

# Operationalizing IWRM to Build Water Security: What are Lessons for Food Systems, Climate Change Adaptation and Inclusive Growth?

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**Speaker: Dr. Mark Smith, Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)**

## Overview:

Making integrated water resource management (IWRM) operational depends on translating principles for IWRM into practical processes for managing change. Using a framework for operationalizing IWRM, based on combining principles for both IWRM and change management, this webinar will showcase lessons from research and practice for strengthening water security. Increasingly, however, more is required today from IWRM. Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals, there is growing recognition that responses to major challenges – globally and in Asia-Pacific – should align around systemic solutions with benefits across multiple sectors and needs. Water connects across systems and water management, as a consequence, has a critical role to play in enabling and strengthening such systemic solutions. The webinar will therefore conclude with recommendations for how improving the effectiveness of IWRM can contribute to critical priorities such as food systems transformation, climate change resilience and advancing economic inclusion and gender equality.

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## About the Speaker:



### **Dr. Mark Smith, Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)**

Dr. Mark Smith was appointed Director General of IWMI in August 2020. Dr. Smith, formerly IWMI's Deputy Director General – Research for Development, brings more than 25 years of research and program management experience in water resources, agriculture, climate and sustainability.

He was formerly Director of the Global Water Programme at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). He has led innovative, multi-regional programs in Asia, Africa and Latin America addressing river basin management, transboundary cooperation, climate change adaptation and nature-based solutions.

He has a Doctorate in ecology and resource management from the University of Edinburgh and a Master's in climatology from the University of Guelph.

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It works collaboratively with a wide variety of water-related organizations in the region to build capacity and enhance cooperation, while boosting investment at the regional level and beyond.

Now, the APWF is planning to hold the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit (the 4th APWS) in Kumamoto City, Japan in 23-24 April 2022. At the 4<sup>th</sup> APWS, high-level delegates including heads of state and government and representatives of international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region will discuss various water-related priority issues and reach better alignment of priorities and actions at different levels for a water-safe and sustainable future. (<http://apwf.org/>)

The APWF Webinar Series is organized as an important part of the preparation for the 4th APWS. It aims to provide the government officials of the 49 countries in Asia and the Pacific with an opportunity to learn and deep-dive into water and water-related issues highlighted from different perspectives. Please join the APWF Webinar!

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