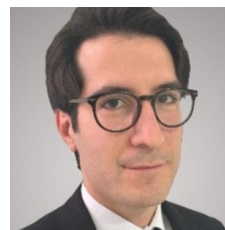
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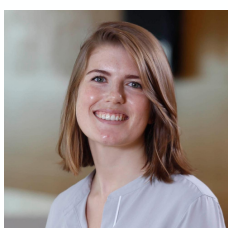
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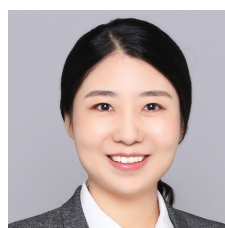
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