

SESSION 20:

SOCIAL INNOVATION – COMMUNITY-DRIVEN WATER SERVICES APPROACHES

Chair: Virginia Molose (WRC) | Venue: Ballroom 4

The National Water Resource Strategy 2 (2013) identifies the need to meet rural communities' domestic and productive water needs and in doing so the National Norms and Standards for Domestic Water and Sanitation Services (Version 3, 2017). Where communities invest in their own infrastructure for self-supply, they design for multiple uses as the norm. The National Development Plan recommends support for self-supply. Communities' practice of multiple use self-supply is widespread, whether services are also provided by government or not. Self-supply represents valuable technical, human, social and institutional capital that can be mobilised by Water Services Authorities and other government, NGOs and corporate sector agencies in South Africa in participatory planning, co-financing and sustainable co-management of water services for multiple uses. The operationalising community-driven Multiple Use Water Services (MUS) project, implemented by the WRC with its partners Tsogang Water and Sanitation and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and funded through the African Water Facility of the African Development Bank, is a response to these policies as an action research project in two districts municipalities of the Limpopo province in South Africa. This session aims to link broader African and global debates on community-driven water service delivery, multiple uses, and self-supply with key findings and emerging lessons from the MUS project in South Africa. The dialogue aims to rethink current service delivery models in South Africa and build a case for a community-driven water services approach.

PROGRAMME

13:45 – 14:00	Welcome and introduction	Virginia Molose (WRC)
14:00 – 14:15	Operationalising community-driven Multiple Use Water Services (MUS) project	Barbara van Koppen (IWMI)
14:15 – 14:30	Community-driven infrastructure development	Shilp Verma (IWMI – India)
14:30 – 14:45	Communities water wisdom and investments	Lemessa Mekonta (IRC Ethiopia)
14:45 – 14:55	Questions/discussion	Facilitated by Virginia Molose (WRC)
Panel dialogue		
14:55 – 15:05	Introduction to panel theme – Operationalising community-driven water services approach: From practitioners', beneficiaries' and financiers' perspective	Itumeleng Modiba (facilitator)
15:05 – 15:20	First panel - Practice	Florence Negondeni (VDM District Learning Alliance) Jankie Kgotsoka (SDM District Learning Alliance) M. Ramaphosa (Tshakuma Innovation Forum) Velicia Maleka (Ga-Moela Innovation Forum) Kenny Phasha (Tsogang Water & Sanitation) Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata (IWMI)
15:20 – 15:35	Second panel - Policy	Dhesigen Naidoo (WRC) Gichuri Wambui (AfDB) Eric Masakona William Moraka (SALGA)
15:35 – 15:45	Discussion and closure	