

Roles of Women and Youth in Water Security and SDGs

MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2017, 15:30 – 17:00

25 years after the Rio-Dublin Principles for IWRM have been adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, 1992) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, there is still limited progress in translating the principles of inclusive and participatory water governance into effective action on the ground. At the same time, hundreds of millions of dollars invested in physical infrastructure are effectively wasted because provisions do not reach the intended beneficiaries and/or are not adequately maintained.

Objectives of this session are to bring to the fore the role of women and youth in sustainable water use and governance, to make steps forward in cooperation on inclusive water governance and gender sensitive approaches in the region and to prepare key messages as input to the 8th World Water Forum, the outcome document of the High-Level Panel on Water and the upcoming Water for Sustainable Development Decade.

Lead Organizer	Water Mothers Myanmar: Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein
Co-Lead	- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
Organizer	- Citizen's Forum Commission of World Water Forum 8 (WWF8) - Global Water Partnership - Korean Water Forum and World Youth Parliament for Water (Asia Chapter)
Chairs	- Dr. Anna Sui Hluan, Patron of Water Mothers - Dr. Claudia Sadoff, Executive Director of IWMI
Moderator	- Drs. Alice Bouman-Dentener, Member of the Citizen's Forum Commission of WWF8



Program

15:30 -15:35	Welcome and introduction of the Speakers Dr. Anna Sui Hluan, Chair Keynote speech
15:35-15:45	Building a framework for inclusive water governance in Myanmar Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein, Secretary, Advisory Group, and Member, National Water Resources Committee, Myanmar Presentations
15:45-15:50	Think globally, act locally: linking local action to the implementation of SDG6 and the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” Ms. Salamatu Garba, Steering Committee Member, Women for Water Partnership, and Coordinator on Participatory Water Governance, Citizen’s Forum of WWF8
15:50-15:55	Developing a Women for Water approach in Central Asia Dr. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Member, Technical Committee, Global Water Partnership, and UNESCO Chair Holder in Water Management in Central Asia, Kazakh-German University
15:55-16:00	Role of youth in achieving water security and SDGs Ms. Asma Bachikh, President, World Youth Parliament for Water
16:00-16:05	AIRBM project: a springboard for Women and Youth participation in creating good water governance Ms. Aye Chan Myint, Young Water Professional and Acting Coordinator, AG
16:05-16:10	The role of youth in Asia-Pacific water affairs Dr. Jaeheung Yoon, Secretary General, Korea Water Forum
16:10-16:15	Linking civil society to the WASH sector Ms. Melita Grant, Research Principal at the Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology of Sydney (ISF-UTS)
16:15 -16:20	Capacity Development for Effective Institutional Reform Dr. Dipak Gyawali, Former Minister of Water Resources, Nepal
16:20-16:50	Panel Discussion Drs. Alice Bouman-Dentener, Moderator
16:50-17:00	Conclusions and wrap-up Dr. Claudia Sadoff, Co-Chair