

## INNOVATION ACCELERATION FORUM | 11 DECEMBER 2023

Join us at the Innovation Acceleration Forum for a ground-breaking event on sanitation innovation. The Forum will be held at the 2023 IWA Water and Development Congress & Exhibition. In our inaugural edition, we turn the spotlight on the dynamic African sanitation landscape, exploring opportunities and challenges unique to this region.

The Innovation Acceleration Forum is a flagship one day event that will provide a dynamic platform for innovators from across the globe to showcase their pioneering solutions, learn and discuss innovation as a process and as a tool to advance access to sanitation. This includes not only small-scale and nature-based innovations but also emerging technologies, forward-thinking policies, and best practices within the sector.

The Forum is part of a series of activities being organised under the IWA's Inclusive Urban Sanitation initiative - responding to a huge and growing public need to ensure safe, equitable, resilient, and sustainable urban sanitation services. The initiative is being promoted through a dedicated campaign #SanitAction to drive support and collaborative action.

### Why attend?

- **Connect:** Engage with a diverse community of sanitation innovators, users, and potential investors, all in one inspiring setting.
- **Learn:** Gain insights into innovative technologies, systems, policies and capacity development strategies that can drive transformational change, essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Collaborate:** Foster collaborations and partnerships among attendees from academia, industry, government, non-profit organizations, and communities. This event is a nexus for South-South exchange, networking, and the emergence of strategic partnerships aimed at accelerating the adoption of effective sanitation innovations, ultimately amplifying their impact.



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# INNOVATION ACCELERATION FORUM AGENDA

ROOM AD-12 | KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

## 10:00-10:15 - Opening and Keynote

Prof. Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, IWA Executive Director, UK

## 10:15-12:00 - SESSION I

### Enabling Sanitation Innovation

**Discussion Panel on Sanitation Innovation** facilitated by Prof. Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, IWA Executive Director, UK

Dr. Praveena Gangadharan, Indian Institute of Technology, India

Thammarat Koottatep, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

Doulaye Kone, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Kartik Chandran, Columbia University, USA

**Interactive Discussion on Policy & Governance for Enabling Sanitation Innovation in Africa** facilitated by Dr. George Wainaina, EAWAG

Nancy Ngao, Sanergy and Fresh Life, Kenya

Loga Sunthri Veeraiah, Resource Planning & Engineering Services SPAN, Malaysia

Fidele Nteziyaremye, Water for People, Rwanda

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

### Women- and Youth-led Sanitation Innovation

#### Keynote

Mathi Vathanan, Housing and Urban Development Department, State of Odisha, India

**Discussion Panel on Women-led and Youth-led Sanitation Innovations** facilitated by Federica Brenner, ERAS, Argentina

Isha Basyal, Global Water and Sanitation Center at AIT, Thailand

Chaiwe Mushauko-Sanderse, CaDev\_Capacity Development, Zambia

Henry Ohanga, Octopizzo Foundation, Kenya

Sylvia Nyaga, Syna Consultancy, Kenya

Shamim Ahmed, Inclusive and Integrated Sanitation and Hygiene Projects, Bangladesh

#### Demonstration of Digital Technological Innovation

Mansour Fall, Delvic Sanitation, Senegal

Gloria Mirembe, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda

Elisabeth Nahimana, ESAWAS, Zambia

## 15:45-16:50 - SESSION III

### Funding Pathways for Sanitation Initiatives

**Exploring Funding Pathways: Empowering African Sanitation Initiatives through Grants and Scalability** facilitated by Dr Kitch Bawa

Barbara Senkwe, USAID WASH-FIN Innovative sustainable and climate resilient water and sanitation infrastructure financing model

Dr. Mbaye Mbeguier, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Aline Pawele, Sanitation and Hygiene Fund, Kenya

Maureen Ntege-Wasswa, Africa Water Facility, Côte d'Ivoire

Kitka Goyol, UNICEF, Kenya

**Live polling and Discussion: A vision forward to sanitation Innovation** facilitated by Kimberly Worsham, FLUSH, USA

Dilruba Farzana, Department of Public Health Engineering, Bangladesh

Jayant Bhagwan, Water Research Commission, South Africa

Prof Srinivas Chary Vedala, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), India

## 16:50-17:00 - Closing Remarks

Oswald M Chanda, African Development Bank Group, Côte d'Ivoire

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