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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

14:00 - 14:10 CET

ADVOCACY FOR IMPACT

14:10 - 15:25 CET

In this session, we explore the contradictions and challenges faced by water professionals when navigating the complex world of advocacy. As researchers, even as we push for evidence-based policy design in water governance, we are confronted with increasing questions regarding the assumed "neutrality" of the data on which we base our science. Increasing participation of marginalised voices, both human and non-human, in decision-making processes requires platforms to bring their perspectives to the centre-stage. Presenters will share how community engagement in data collection and analysis can shape discourse on water issues, building ground to foster alliances toward environmental justice and sustainability.

TECHNOLOGY FOR IMPACT

15:35 - 17:00 CET

While technology-based interventions are often presented as solutions to water issues, they have also been critiqued for being insensitive to the complex socio-economic realities of local, especially marginalised communities, thereby exacerbating existing inequalities in society. In this session, we will explore how project teams sensitively use technology by actively collaborating with local communities, who have an intimate understanding of the water and sanitation challenges they face. Together, we will discuss how technological support can be offered while also honouring the agency of communities in the design and inception of project strategies.

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DIVERSITY FOR IMPACT

14:00 - 15:25 CET

Diversity and inclusion are increasingly emphasised as important values in water development projects. However, interpretations of these terms remain contested. In this session, we delve into the experiences of project teams that highlight the diversity of their partners, and the wisdom they draw on, as crucial for the success of their work. Presenters will reflect on the politics of diversity and inclusion, including who is considered marginalised, in which ways they prefer to be included, and how paying attention to diverse marginalised perspectives shapes goals and outcomes of their project.

SUSTAINABILITY OF IMPACT

15:35 - 17:00 CET

Even though development projects have a limited scope and duration, many water professionals are highly committed to contributing to meaningful and lasting impacts. Yet, they often struggle to bridge gaps between project goals, which are largely shaped by donor perspectives and requirements, and the concerns and challenges of the communities they work with in their projects. Realities on the ground are shifting, and development interventions face not only financial but also environmental, social and political consequences and limitations. In this session, we will hear from the experiences of project teams that are employing different approaches to sustain the impact of their efforts beyond their project timelines.





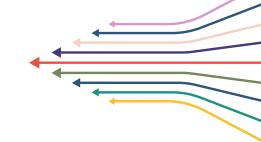








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FANEL - A PANEL FOR SHARING 'FAILURES' TO LEARN FROM 14:00 - 15:25 CET

As critical water professionals, we believe that important learnings can be gained not only from success stories, but also from stories of failures, uncertainties and of what we do not know yet. In this spirit, we offer a *fanel*—a panel to share failures—or things that did not go as we imagined - and learnings from these experiences for the future. Confronting messy and challenging water realities can allow us to learn and grow by re-evaluating our problem statements and assumptions, as well as the approaches on which we base our interventions. In this reflective session, we offer space to be vulnerable and share difficult stories of the complex problems faced by water professionals.

CLOSING PLENARY

15:35 - 17:00 CET

We close with sharing key insights from each themed session, reflecting on our intention as a programme for organising a symposium around these themes, and jointly identifying ways forward for us—as human beings, projects, programme, water sector—while we navigate increasingly complex realities to make meaningful change beyond reporting impacts.



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