



INNOVATE 4 WASH(I4WASH) FORUM - NAIROBI

A Marketplace Forum for Sustainable Development in
Water and Sanitation

CONFERENCE THEME:

INNOVATE, INVEST, IMPACT – *Building Resilient Water and Sanitation Eco-systems for the Future*

VENUE: Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

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Welcome to the 10th Innovate4WASH Marketplace Forum 2026

Dear Delegates, Partners and Business leaders of the Water and Sanitation Sector,

You are here because you have a role to play in shaping the future of water and sanitation. Whether you are bringing an innovative solution, mobilizing investment, shaping policy, delivering essential services or championing the needs of underserved communities, your experience, ideas and partnerships matter. As we welcome you to the 10th Innovate4WASH Marketplace Forum, we celebrate a decade of connecting people and possibilities, while recognizing that the next chapter of progress will depend on what we choose to do together. Under the theme *“Innovate, Invest, Impact: Building Resilient Water and Sanitation Ecosystems for the Future,”* we invite you to be part of a collective effort to turn today's challenges into tomorrow's opportunities.

I4WASH is more than a meeting place; it is a marketplace of possibilities. Here, policymakers meet innovators, utilities connect with solution providers, entrepreneurs engage with financiers, and development partners discover opportunities for collaboration and scale. We believe that lasting change happens when knowledge is shared, resources are mobilized and the right partnerships are formed. No single organization can transform the WASH sector alone, but together, we can unlock solutions that are inclusive, commercially viable, climate-resilient and capable of reaching the communities that need them most.

As you join us at Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi, from 28th to 31st October 2026, we invite you to go beyond attendance and become an active catalyst for change. Challenge yourself to leave this Forum with three tangible outcomes: one new strategic partnership, one actionable idea or investment opportunity, and one concrete commitment to advance when you return to your organization. Engage beyond your familiar networks, ask the difficult questions, share your lessons openly and be willing to explore new ways of working. Most importantly, let us move from conversations to commitments, from promising innovations to scalable solutions, and from individual efforts to collective impact. The true measure of I4WASH 2026 will not simply be what happens over these four days, but what we make happen together long after we leave Nairobi. Welcome to I4WASH 2026, we are grateful that you joined us.

**Let us connect with purpose, collaborate with conviction
and turn our shared ambition into lasting impact.**

Thank you.



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About I4WASH



Innovate4WASH is more than an event, it's a call to action. The forum connects the entire Water and Sanitation value chain; from SMEs, government policymakers, development partners, utilities, financiers, NGOs, Civil Societies, Academia, and startups.

The forum provides a home-grown, market-based platform that connects solution providers with policymakers, financiers, and implementers thereby bridging the gap between innovation and impact. The Forum emphasizes efficiency, accountability, and sustainability, positioning domestic solutions and private capital as central drivers of Water and Sanitation transformation in the region.

It is at this forum that conversations become collaborations, ideas become investments, and innovations find markets. All delegates get an opportunity to:

- Connect with leading national and international organizations shaping the future of the WASH sector.
- Meet potential investors, development partners, financiers, and strategic collaborators.
- Discover emerging technologies, products, and business models transforming water and sanitation.
- Participate in high-level policy dialogues with government leaders and regulators.
- Learn directly from successful enterprises, utilities, innovators, and practitioners.
- Build partnerships that can unlock funding, scale innovation, and strengthen institutional impact.
- Engage in practical discussions focused on commercialization, climate resilience, circular economy approaches, digital transformation, sanitation markets, and inclusive service delivery.



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MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

www.water.go.ke

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI) was established under the Organization of the Government, Executive Order No. 1 of 2023 (Revised), issued in January 2023. The Ministry is responsible for providing policy direction, coordination and oversight in Kenya's water, sanitation and irrigation sectors. Its mandate focuses on ensuring the sustainable management and development of water resources, expanding access to safe water and sanitation services, and strengthening the resilience and efficiency of the sector. The Ministry's key areas of responsibility include water resources management policy and standards; conservation, control and protection of water catchment areas; water and sewerage services management policy; wastewater treatment, management and safe disposal; water quality management and pollution control; and sanitation and public health management. Through these functions, the Ministry plays a central role in promoting water security, sustainable water resources management, improved sanitation and wastewater management, climate resilience, environmental protection, and equitable access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation services across Kenya.

QUERCUS GROUP

www.quercus-group.com

Quercus Group Limited is an international consulting and enterprise-development firm headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, with a satellite office in Copenhagen, Denmark. Founded in 2012, we advanced sustainable development through collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship and multi-stakeholder partnership, working with governments, businesses, development partners, research institutions and communities to turn complex challenges into practical, inclusive and commercially viable solutions. What sets us apart is our ability to connect strategy with action: we combine strategic consulting, multistakeholder engagement with hands-on implementation to create, strengthen and scale organizations across three interconnected sectors, Water and Sanitation, Agribusiness and Sustainable Food Systems, and Waste Management and the Circular Economy. In water and sanitation, we work with partners to develop the enterprises, markets, financing mechanisms and systems needed to deliver safe, reliable services that last. For funders, this means investments that go beyond one-off projects to create lasting, self-sustaining solutions; for clients, it means a partner who can take an idea from strategy through to measurable results.

EKN

www.netherlandsandyou.nl/web/kenya

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya promotes bilateral relations, trade, investment and development cooperation between Kenya and the Netherlands, with a strong focus on sustainable and inclusive economic growth. In the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector, the Embassy supports collaboration between government, the private sector, financial institutions and knowledge partners to advance innovative solutions, strengthen water service delivery and mobilize investment for sustainable water and sanitation services. By connecting Dutch expertise and technology with Kenya's development priorities, the Embassy plays an important role in fostering climate resilience, private-sector participation and partnerships that contribute to SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.

Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA)

www.waspakenya.or.ke

The Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA) was registered in November 2002 under the Societies Act (Cap 108) as the premier umbrella body for Kenya's regulated Water Service Providers. In 2022, the association rebranded to explicitly include sanitation in its identity, addressing a critical national coverage gap of just 29%. WASPA creates an enabling environment for providers through capacity building, advocacy, networking, and best-practice promotion to deliver sustainable water and sanitation services.



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CLEAN: The Danish Water & Environmental Cluster

www.cleanccluster.dk

CLEAN is Denmark's national cluster for water and environmental technology with a strong international outlook. We connect companies, researchers, public authorities and global partners to accelerate green innovation. Clean supports the development, testing and scaling of environmental solutions across borders and markets. Our work spans water, climate adaptation, circular economy, resources, air, soil and nature. Through international partnerships and projects, we help Danish environmental solutions access new markets and contribute to global green transition.

SNV

www.snv.org/country/kenya

SNV is a global development partner, rooted in the African and Asian countries where we operate. With 60 years of experience and a team of approximately 1,600 people, it is our mission to strengthen capacities and catalyze partnerships that transform the agri-food, energy, and water systems to enable sustainable and more equitable lives for all. Since 1967, SNV in Kenya has supported development progress at both national and county levels, working with government institutions, private sector players and financial institutions and communities to co-create inclusive, efficient, and effective locally led service delivery systems. Grounded in partnerships and collaboration, our programmes in Kenya balance the regenerative capacity of natural resources and their productive use. This sustains the needs of communities while expanding access to income-generating activities and livelihoods. All such efforts are aimed at ultimately contributing to a future for Kenya where social norms and values facilitate inclusive development and opportunities for everybody.

Millenium Water Alliance (MWA)

www.mwawater.org

Millennium Water Alliance is a permanent global alliance of humanitarian, research, and business organizations that delivers global water security and resilience results by mobilizing a community of expert members, driving collective action and thought leadership, and influencing strategic funding. Through this, MWA maintains a trusted network of members across water security and adjacent sectors, positions itself as a thought leader by facilitating catalytic learning and knowledge exchange, and works with members to strategically influence local, national, and global advocacy forums to prioritize effective and sustained water security services.

International Cleantech Network (ICN)

www.cleantechnetwork.org

ICN is a global alliance of 22 leading cleantech clusters across four continents. ICN connects cities, companies, research institutions and cleantech innovators to accelerate sustainable solutions across borders. Through its member clusters, the network provides access to more than 7,000 start-ups and SMEs and 250 knowledge institutions worldwide. ICN facilitates international partnerships, project development, knowledge exchange and access to European and international funding opportunities. By connecting strong regional cleantech ecosystems globally, ICN helps innovative technologies scale into new markets and deliver real-world environmental impact.

SIDIAN Bank

www.sidianbank.co.ke

Sidian Bank is a Kenyan financial institution committed to empowering entrepreneurs and businesses through innovative financial solutions that drive sustainable economic growth and inclusive development. Recognizing the critical role of finance in expanding access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, the Bank has established a dedicated WASH financing programme that supports micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), small-scale water service providers and other businesses across the WASH value chain. Through strategic partnerships with organizations, Sidian Bank provides tailored financing to support water infrastructure development, business expansion, equipment acquisition and improved service delivery, with a focus on climate resilience and gender inclusion. By bridging the gap between viable WASH enterprises and the capital they need to grow, Sidian Bank is helping unlock private-sector investment, strengthen water and sanitation businesses, create economic opportunities and advance Kenya's progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.



KEWASNET

www.kewasnet.co.ke

The Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Network (KEWASNET) is a Kenyan National membership organization consisting of Civil Society Organizations and other non-state formations working in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene sector. Its mission is to promote good governance in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector through the consolidation of a strong network that promotes improved sector Governance, coordinates engagement and partnership for its membership, monitors institutional and sector efficiency in policy implementation.

FAMILY Bank Limited

www.familybank.co.ke

Family Bank is a Kenyan financial institution committed to expanding access to finance for businesses and communities. Through its MajiPlus financing solution and partnerships with organizations such as Water.org and Aqua for All, the Bank provides tailored financing to households, SMEs and community-based water providers to support water infrastructure development, sanitation services and business growth. By unlocking investment and improving access to affordable credit, Family Bank is helping strengthen WASH enterprises, expand access to safe water and sanitation, and advance Kenya's progress towards SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.

Association of Private Sector Sanitation Actors (APSSA):

www.apssakenya.org

The Association of Private Sector Sanitation Actors (APSSA) was established to provide a unified platform for private-sector actors involved in sanitation and the wider sanitation value chain in Kenya. Before the establishment and evolution of APSSA, many private sanitation enterprises particularly fecal sludge emptying and transport operators, sanitation service providers, technology providers, manufacturers, consultants and other sanitation entrepreneurs operated individually and with limited collective representation. APSSA was founded to bring private sanitation actors together, strengthen their collective voice, professionalize the sector, and ensure that the private sector is recognized as a strategic partner in achieving universal access to safe, inclusive and sustainable sanitation services. The Association evolved from the Septage Emptiers Association of Kenya (SEAK) as the sector expanded beyond Septage Emptying to encompass a broader range of private-sector sanitation actors and sanitation value-chain enterprises.

Water and Sanitation for Urban populations (WSUP)

www.wsup.com

WSUP (Water & Sanitation for Urban Populations) is a mission-driven organization working to improve access to safe, affordable and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, particularly for low-income urban communities. In Kenya, WSUP partners with water utilities, county and national governments, communities and private-sector actors to strengthen service delivery, expand water access, improve sanitation infrastructure and promote climate-resilient solutions. By strengthening institutions, supporting innovative service-delivery models and mobilizing investment, WSUP is helping build inclusive and financially sustainable WASH systems that improve public health, dignity and livelihoods, while advancing progress towards SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.

FINISH Mondial Kenya

www.finishmondial.org

Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation and Health (FINISH) Mondial Kenya is a programme that promotes access to safe, affordable and sustainable sanitation through innovative financing, entrepreneurship and strategic partnerships. Working with government, financial institutions, private-sector enterprises and communities, the programme facilitates access to sanitation financing for households, supports local sanitation entrepreneurs, and strengthens sanitation value chains, including safe faecal sludge management and resource recovery. By connecting communities' sanitation needs with finance, business opportunities and sustainable service-delivery models, FINISH Mondial Kenya is improving public health, creating livelihoods and advancing progress towards SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.



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Kenya Youth Parliament for Water (KYPW)

www.kypw.org

Kenya Youth Parliament for Water (KYPW) is a non-partisan, non-profit, youth-led, legally registered organization founded in October 2022 to empower Kenyan youth as changemakers in the water sector. KYPW amplifies youth voices in water, sanitation, hygiene, and climate-related decision-making, while building the technical, leadership, and advocacy capacity young people need to lead that change. As the official Kenyan chapter of the World and African Youth Parliaments for Water, KYPW uniquely serves as the bridge that positions Kenyan youth in the global water movement by linking grassroots efforts, national policy engagement and international advocacy platforms.

Small Scale Drillers Association of Kenya (SSDAK)

The Small-Scale Drillers Association of Kenya (SSDAK) represents the interests of small-scale drilling professionals and enterprises supporting access to groundwater across Kenya. Through collaboration with water sector stakeholders, the Association has an important role in promoting professional drilling practices, strengthening technical capacity and supporting sustainable groundwater development for households, communities, institutions and businesses. By advancing responsible borehole development and connecting drilling enterprises with emerging opportunities in the water sector, SSDAK contributes to improving water security, strengthening local enterprises and expanding access to reliable water supplies, in support of Kenya's progress towards SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.

WASH Voice

WaSHVoice (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Voice) is an advocacy and research organization working to strengthen WASH systems across Sub-Saharan Africa by bridging the gap between policy and practice. The organization amplifies community and marginalized voices in decision-making, promotes evidence-based governance, advances the integration of non-sewered sanitation (NSS), and advocates for inclusive financing and climate-resilient solutions. Through collaboration with utilities, policymakers, private-sector operators and communities, WaSHVoice champions equitable access to safe and dignified water and sanitation services while promoting gender justice and sustainable urban development.

World WaterNet

www.wereldwaternet.nl

World Waternet is driven by the mantra "Collaboration for a Healthy Water Cycle", recognizing a healthy water cycle as a global common good that must be safeguarded for future generations, in the interest of all. Together with water utilities and local partners, we work to improve access to clean water and safe sanitation for more than 6 million people by 2030.

Through long-term Water Operators' Partnerships (WOPs), peer-to-peer exchange and practical expertise, we help strengthen water organizations, build local capacity and accelerate sustainable water sector development. Taking an open systems approach, we look beyond individual water services and work across the entire water cycle, connecting stakeholders, ecosystems and institutions to achieve lasting impact. Today, we support partners in 12 countries across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and South America, with a strong focus on nature-based solutions and sustainable financing.

WASH Alliance Kenya (WAK)

www.washalliancekenya.org

WASH Alliance Kenya (WAK) is a multi-stakeholder organisation established in 2011 to strengthen collaboration among government, civil society, development partners, communities and private-sector actors in addressing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) challenges across Kenya. The Alliance works to expand access to sustainable and affordable WASH services, particularly for vulnerable and underserved communities, through community-based initiatives, school WASH, sanitation and hygiene promotion, policy advocacy, climate resilience and water resources management. By fostering strategic partnerships, strengthening local capacity and promoting innovative solutions and social enterprises, WASH Alliance Kenya contributes to more inclusive and resilient WASH systems, improved public health and increased investment in the sector, advancing Kenya's progress towards SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation for All.



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DAY ONE (1)		Wednesday, 28 th October 2026
Time	Topic	Name of Speakers
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and Registration	Khaidar Shaihibu, Quercus Group
9.00am – 9.30am	Opening remarks and Framing	▪ Dr. William Ojwang, Climate Change and water resource management specialist and Our Moderator ▪ Mariam Njoroge, MD Quercus Group ▪ Daniel Azenga, Head of Asset Finance, Family Bank Limited ▪ David Nyamu, Chief Commercial Officer, SIDIAN Bank ▪ Scott Grønnegaard Allison, Head of Water and Chief Project Manager, CLEAN
9.30am-10.30am	Panel Discussion From Shared Vision to Collective Action: Mobilizing Kenya's WASH Ecosystem for Innovation, Investment and Impact	▪ Pamela Bundi, Country Coordinator, FINISH Mondial Kenya ▪ Myrko Webers, Country Manager, VEI ▪ Alexander Loecke, Founder, 4Life Solutions, Denmark ▪ Dr. Lawrence Tanui, MD, ELDOWAS ▪ Getrude Salano, Project Manager, Water and Sanitation for the Urban Populations (WSUP) ▪ Peter De Koning, Country Director, World WaterNet ▪ George Gitau, Operation Director for Africa, Water Mission Moderation by Dr. William Ojwang
10.30am – 11.00am	Health Break	
11.00pm-12.00pm	Official ceremony and keynote addresses	▪ Anthony Njaramba, CEO Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA) ▪ Dr. Solomon Letangule, PhD EBS, CEO Kenya Water Institute, KEWI ▪ Jørgen Erik Larsen, Counsellor Water, Environment, Energy, Research and innovations at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark ▪ H.E Ambassador Stephen Schonemann, Ambassador of Denmark to Kenya ▪ H.E Ambassador Henk Jan Bakker, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to Kenya ▪ H.E. Governor Joshua Irungu, Governor, County Government of Laikipia, Chairperson, Water and Natural Resource Management Committee, Council of Governors, Kenya ▪ P.S. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary State department for Water and Sanitation Kenya.
12.00Pm-12.20pm	The future of Water and Sanitation in Kenya How is Kenya using data to realize SDG 6; Where progress is being made, where gaps persist and How data is (or is not) informing decisions across policies, finance, regulation, and climate resilience.	Engineer Mary Wamaitha , Director of Sanitation Management. Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Sanitation
12.20am – 12.40am	Decoding the Sector: Sanitation Policy Simplified	Alex Manyasi , Lead for African Policy and Governance, APHRC



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12.40pm – 1.00pm	Understanding EMCA Regulations: What the Private Sector Needs to Know.	Dr. Mamo B. Mamo, PhD EBS, CEO NEMA
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Lunch Break and Group Photo	
2.00pm – 2.20pm	Driving Impact: How the Private Sector Can Support Delivery of WASREB KPIs	Leparan C. Tialal (CHRP-K) CEO, WASREB
2.20pm – 3.20pm	Technical Panel discussion <i>Understanding the Intersection of Water and Sanitation, Energy, Food and Environment nexus: Challenges and opportunities ahead.</i>	-Rose Makenzie, Policy Advisor for Water and Food Security, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya -Eugene Ambaka, Head of ESG, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) -Rebecca Hullam, Country Director for SNV in Kenya and Burundi -Dr. Peace Sasha Musonge, WEFE Nexus expert -Jane Redick, Green Cape, Program Manager for Water and Agriculture -Eng. Jacob Torutt, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Moderated by Dr. William Ojwang
3.20pm- 3.40pm	Investments in Water and Sanitation - Highlighting investment opportunities and pathways in the sector	Isaac Otolu, Partner, Deals - Transaction Advisory, PWC
3.40pm – 5.00pm	Financing the Flow: Unlocking Investment for Resilient Water and Sanitation in Africa How can development finance institutions and export credit agencies work together to turn promising WASH projects and innovations into bankable investments that expand access and build climate resilience?	-FSD Kenya -Africa Guarantee Fund - Mastercard Foundation - UK Export Finance - Scott Grønnegaard Allison, Head of Water / Chief Project Manager, CLEAN Denmark - Dr. Paul Orengo, Senior PE Investment Manager, IncoFin Moderated by Alex Nyaga, Partner Public Sector and International Development, PwC
5.00pm	Day-one reflections	Moderator
END OF DAY ONE and networking		Teas, Coffees and Snacks



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DAY TWO (2)		Thursday, 29th October 2026
Time	Topic / Plenary	Breakout Room / Speakers
8.30am – 9.00am	Recap of Day One	Moderator
9.00am – 9.20am	The Country Climate Risk Profile <i>-Climate risk mapping in the country, Overview of global trends in climate financing and Climate impact on water and sanitation systems in Kenya</i>	Elovida Ndua, Head of Research, Utawala Research Institute
9.20am – 9.40am	Understanding Carbon Credits in Water and Sanitation from Climate Impact to Credible Finance: Unlocking Sustainable Financing for Water and Sanitation	Emmanuel Olela, Program Manager, Millennium Water Alliance
9.40am – 10.30am	Panel Discussion How to turn the emerging carbon economy into a meaningful source of finance for water and sanitation transformation in Kenya and Africa?	-Nagnouma Kone, Manager for Africa Strategy and partnerships and Head of Kenya office at the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) -Julie Aguko, Manager Methodology Development, Gold Standard -Emmanuel Olela, Program Manager, Carbon-financed O&M, MWA -Peter Kihuria, Chief Operating Officer, Aqua Clara Kenya -Grace Musyimi, Government Affairs, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, Fresh Life Kenya -Lillian Kagume, Climate Impact Partners Moderated by Millennium Water Alliance
10.30am – 11.00am	Health Break	
	Plenary	Breakout Room
11.00am – 12.00pm	<i>Bridging the Gap: Connecting Projects and Ideas to Funding Opportunities</i> -Built to Be Financed: Closing Kenya's Water Project Preparation Gap – Samuel Mbogo, KIFFWA -Alex Karimi, Sidian Bank (TBC) -Financing Water, Unlocking Impact: A practical financing pathway for resilient WASH services – James Kuruthiru, Senior Relationship Manager – Public Sector and Institutional Banking, Equity Bank -Financing the WASH Sector: Turning Water and Sanitation Needs into Bankable Opportunities - Shadrack Odhiambo, Family Bank -Leveraging philanthropic capital for WASH businesses – practical examples from an NGO lens – Emily Gamble, Plan Bornefonden -Pravish Shah, REBEL Group (TBC)	<i>From Scarcity to Resilience: Designing Climate-Ready Water and Sanitation Infrastructure</i> -Sand Dams for Climate-Resilient Water Access in Kitui County – Theresa Mukethe, Program Manager, Centre for Medical Mobilization Board (CMMB) -Building Resilient Water Ecosystems: Water for the World (K) case study – Lucy Chege, Head of Finance, Water for the World Hybrid carbon projects: Leveraging carbon credits as a sustainable finance mechanism for WASH interventions – Hester Lanting, Chief of Staff, Spouts International -Unlocking Climate Financing through Non-Sewered Sanitation – Anthony Ambugo, Country Manager, WSUP -Making Water Infrastructure Investment-Ready and Climate-Resilient – Esra Dufft, Founder, Mojo Engineering Consultancy ApS
	Moderated by Pamela Bundi, FINISH Mondial	Moderated by Stephen Njuguna, Siemens Stiftung



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12.00pm – 12.45pm **Scalable Models for Sustainable Water to Underserved Communities**

- Urban Water Catalyst Initiative – **Grace Kabubu, Strategic Communications and Public Relations Lead, NAWASCO**
- Keeping Rural Water Flowing – **Maureen Mutune, Sustainability Manager, FundiFix**
- Scaling Sustainable WASH Access Through Market-Driven Distribution: Business Connects Ecosystem Approach – **Simphiwe Makapela, B2B & Institutional Partnerships Specialist, Southern Africa Business Connect**
- Building People-Centered Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Rural Water Services in Kenya – **Marvin Oyuke, Project Coordinator, CARE Kenya**
- Scaling Affordable Water Solutions through Innovative Distribution and Blended Finance – **Brian Chunza, General Manager, SWIRL Water**

Malesi Shivaji, CEO KEWASNET

From Water Security to Food Security: Investing in Sustainable Irrigation and Climate-Smart Agriculture

- Water-Smart Agriculture for Resilient Communities (Affordable systems that grow more food with less water) – **Samuel Kamau, CEO, Kitchen Garden Masters Kenya**
- Empowering Smallholder Farmers with Climate-Smart Irrigation Solutions – **Deborah Nyang'ara, CEO, IrriHub Kenya**
- Water Harvesting, Reusing and Recycling (Road runoff harvesting for nature-based farming) – **Theophilus Kioko, Deputy Director Kenya, GOPA METAMETA**
- Can Irrigation Water Provide More Oxygen? – **Duarte Carrasco, Co-founder, Bibtex, Denmark**

Moderated by Reinilde Eppinga, SNV

12.45pm – 2.00pm **Lunch Break**

2.00pm – 2.45pm **Public-Private Partnerships that Deliver: Enabling Frameworks and Lessons**

Presentations of tangible projects

- The Eldoret-Iten Water Fund Investment Pitch: Investing in Water Security – Building a Sustainable Financing Future – **Dr. Lawrence Tanui, MD, ELDOWAS**
- Waste to Wealth: Briquettes Production – **John Irungu, General Manager, NAWASCOAL**
- How do you guarantee rural water forever? Lesson from Laikipia County **Charley Bailey, Head of Operations, eWATER Services**

2.45pm – 3.05pm **Beyond Compliance: Leveraging ESG for Investment and Growth in WASH**

Amina Barada, CEO, 42Organics

3.05pm – 4.05pm **Panel Discussion**

From Aid to Trade: A Changing Partnership in the Water and Sanitation Sector – NGOs and Partnerships
What Frameworks of Engagement are Emerging?

- Ruth Onyango**, Technical Officer, KIFFWA
- Malesi Shivaji**, CEO, KEWASNET
- Emily Gamble**, Senior Climate Manager, Plan Bornefonden
- Simon Muturi**, Project Manager, World WaterNet
- Susan Kanga**, WASH Technical advisor, PSI
- Scott Grønnegaard Allison**, Head of Water and Chief Project Manager, CLEAN
- Viola Kilel**, Policy Advisor, Economic Affairs, trade and Investments, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kenya

Moderated by Peter Kirono, PwC



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4.00pm –
5.00pm

Beyond Access: From Water Quality Monitoring to Safe and Resilient Water Services

- Clean, Affordable and Recycled Water from the Tap – **Noemi Florea, Founder and CEO, LAERO**
- Water Quality Analysis – **Musitwa Paul, Government Analytical Laboratory**
- Beyond the Lab report: Turning water data into treatment solutions - **Jeremia Muturi, CEO/Chairman Norwa Group**
- Trusted Water-Quality Data for Safer Water and Better Decisions – **John Kiiru, Sales and Quality Manager, Co-founder, Aqualitycs**
- From Proving SAWA to Serving Partners across Kenya – **Mary Violet, 4LIFE Solutions Lab**
- Beyond Fluoride Removal: Scaling Affordable Fluoride-Free Safe Water for Every Household – **Sophia Muthoni, Sales and Marketing Manager, Harbaeur**
- Defluorination and Water Quality Treatment Technologies – **Silas Mangeni, Water Quality Specialist, NORWA**

5.00pm

Day-one reflections

Moderated by Dr. William Ojwang
Moderator

End of Day Two – Refreshments and Networking



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DAY THREE (3) – Friday		30th October 2026
Time	Topic / Plenary	Breakout Room / Speakers
8.30am – 9.00am	Recap of Day Two Key lessons on climate finance, investment and service models	Moderator
9.00am – 9.20am	How Do We Continue Engage the Young Generation (Children and Youth) in the WASH Sector and why does it matter	UNICEF Innovation Hub (TBC)
9.20am – 9.40am	Building Professional Water Services and Collaborations for Scalable Impact	Purity Kerubo, Program Manager, Global Water Centre
9.40am – 10.00am	Connecting Youth, Innovation and Investment for Water-Secure Communities	Njeri Ngugi, Kenya Youth Parliament for Water
10.00am – 10.20am	Empowering and Formalizing WASH Enterprises across East Africa	Collins Owino, Business Development Officer, Quercus Group Limited
10.20am – 11.00am	Health Break	
	Plenary	Breakout Room
11.00am – 12.00pm	<i>Rural Water Markets and Affordable Service Delivery</i> Scaling Aquabot through SMART Household Water Connections – Elijah Nzuki, CEO, AquaBot -From Innovation to Impact: Scaling SMART Water Solutions for a Water-Secure Africa – Nicholas Kimali, CEO, UBUNTU Water Hub -The Operator Who Isn't There: Designing Water Treatment to Meet Rural Realities – Teresia Ngugi, SCAN Water -Bringing Hope Through Water: Tigal Water Splash's Journey to Reaching Underserved Communities – Daniel Bett, Founder and CEO, Tigal Water Splash -Supported Self-Supply: Innovative Approaches to Reach SDG 6.1 in Rural Areas at Lower Cost – Nancy Kadenyi, Natural Resource Management Specialist, GOPA METAMETA -Eng. Charles Kaloki, Managing Director, Earth View -RUWASCO -Dig Deep Moderated by Stephen Njuguna, Siemens Stiftung	<i>Connecting Communities to Safe and Inclusive Sanitation Services</i> -SaniBook: Co-Creating the Future – Connecting Innovations to Market Demand – Elizabeth Wambui, Director, WASHVoice -Bringing Safe, Affordable Sanitation to Underserved Communities – Timothy Wanjohi, Low-Income Consumers Manager, Nakuru Urban Water Utility -Building and Empowering SMEs as the Missing Link for Sanitation Financing – Charlotte Maua, Business Development Team Lead, FINISH Mondial -Strengthening WASH Enterprises, Partnerships and Sustainable Service Delivery – Peter Khamisi, CEO, Sheer Sanitation and President of the Association of Private Sector Sanitation Actors • Miriam, Kenya Cast • Fresh Life • Dan Wekola, CEO, Hygienic Solutions Moderated by Elizabeth Wambui, WASHVoice



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12.00pm – 1.00pm	Green Energy and Nature-Based Solutions for Water and Sanitation Systems -Solarisation and Green Energy Solutions for Water and Sanitation Systems – Maxine Owenga, Marketing Manager, NORWA Africa -Beyond Traditional Wetlands – Danish Rootzone® Patented Soil Filtration for Wastewater Treatment and Reuse – Oliver von Bahner, Business Development Manager, Transform af 1994 ApS - From Pollution to Solution – Soren Fog, Co-CEO, MicroChange -Scaling Access to Safe Drinking Water through SODIS – Edwin Muroki, Head of Programs, 4LIFE Solutions -The Missing H in WASH – David Wadstrom, Chief Marketing Officer, Communication and Fundraising, Solvatten - Water as Leverage Nakuru for a Resilient Sponge City program. (Nature Based Solutions: The Sponge City approach) - Grace Kabubu, Public Relations Specialist • Nakuru Water and Sanitation Company Ltd -Pumping Smarter, Not Harder: creating Energy Efficiency is the Key to Sustainable Solar Water Systems in Kenya's ASALS – AbdiKadir Mohammed, Chief Commercial Officer Moderated by Dr. William Ojwang'	From Advocacy to Evidence-Based Action -Empowering 7 Million Women and Girls through Reusable Pads Innovation and Opportunity – Dido Doorman, Business Development Manager, AFRIPADS -From Youth Participation to Water Security: Innovating Community-Led Governance and Social Accountability for Resilient WASH Ecosystems in Kenya – Victoria Adwet, Youth WASH and Climate Advocate, Kenya Youth Parliament for Water, Kisumu -Inclusive Service: Featuring the KIWASCO Lactation Room Initiative – Joy Chege, GESI Lead, VEI -WASH Program Tenwek Hospital Community Health and Development, Dr. Musa Anupa, Director of Community Health and Development, AGC, Tenwek Hospital, Bomet County (TBC) -Turning SWA Global WASH commitments to National/ local WASH Action through policy, Financing, Accountability and Service delivery - Aidah Binale, Programmes Coordinator, WASH Alliance Moderated by Malesi Shivaji, KEWASNET
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch Break	
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Partnerships Powering Change: Building Effective Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships that Strengthen Collaboration across the Sector Workshop: Introduce the support offered by cluster organizations and identify stakeholder needs and opportunities for collaboration across the wider green economy through practical examples, facilitated discussions and stakeholder mapping.	Hosted by International Cleantech Network (ICN) and co-hosted by GreenCape, CLEAN and Quercus Group
4.00pm – 4.20pm	Turning Intent into Commitments	Mariam Njoroge, MD, Quercus Group
4.20pm – 4.40pm	Event Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks	Nicolai and Eng. Mary Wamaita
4.50pm – 5.30pm	Coffee, Tea and Snacks	
5.30pm – 9.00pm	Networking Cocktail	Hosted by CLEAN, International Cleantech Network and WASPA



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DAY FOUR (4) – Saturday, 31st October 2026

Pick-up at 8.30am at the reception of Argyle Grand Hotel; drop-off at 1.00pm at the same venue

Activity: Technical Site Visit

Innovation, Nature and Real-World Application – Exposure to Applied Solutions: Learning by Seeing

Kiogoro Water Treatment Plant
(Facility bio and visit details to be confirmed by Eng. Chemeril, MoWSI– site, host, requirements)