



# PROGRAMME

## Sharing and Caring for Water 2017

### Conference | Durban | September 14 – 16, 2017

#### Conference Objective

Sharing and Caring for Water 2017 (#SCWAfrica2017) — co-hosted by the Global Participatory Water Management Network (GPWMN), The Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA), and the eThekweni Municipality. The GPWMN is an international water management network supported by the United Nations and UNESCO. WESSA is a member of the GPWMN and the conference is open to GPWMN delegates, WESSA delegates and participating public representatives.

The principal objective of this conference – Sharing and Caring for Water 2017 (#SCWAfrica2017) is to explore pathways of participative governance relating to water in and for Africa and the manner in which this knowledge and experience can be shared with the world, particularly countries that share the African life experience, economically and developmentally — in this way, this conference seeks to bring the Voice of Africa to the World Water Forum, Brazil, 2018.

The conference will explore challenges and successes in Sharing and Caring for Water, particularly the participatory experience of government and civil society, working together to manage the sharing of water and caring for water. The principal pathways of participative governance, which will be explored specifically during the conference workshop sessions, include:

**sharing knowledge** | education for sustainable water utilisation and management; sharing new ideas around sustainable water utilisation and management.

**changing practices** | caring for water; changing practices in sustainable water utilisation and management; the SDGs as catalyst for change.

**World Water Forum, Brazil, 2018 | presentation document** | The conference proceedings (to the extent the proceedings are presented in English) will be recorded and transcribed (into English — for possible translation into at least Portuguese). The conference organising committee will appoint a presentation team charged with the task of collating the conference proceedings into a presentation document which will serve as the Africa presentation to the World Water Forum, Brazil, 2018.

#### RSVP required:

##### Conference attendance

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## Friday, 15 September 2017

09:00 – 10:30 — Plenary | Global  
Participation by citizens of the world | World Water Forum

**Session chair** | **Leo Saldanha** — introduction  
**duration** — no more than 10 minutes

**Keynote speaker** | **Dr. Alice Bouman-Dentener** — **World Water Forum 2018** — in addition to her topic of choice, to deal with participatory water governance initiatives worldwide, the World Water Forum 2018, participation of world governments and citizens in international water management initiatives and the role Africa can play in the World Water Forum 2018.

**duration** — no more than 40 minutes, including question time

### Participatory governance | countries and governments

**Sylvain Usher** — **Executive Director, African Water Association** — in addition to topic of choice, to speak about participatory water governance initiatives in Africa.

**duration** — no more than 20 minutes, including question time

**Ednick Msweli** — **Head: Water and Sanitation, eThekweni Municipality** — in addition to topic of choice, to speak about participatory water governance initiatives involving the eThekweni Municipality

**duration** — no more than 20 minutes, including question time

### 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 13:00 — Plenary | Local  
The role of private companies and civil society — changing practices relating to water; the SDGs as interlocutor between citizens and government

**Session chair** | **Sylvain Usher** — introduction  
**duration** — no more than 10 minutes

**Keynote Speakers** | **Dr. Catherine Sutherland/Patrick Martel** — in addition to topic of choice, to deal with the concept of participatory governance, current governance practice and changing practices to be participatory, thereby to involve government and civil society (private and corporate).

**duration** — no more than 35 minutes, including question time

**Ariel Silva/Pedro Domanicky** — **Itaipu Binacional** — in addition to topic of choice, to cover water management and participatory water management, from the point of view of a national water and hydro-electric power utility.

**duration** — no more than 25 minutes, including question time

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**Emeritus Prof. Rob O'Donoghue** — in addition to topic of choice, to cover research on environmental education processes of learning-led change to mitigate the emerging patterns of climate change in eastern southern Africa.

**duration** — no more than 25 minutes, including question time

**Jacques Lightfoot — Sustainability Manager, Plastics SA** — in addition to topic of choice, to cover issues relating to the initiatives of the plastics industry around water utilisation and participatory waste management involving government and civil society, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

**duration** — no more than 25 minutes, including question time

**13:00 – 14:00 — Lunch**

**14:00 – 17:00**

### Workshops | Sharing knowledge; changing practices

**Workshop A | Sharing knowledge — environmental education** | education for sustainable water utilisation and management; sharing new ideas around sustainable water utilisation and management.

**Facilitator | Tembeka Dambuza** — WESSA — introduction

**duration** — no more than 5 minutes

#### Presenters

**Pearl Jonas** — WESSA -- in addition to topic of choice, to cover a schools programme aimed at creating awareness and action around environmental sustainability in schools and their surrounding communities as well as supporting Education for Sustainable Development in the national curriculum, the Eco-Schools programme as a case study.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**Ayanda Lipheyane** — GroundTruth — in addition to topic of choice, to cover participation in, and support to, community-based projects in eMphophomeni Township as a case study.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**15:15 – 15:45 Coffee/Tea Break**

**Kirsten Mahood** — i4WATER.org — in addition to topic of choice, to cover community/corporate partnership changing water management practice -- Wise Wayz Water Care project as a case study.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**Nick Swan** — eThekweni Conservancies Forum – The Aller River Project as a pilot project to test methodologies for empowering communities which live on or near rivers in Durban to take responsibility for river health.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**Session wrap-up | Tembeka Dambuza** — **duration** — 15 minutes

**Workshop B | Changing practices — innovations in technology and process** | review, evaluate and explore changing practices in water governance, utilisation and management, including an evaluation of the SDGs as catalysts for changing practices.

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**Jacques Rust/Brian Lewis** — EnviroSan — in addition to topic of choice, to cover innovative waterless sanitation solutions and cases of a new paradigm in basic sanitation research and implementation examples.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**Linda Mlotshwa** — eThekweni Municipality/WESSA as implementing agent — to cover an eThekweni municipal programme, Working for Ecosystems, that aims to restore natural ecosystems to deliver optimal ecosystem services. Working for Ecosystems is a local example of the national South African programme Working for Water.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

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**Dr. Roda Nuvunga Luis** — Director Mozambique Water Research Institute, Ministry of Science and Technology, Technical Vocational Education, Mozambique — in addition to topic of choice, to cover Rational Use of Water and Environmental Preservation to raise awareness among students and teachers in matters related to sustainable water use, to contribute to changing practices and enhancement of water resources.

**duration** — presentation: no more than 20 minutes; panel discussion and questions: 10 minutes

**Dr. Nontuzelo Pearl Gola** — uMngeni Ecological Infrastructure Programme (UEIP) — in addition to topic of choice, to cover challenges faced by the eThekweni Water and Sanitation (EWS) Unit relating to catchment dynamics external to the Municipal boundary, specifically in the uMngeni, upper Mooi and Mkomazi catchments and initiatives to overcome these challenges.

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