

## HIGH LEVEL SANITATION SUMMIT | 11 DECEMBER 2023, ROOM MH4

Achieving universal WASH coverage by 2030 will require a substantial increase in global rates of progress: sixfold for drinking water, fivefold for sanitation, and threefold for hygiene. With rates of progress varying greatly between countries, in some of the most underserved, the increase required will be even more dramatic. Of particular concern are the metrics related to SDG 6.2: in 2022 still 3.5 billion people lacked access to safely managed sanitation, including 1.5 billion lacking even basic sanitation services. These metrics send a resounding message that current policies and practices are falling short, and that immediate action is imperative.

This Summit will bring together high-level policymakers from across the African region, responsible for shaping and implementing sanitation policies, as well as representatives from development institutions, UN agencies, regulators, and service providers. Together, they will share experiences, debate common challenges and opportunities, and engage in discussions to strategise the acceleration of progress towards SDG 6.2, with a particular focus on the African context.

### Objectives

- Review the status of sanitation policies on the African continent, and the opportunities for and impediments to related actions;
- Exchange experiences in implementing action for the achievement of the SDG 6 sanitation target (target 6.2) and the opportunities offered by the agreed acceleration framework;
- Explore options for the strengthened role of regulators, applying the criteria contained in existing and newly formulated legislation and collaborating constructively with the managers of programmes and enterprises for sanitation services delivery.

### Expected outcome

Raising awareness among the audience regarding the importance of granting sanitation a prominent place in political and policy arenas, enhancing support for LAMIC in embracing innovative and inclusive sanitation practices and identifying options to strengthen the financial framework supporting sustainable sanitation actions; obtaining a concrete result in the form of a commitment from utilities and regulators to collaborate on achieving inclusive sanitation.

### Sessions

#### 10:30 - 12:00 | Sanitation Strategies Dialogue: A Perspective from low -and middle-income countries

The key objectives of this session are to review the sanitation policy landscape in different low and middle-income countries, especially in Africa, exchange experiences of success and failure and discuss policy responses to the requirements of the SDG6 acceleration framework from the UN 2023 Water Conference.

#### 13:30 - 15:00 | Financing SDG 6.2: Accelerating Inclusive Sanitation in low- and middle-income countries

The objective of this session is to explore and discuss the financial dimensions of promoting the enabling environment for inclusive sanitation at different levels, of establishing a systems approach to sanitation, of overcoming institutional challenges and fragmentation, of enhancing monitoring and data management, and of strengthening capacity development and innovation.

#### 15:30 - 17:00 | Regulation for Inclusive Sanitation

The objective of this session is to promote a dialogue between sanitation regulators and sanitation practitioners (managers of public and private sanitation service providers) which will lead to productive models of collaboration, recognising each other's roles and responsibilities in the creation of an enabling legal, institutional and regulatory framework for sustainable and inclusive sanitation service delivery.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Juliana Lindsay**  
UNICEF



**Bai-Mass Taal**  
Former Executive, AMCOW



**Patrick Moriarty**  
SWA Steering Committee



**Kate Medicott**  
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**Sylvain Usher**  
AFWASA



**Yvonne Magawa**  
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# HIGH LEVEL SANITATION SUMMIT AGENDA

WATER, SANITATION AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE AS KEYS TO A WATER-WISE FUTURE

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

## 10:30-12:00 - SESSION I

**10:30-10:35** - Opening remarks and Welcome Messages

Chair, Dr Jennifer Molwantwa, CEO, Water Resources Commission, South Africa

Tom Mollenkopf, IWA President, Australia

Honourable Dr Jimmy Gasore, Minister of Infrastructure, Rwanda

**10:45-11:05** - Keynotes

Juliana Lindsay, UNICEF Country Representative, Rwanda

Bai-Mass Taal, former Executive Secretary of The African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), Nigeria

**11:05-11:50**

Round of 3-minute contributions from political leaders, followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Fidele Bingwa, Strategic Advisor, Rwanda Water Resources Board

**11:50-11:55**

Summary of the session by the IWA YWP rapporteurs

**11:55-12:00**

Closing remarks by the Chair, Dr Jennifer Molwantwa

## 13:30-15:00 - SESSION II

**13:30-13:40** - Opening Remarks

Chair, Dr Arne Panesar, Head, Secretariat, Sustainable Sanitation Alliance, Germany

Honourable Dr Uzziel Ndagijimana, Minister of Finance, Rwanda

**13:40-14:10** - Keynotes

Dr Patrick Moriarty, Chair of the Sanitation and Water for All Steering Committee, the Netherlands

Kate Medlicott, Lead, Sanitation, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health Programme, World Health Organization, Switzerland

**14:10-14:50**

Round of 3-minute contributions from political leaders, followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Gisele Umuhumuza, Managing Director, WASAC, Rwanda

**14:50-14:55**

Summary of the session by the IWA YWP rapporteurs

**14:55-15:00**

Closing remarks by the Chair, Dr Arne Panesar

## 15:30-17:00 - SESSION III

**15:30-15:35** - Opening Remarks

Chair, Marcelline Kayitesi, Director-General Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Infrastructure, Rwanda

Dr Omar Munyaneza, CEO, WASAC, Rwanda

**15:40-16:10** - Keynotes

Sylvain Usher, Executive Director, African Water and Sanitation Association, Côte d'Ivoire

Yvonne Magawa, Executive Secretary, Eastern and Southern Africa Water and Sanitation Regulators Association, Zambia

**16:10-16:50**

Round of 3-minute contributions from political leaders, followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Dr Rose Kaggwa, Senior Director, Business and Scientific Services, National Water and Sanitation Corporation, Uganda

**16:50-16:55**

Summary of the session by the IWA YWP rapporteurs

**16:55-17:00**

Closing remarks by Dr Hamanth Kasan, IWA President-elect, South Africa

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