

## SESSION 10:

# EMERGING DIRECTIONS IN WATER GOVERNANCE RESEARCH

Chair: Thoko Sigwaza (DWS) | Venue: Boardroom 1

Water governance is becoming an increasingly prominent field of research activity as recognition grows that many water crises are attributable more to governance failures than resource scarcity. Focal areas of water governance research have changed over the years in response to international trends and as we grapple with the major questions and challenges that characterise water in South Africa. Operating within a dynamic policy and institutional landscape, there remains a need for the users and generators of water governance research to continue responding to current priorities while not losing sight of the horizon in order to surface future risks and opportunities.

This session provides the opportunity to examine some of the emerging directions in WRC-supported water governance research, and their relevance to the pressing challenges in the water sector and beyond. The session will contribute to the consultative process, currently underway, of redefining the research agenda for the WRC water governance portfolio.

### PROGRAMME

Welcome and session overview		Thoko Sigwaza (DWS)
14:00 - 14:20	Using an ethics methodology to develop a bottom-up approach to water governance	Leanne Seeliger (SU)
14:20 - 14:40	Unlocking transformation – Aligning land and water reform	Traci Reddy (Pegasys Institute)
14:40 - 15:00	On the state of water governance R&D in South Africa	Inga Jacobs-Mata (IWMI)