



Developing
knowledge and capacity
in water and sanitation



41st WEDC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

9 – 13 July 2018

Transformation towards sustainable and
resilient WASH services

CALL FOR PAPERS and other contributions

co-hosted with Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya

We invite you to participate in the 41st WEDC International Conference to be co-hosted with Egerton University in Kenya. The conference is a valued and respected platform for reflection, debate and exchange of knowledge and ideas that are rooted in practice.

The conference title relates to that of the concurrent high level political forum (HLPF) which is a central mechanism to follow up and review the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2018 the HLPF will consider SDG 6 'Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all' in detail. Our title also captures and conveys the essence of key local and regional issues in East Africa, which are further outlined in some topics of interest. Please plan to join us, and help us to achieve our ambition to share and learn from our respective experiences, between both the local and international levels.

The week incorporates three days of presentation and discussion of peer reviewed content, and two days of tailored capacity development workshops. Our programme structure incorporates a variety of innovative presentation and learning formats for effective networking and collective learning.

Typically attracting more than 400 participants from research, practice and policy communities across more than 40 countries, this is truly a unique international event.

We hope to see you in Kenya!

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Our programme includes the following options for contributions

Papers and discussion sessions

From Tuesday to Thursday inclusive a variety of papers, grouped thematically, will be presented and discussed.

Papers may be direct accounts of projects or programmes that aim to share successes and failures of approaches and field experiences including lessons learnt, or they may introduce new knowledge developed with clear rigorous methodologies and analysis. The paper submission deadline is **16th February 2018**. Papers will usually be peer reviewed within three weeks from the date of submission. See guidance for authors and select the conference paper template from the website.

Espresso slots

A number of the discussion sessions are also dedicated to mixed topic espresso slot presentations. This innovative and popular format allows presenters to introduce a strict limit of four slides in five minutes, followed by discussion time. Please note that these slots are becoming increasingly popular, so early submission is advised to J.Fisher1@lboro.ac.uk

Slides are reviewed beforehand and will be included in the Conference Proceedings.

Posters

Posters are summaries of relevant topics or projects, reviewed by the Editor. These will be prominently displayed during the conference, with time allocated for dedicated discussions. Posters can be submitted for review by the Editor up until **19 May 2018**. Please send your posters to R.J.Shaw@lboro.ac.uk for review. Hard copies of posters which have passed the review should be handed in for display during registration in Kenya. Poster preparation guidelines are available from the conference website.

Side events

Side events are a 1.5 hours slot in the programme. International agencies, programmes or projects share results, introduce new approaches, or consult with the conference audience on emerging topics in the sector, using various formats.

We aim to include an exciting variety and balance of topics in our side event programme scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Side events are in high demand, so we ask conveners to download the proposal form from the conference website and apply for these by **Wednesday 28th February 2018** to cvfab@lboro.ac.uk.

Exhibition

Exhibitors enjoy a unique and valuable opportunity to meet and interact with a global practitioner WASH audience, allowing them to see cutting edge developments, products, services and approaches, particularly during break times when delegates meet and mingle in the exhibition area.

Typically our delegates number around 400, from more than 40 countries, and include a diverse range of professionals and decision makers. Visit the website for further details and a booking form.

Capacity development workshops

We invite partner organisations to submit proposals for capacity development workshops of half or a full day duration to take place on Monday 9th July and Friday 13th July.

These will include field visits to interesting projects local to Egerton to take place on Friday 13th July. The capacity development application form can also be found on the WEDC International conference website.

Please make your applications by **Friday 30th March 2018**.

Topics

We particularly welcome submissions which will contribute to the following specific thematic discussions:

1. Financing – costing and financing strategies for service delivery networks in WASH including private finance and innovative mechanisms which remove bottlenecks
2. Strengthening WASH service reliability through climate resilient development
3. Building fit for purpose partnerships in the SDG era
4. Cost effective options for the hard to reach
5. IWRM managing competing interests in water stressed areas
6. Fully functioning networked sanitation services
7. WASH in vulnerable situations, including the impacts of migration and displacement
8. WASH and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) people

Beyond these topics, we welcome contributions on any aspect of WASH in low- and middle-income countries, including, but not restricted to:

sanitation and wastewater, faecal sludge management, water treatment, water supply, solid waste management and urban drainage, climate change adaptation, IWRM, sector and project financing, institutional development, capacity building and training, knowledge management and dissemination, equity and inclusion – reaching underserved groups (including LGBTI), community-based approaches.

Key dates

Deadline for initial paper submissions
16th February 2018.

We aim to review papers and provide comments within three weeks of submission.

Deadline for re-submission of revised papers addressing review comments:
16th March 2018.

Deadline for side event applications:
28th February 2018.

Deadline for capacity development workshop applications:
30th March 2018.

Deadline for the receipt of poster pdfs:
19th May 2018.

Exhibition space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

It is vital that the deadline dates for submissions are met to allow time for reviewers to assess the papers, to give authors opportunity to make corrections, and to ensure the inclusion of papers in the conference abstracts, electronic memory stick and the programme. Authors will be informed of the outcome of the final papers review by:
6th April 2018.

Accepted papers

Accepted papers and posters to be presented at the conference will appear in the pre-prints. Afterwards, the Proceedings will be available for free download from the WEDC website.

Please see our website for further information, including our conference overview video:
wedc.lu/wedc-international-conferences

Sign up/login to My WEDC to download the guidance for authors and the paper template and to make sure you receive future postings about the forthcoming conference.

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Provisional programme

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday 9th July	Registration / Capacity Development Workshops / Opening ceremony (afternoon)		Networking night
Tuesday 10th July	Paper and discussion sessions Side events		
Wednesday 11th July	Paper and discussion sessions Side events		
Thursday 12th July	Paper and discussion sessions Side events / Closing ceremony		Gala Dinner
Friday 13th July	Capacity Development Workshops		

Fees

International 'Early Bird'* and low- and middle-income country	Standard	Kenyan Nationals
5 days: £450	5 days: £600	5 days: £175
3 days: £300	3 days: £400	3 days: £150
1 day: £110	1 day: £150	1 day: £75
* Before 1st May 2018		

The unique features of the WEDC International Conference

- Our focus on sharing of practice and experiences actively encourages constructive dialogue and debate between researchers and practitioners.
- Conference sessions are facilitated by sector experts
- Our open access database of conference papers is a unique repository
- Our delegates are predominantly (more than 70 percent) from low- and middle-income countries

[Watch our conference video here.](#)



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