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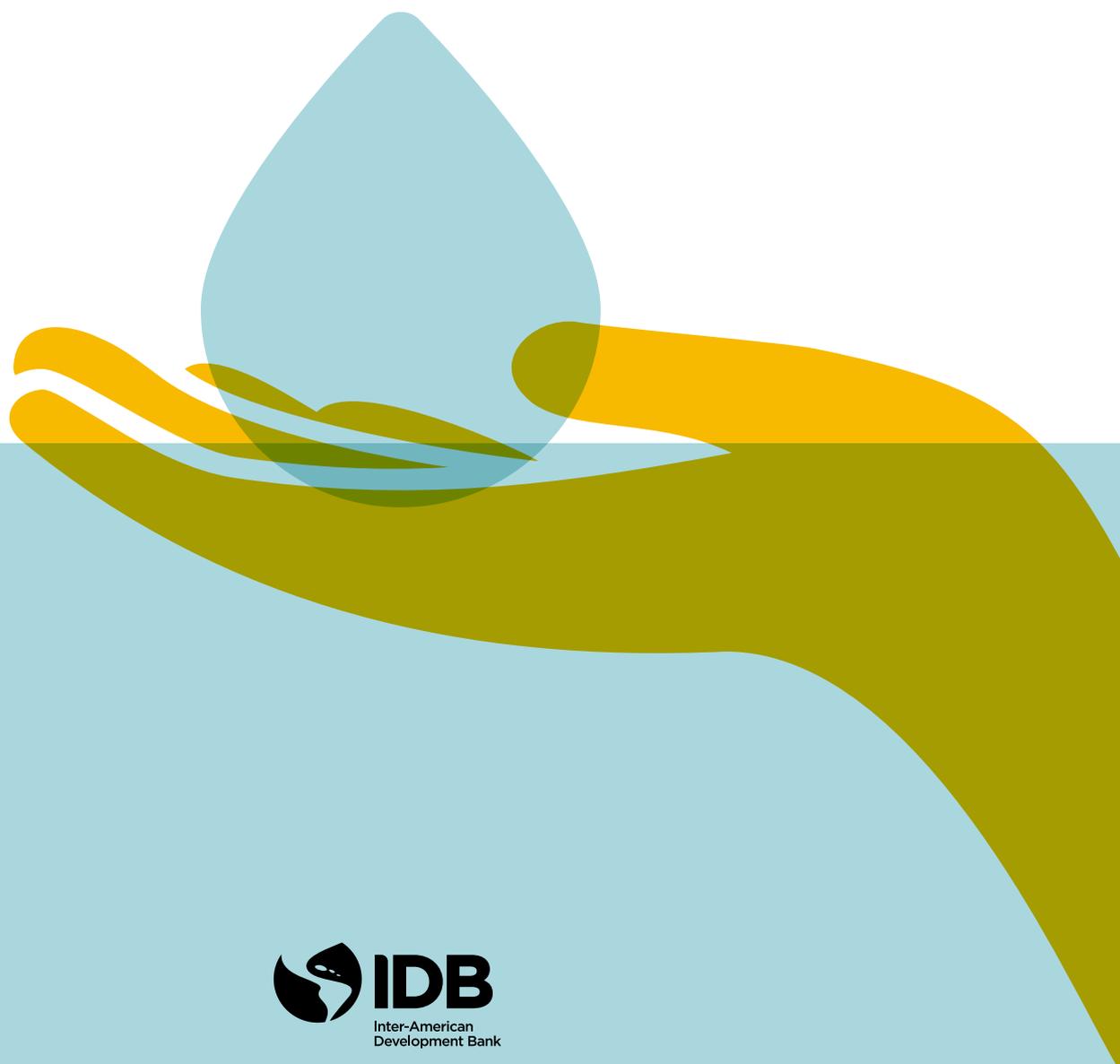


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019 World Water Week's thematic scope "Water for society – Including All" explored these questions: "who gets what kind of water, where, why, and how?". It highlighted the geographic inequalities hidden within national statistics and the need for targeted policies and metrics that reach the most marginalized. By integrating all relevant stakeholders, including public, private and civil society entities, with special attention to gender and age balance, the theme targeted the key challenges of low, middle and high-income countries. It also emphasized the role of water in driving sustainable development and reducing hunger and poverty.

During WWW 2019, the IDB collaborated with 21 water-related agencies to create four sessions for the "Focus on the Americas" program. Specialists discussed the role of the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector in creating a more inclusive society in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). To achieve SDG 6 by 2030, the WASH sector must focus on providing universal access to safe and affordable services through innovative approaches that address long-standing water challenges.

The Focus on the Americas program centered primarily on "Water for society: Leaving no one behind". The agenda consisted of **four general sessions**: (i) Remote WASH: Quality and lasting services for rural communities in Latin America; (ii) Unlocking finance for "leaving no one behind" in the Americas; (iii) Water Security and Climate Change: Resiliency for the most vulnerable; (iv) Tapping into the future: Universal access to sanitation; **two showcases**: (i) Social Art for Behavior Change: Contributing to achieve the SDGs; (ii) SUNASS: Innovative tools for sustainable water and sanitation services; and **two seminars** (i) Entrepreneurship driving water impact for all; and (ii) Innovation: Business as unusual.

This paper summarizes the main findings of the Focus on the Americas sessions, and provides recommendations on strategies that will help LAC advance towards a more inclusive society, overcome WASH access gaps and reach the last mile.



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OVERVIEW OF SIWI 2019

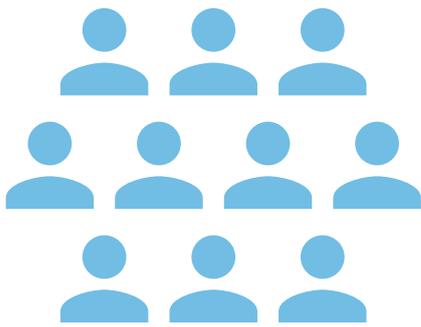


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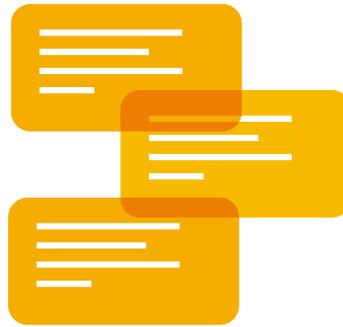
World Water Week (WWW) is the leading global event for the water and sanitation sector, hosted every year by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) in Stockholm, Sweden. Specialists in the field, researchers and the general public convene to discuss the future of water during this event. All sessions related to Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are grouped within the Focus on the Americas program, which the IDB's Water and Sanitation Division has coordinated since 2015.

In 2019, WWW took place from August 25th to the 29th at the Tele2 Arena and focused on "Water for Society: Including All". Over the course of just six days, 4,000 guests attended more than 270 sessions organized by 578 convening organizations from around the world. Nine SIWI seminars addressed key topics related to the general theme (see Appendix). Many of these were dedicated to sharing the knowledge of people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, slum dwellers, the young and elderly. Activities also promoted gender equality and emphasized the role of power dynamics in determining who gets access to quality water. 73% of all sessions were awarded the "Gold Standard" status, meaning that at least 40% of presenters were female, promoting the gender balance in speakers, and at least one presenter of each session was a young professional less than 35 years old. The dynamics were innovative, and the audience was involved and encouraged to participate actively throughout the sessions.

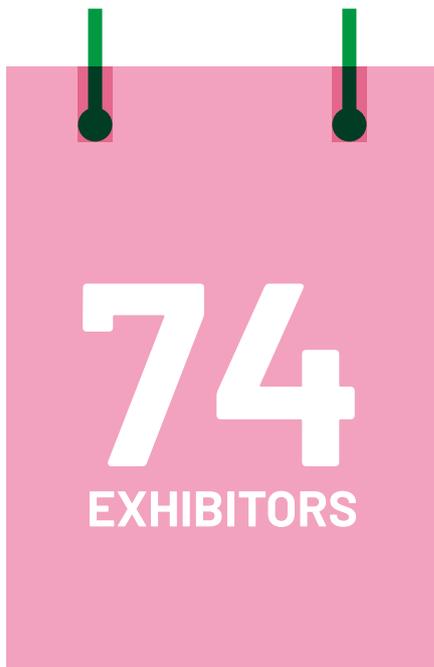
WORLD WATER WEEK IN NUMBERS



4000
PARTICIPANTS



277
SESSIONS



74
EXHIBITORS



578
CONVENING
ORGANIZATIONS



1/3
PARTICIPANTS
WERE 35 OR
YOUNGER

OVERVIEW OF LAC PROGRAM: FOCUS ON THE AMERICAS

As the success of the events exceeds expectations every year, so does the number of agencies that are interested in convening sessions for the Focus on the Americas agenda. In 2019, a total of 21 organizations collaborated with the IDB's Water and Sanitation Division (INE/WSA) on the content of the general LAC events. These include: Agua y Saneamientos Argentinos S.A (AySA), Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance, Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA), Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST), Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), FEMSA Foundation, International Water Association (IWA), Lazos de Agua Program, One Drop Foundation, Mexican National Water Commission (CONAGUA), National Superintendence of Sanitation Services (SUNASS), PepsiCo Foundation, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Bank Group, United Nations University - Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Water For People, Water.org, and World Resources Institute (WRI).

An outstanding group of high-profile water and sanitation experts from government agencies, utilities, international organizations, universities, private sector, and donor agencies served as speakers and panelists at the LAC sessions. Discussions were held under the SIWI framework "Water for Society: Including All". Participants could share experiences related to using governance, technology and finance in innovative ways to overcome water challenges such as lack of access, service disruption, and climate threats.¹ The program was divided into four general sessions, two showcases, two SIWI Sofas and a breakfast (see Appendix).

¹ Only 22% of people in LAC have safely managed water and provision is highly unequal, forcing the poor living in peri-urban areas to rely on unsafe solutions such as water trucks.



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FOCUS ON THE AMERICAS IN NUMBERS



380

**PARTICIPANTS
TOTAL**



4 GENERAL
SESSIONS



29

**SPEAKERS,
MODERATORS
AND PANELISTS**



**THE "WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:
RESILIENCE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE" SESSION
WAS THE MOST POPULAR**

120 PARTICIPANTS
TOTAL



79 PARTICIPANTS
ON AVERAGE
PER SESSION
SIWI'S GENERAL SESSIONS



95 PARTICIPANTS
ON AVERAGE
PER SESSION
FOCUS ON THE AMERICAS



ALL SESSIONS WERE AWARDED THE "GOLD STANDARD" STATUS

GENERAL SESSIONS

I. TAPPING INTO THE FUTURE: UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO SANITATION



Convening Organizations: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), Water For People, International Water Association (IWA), Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA), United Nations University - Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Agua y Saneamientos Argentinos (AySA) and Latin American Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities. **Total participants: 70**

According to SDG 6, sanitation should be accessible, affordable and equitable for everyone, untreated wastewater should decrease by half, and water reuse should become a universal practice by 2030. Based on current investment rates in Latin America and the Caribbean, it would take more than 100 years to reach these objectives. The region needs strong commitments from local governments and a shift towards a paradigm that emphasizes holistic sanitation, not merely infrastructure provision. This vision prioritizes environmental protection, improved policies, institutional and regulatory frameworks, strategic plans, adequate and innovative technical solutions, and integrated financing mechanisms to ensure inclusive solutions.

This session presented advancements in new, user-centered solutions in governance, technology, and water security under a new paradigm for optimal sanitation in LAC. Maren Heuvels from BORDA presented decentralized and integrated sanitation approaches. Damir Brdjanovic from the IHE Delft Institute for Water Education gave a talk on non-sewer sanitation. The session ended with a panel on reaching the last mile to upscaling programs and not leaving anyone behind. Representatives from Colombia, Chile and Argentina discussed progress in water and sanitation in their respective regions.

Conclusions– Leveraging resources and developing long-term inversion plans are key to moving forward in wastewater treatment. In Colombia, the SAVER program prioritizes and co-finances sanitation investments with a time horizon of 2030 in order to decontaminate 10 major watersheds. In Chile, long-term investment, effective management, and clear laws and responsible authorities have helped the government solve water and sanitation challenges tied to rapid urbanization and population growth. Meanwhile, Argentina is expanding its network of water treatment plants in order to meet the needs of underserved populations. Implementing a circular economy model and promoting innovation can help countries meet the SDG 6 objectives.

II. REMOTE WASH QUALITY AND LASTING SERVICES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES



Convening Organizations: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Water For People, Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST), One Drop Foundation, PepsiCo Foundation and Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). **Total participants: 100**

Safely managed water and sanitation services are nonexistent in several rural areas in LAC. With 85.9% of rural dwellers having access to basic water and 68.4% having basic sanitation services, LAC faces unique challenges in meeting the safely managed water and sanitation standard. Nonetheless, LAC can shape the global effort because of its experience delivering services to low income and rural populations.

This session analyzed specific initiatives that optimize technologies and decreased costs for hard-to-reach communities. It explored the role of behavior change in improving affordability and sanitation habits. Speakers discussed how to engage local governments, urban providers and community associations to address gaps in governance systems.

Eleanor Allen from Water For People gave a keynote speech on “Reaching everyone forever and addressing the challenges of rural Latin America”. Ernenek Duran from One Drop Foundation spoke about fostering behavior change in rural communities

through social art. Kimberly Slinde Lemme from Water For People discussed the organization's experience reaching the hardest to reach in dispersed districts in Honduras. Karen Lopez Guevara from the Ministry of Housing, City and Territory of Colombia and Eva Manzano from CAWST demonstrated how creating an enabling environment for policy development helped them reach the unserved in Colombia. Silvia Cruz-Vargas from the PepsiCo Foundation explored the role of the private sector in unlocking access to clean water. The session ended with a panel between all the speakers.

Conclusions- With several success stories in Latin America, Water For People demonstrated that its "road to everyone forever" leads to sustainable water service delivery without long-term external investment or oversight. Key components of this framework include: baseline monitoring, capacity building, developing financial and management plans, institutional strengthening, infrastructure building, and periodic monitoring and reflection. Local leaders can activate and sustain social art projects that educate women and children about target hygiene behaviors. Reshaping water resource laws so that they reflect the geographic and socioeconomic conditions of rural areas, strengthening the legal framework, engaging stakeholders, and promoting technical solutions can help governments better address water inequities. The private sector can help finance these projects. For example, PepsiCo worked with local and international organizations to provide water services to over 3,500 people and sanitation services to over 2,800 people in Colombia, Honduras, Mexico and Peru.



III. UNLOCKING FINANCE FOR LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN THE AMERICAS



Convening Organizations: Water.org, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Water For People, World Resources Institute (WRI) and FEMSA Foundation. **Total participants: 90**

LAC will need to invest 3% of the region's GDP in water and sanitation to maintain current levels of access in urban areas and increase access in rural areas by 2030. This level of investment is difficult to achieve as several countries in LAC are experiencing economic hardship. Many of the citizens who do not have adequate access to services live in informal communities that are not integrated into the city's network due to a lack of economic opportunities. In rural areas, the poorest populations often rely on untreated or partially treated surface water and are more likely to practice open defecation, which contaminates said sources of water. Thus, there is a need to connect the water and sanitation sector with the finance sector to mend the investment gap.

This dynamic session exposed participants to a comprehensive assessment of all systems related to finance for "leaving no one behind" and recent innovations. It explored strategies to mobilize finance at scale. The audience identified gaps in existing systems and learned about ways to unlock finance for those who currently lack access such as credit for households, the activation of utilities and infrastructure that can better serve the poor, and the support of local governments to incentivize, support or regulate finance mechanisms. April Davis from Water.org and Mauricio José Villagra from Water For People gave presentations on innovations that bridge the gaps to reach those who currently lack access. A panel of experts from the IDB,

WRI, Citibanamex and Columbia University discussed the challenges facing water financing and the current attempts to introduce new financing mechanisms.

Conclusions- Developing partnerships between water, sanitation and finance sectors can help countries meet the needs of the “last mile” households. For example, Water for People built a collaborative platform by partnering with the SMART WASH Technologies Center and the microfinance chamber ASOMIF in Nicaragua in order to serve hundreds of residents. AquaRating, developed in part by the IDB, bolsters these partnerships as it offers comprehensive and impartial evaluations of water utilities. Although their impact has been limited to date in LAC, green and resilience bonds and green credits have significant potential to help mend the investment gap.

IV. WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: RESILIENCY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



Convening Organizations: The World Bank Group, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Mexican National Water Commission (CONAGUA), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), FEMSA Foundation, PepsiCo Foundation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and World Resources Institute (WRI). **Total participants: 120**

While LAC has access to abundant freshwater resources, these are unevenly distributed throughout the region. The agricultural and energy sectors depend on shrinking resources, increasing pressure on water security. Given the complex relationship between these sectors, water security can only be reached through inte-

grated planning and management that consider accelerated urbanism, environmental degradation, natural disaster vulnerability, and governance shortcomings. More concretely, water security can be achieved by providing access to water and sanitation to communities in need, rectifying institutional failures, and building exemplary infrastructure.

This session examined the ties between water security and risk mitigation by showcasing bottom-up approaches that protect the most vulnerable. It highlighted the use of collaborative planning frameworks that identify the risks and uncertainties associated with protecting the most vulnerable, water security methodologies that consider and value the role of nature in boosting community resilience and water security, and financing instruments that ensure water security in basins and balance the benefits and needs of all.

Jay Famiglietti from the Global Institute for Water Security in Canada promoted local action as a solution to global challenges for water security. Diego Rodriguez from the World Bank and Silvia Chávez from CONAGUA discussed water security and resilience in the Valley of Mexico. Mónica Marcela Andino from the General Department of Irrigation in Mendoza, Argentina presented on bottom-up approaches and participatory processes for water security planning from a WEF Nexus perspective. Maria Eugenia Choque from the Ministry of Environment and Water in Bolivia discussed green infrastructure and water security for rural communities and urban population in La Cordillera Real. Dave White from Arizona State University spoke on household insecurity and decision support systems for water security in LAC. The session ended with a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities for water security planning as a means of resilience for the most vulnerable.

Conclusions- Based on these presentations, there are several key components to achieving water security: (i) knowing the total availability of water resources of an area, (ii) building green infrastructure that protects environmental services in watersheds, (iii) reducing leakages, (iv) protecting the quality of aquifers, and (v) supporting governance mechanisms that emphasize water security. Specialists must work on addressing climate change through multisectoral planning that considers current and future water demand. Integrating grey and green infrastructure through nature-based solutions will boost the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of water and sanitation services. Developing a water security framework at the institutional level will reinforce security principles and integrate these into the management of agriculture, energy, and biodiversity. Investing in research and the implementation of innovative tools will support advancements in water security. Active public participation at the national, municipal, and local level and the development of feasible, sustainable water security plans are essential to make sure that these strategies yield concrete results.

SHOWCASES

SOCIAL ART FOR BEHAVIOR CHANGE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF SDG 6



One Drop Foundation has pioneered an approach that integrates a systematic and evidence-based process to behavior change, harnessing the power of Social Art to connect with people's emotions and cultural references as a means of inspiring and sustaining behavior change. Photo credit: One Drop Foundation.

This showcase was a re-enactment of the Social Art for Behavior Change intervention carried out by Lazos de Agua in Quiché, Guatemala. Participants learned about the theory behind the project and were able to have a conversation with representatives of the Board of Directors of Lazos de Agua. A giant water snake puppet designed by Cathy Pupin and inspired by the traditions of the Quiché People closed the showcase ("Once Upon a Time the Kumatz – the Water Snake"). Two social artists, one from Guatemala and another from Sweden, created a mural-mosaic that articulated "what we can do to leave no one behind".



SUNASS INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES



SUNASS in cooperation with UNICEF has been implementing innovative practices for water and sanitation companies in Peru, in connection with compensation for hydrological ecosystems' services, disaster risk management and efficient, economic and comprehensive provision of water and sanitation services. Photo credit: Sunass.

Specialists used interactive animations, videos and dynamic presentations to create an open space for participants to share their experiences and understand the geographical and political challenges SUNASS faces when attempting to include the rural population in the sanitation service.



SIWI SOFAS

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This live chat between the IDB and Water For People focused on water and sanitation activities in LAC. Maria Julia Bocco from the IDB went over the partnerships, goals, benefits, and expected outcomes of the IDB's LAC program. Kelly Latham from Water For People discussed the challenges utilities must face to reach users in remote areas as well as the expectations for the general session "Water Security and Climate Change Resiliency for the Most Vulnerable".

AQUAFUND: A COLLABORATIVE, LEVERAGED AND EFFECTIVE FINANCING TOOL

The AquaFund is a multi-donor collaboration tool between national governments, the private sector and the IDB that has led to an increase in effective and demand-driven financing in LAC. This conversation between the IDB, PepsiCo Foundation, SECO, and AECID focused on successful collaborations, as well as opportunities and challenges to make the tool sustainable. Christof Sonderegger from the SECO discussed how AquaFund helps them determine country and donor strategies and allows them to create ties between stakeholders. Israel Fernández from AECID stated they use AquaFund to share experiences and perspectives. Silvia Cruz from PepsiCo elaborated on how AquaFund helped complement the company's efforts in creating public private partnerships. All panelists discussed ways to use AquaFund to meet the SDGs.



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BREAKFAST

TOWARDS OPTIMAL SANITATION SERVICES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



At this breakfast session, the IDB launched its Optimal Sanitation Initiative (OptSan) to help Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean achieve the SDG 6.2 and 6.3. The initiative emphasizes equity, inclusiveness, water security, financing and innovation in solutions and technologies. OptSan is a Call to Action for governments, multilateral development banks, international donors and private partners to ensure that the region achieves SDG6 before 2100. During this event, the strategic framework of this initiative was presented and discussed.

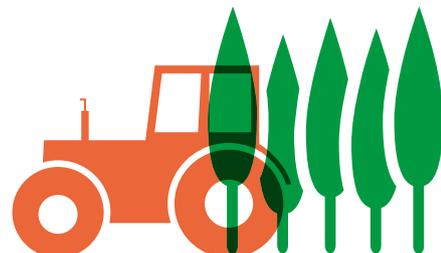
SEMINARS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DRIVING WATER IMPACT FOR ALL

Water crises pose a risk to businesses worldwide. However, businesses can support equitable water sharing and healthy ecosystems by ensuring community inclusivity in their projects. This seminar was divided into three sessions and led by the Global Water Entrepreneurship Pact, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, the San Miguel Corporation, and the Stockholm International Water Institute.

INNOVATION: BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL

This seminar was divided into three sessions: (i) What is Innovation? (ii) 21st Century: Grey, Green or In-Between? and (iii) The Pitch: Accelerating Innovation. Will Sarni from Water Foundry and Sudhir Murthy from the International Water Association (IWA) introduced the objectives of the first session. Maisie Devine, the keynote speaker from AB InBev, addressed the urgency of innovation and the power of collaboration to achieve SDG 6. Sergio Campos from the IDB introduced the second session and Cristina Knörich Zuffo from SABESP explored the barriers and enablers for advancement in green and grey infrastructure. Sergio Campos also introduced the last session where Scott Bryan from Imagine H2O and Kit Krugman from Women in Innovation discussed the importance of upscaling green, socially aware and innovative water management approaches.



MAIN MESSAGES

From all these sessions, showcases and SIWI sofas, the audience was able to glean several key findings. Humanity's greatest challenges are interlinked, and we are running out of time to rectify them. The linkages between climate change, poverty, conflicts, food insecurity, disaster risks, and biodiversity loss are extremely complex. Water plays a pivotal role in addressing inequalities and discrimination by connecting stakeholders and promoting inclusion. Realizing this connectivity will facilitate finding sustainable solutions.

The private sector, particularly agriculture, must be included in discussions on water because it has the investment resources to help us reach the SDGs.

Large and small private companies tend to be more flexible and adaptable than the public sector, thereby boosting creativity and providing a space for new technologies.

Innovation is part of the solution.

Technologies, such as early-warning systems for disaster-prone regions, instruments that measure water quality and new technologies for weather forecasts and adaptation, and smart wastewater management can improve water equity and protect job security, thereby reducing forced migration. Young innovators are leading development in this area and need support. Investing in green and grey infrastructure can support local development, preserve ecosystems, and improve reliability of service systems.

Marginalized populations will be the most affected by climate change.

If societies do not become more resilient to extreme weather events and unpredictable rainfall patterns, hunger and the spread of diseases could result in civil unrest, forced migration, and stifled economic growth. Improved international environmental action will emphasize the valuable knowledge of women and indigenous communities.

Directly affected populations should have a say.

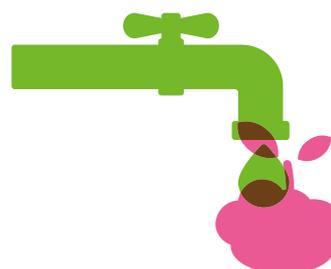
Local communities should be included and engaged throughout every stage of water and sanitation projects. Indigenous groups and women are often the custodians of nature. Water resources can be better protected and managed if each of these groups communicate effectively and feel empowered. Increasing transparency and providing open access to environmental data can shift existing power imbalances. In this sense, environmental education is a necessary tool to reducing inequality and mitigating conflicts.

Cities and water management should become more inclusive and resilient.

There is a need for clearer standards, more transparent regulation and improved water management. We must prioritize water quality, emerging pollutants, biodiversity, and plastics. The wastewater sector can use innovation and community empowerment to combat stigmas and misinformation. We also benefit from the perspective of other sectors such as agriculture and energy.

Political leadership is needed to build momentum.

Research into human behavior is useful for developing effecting water management policies. In order to reach the utopian vision of universal access, each of these practices must be coupled with good governance practices that require active political buy-in, transparency, capacity building, and multi-stakeholder participation. This will move global and regional organizations away from reactive interventions towards more proactive, continuous practices that protect water security and climate resilience in the long-term.



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APPENDIX

I. WWW GENERAL SEMINARS: A WEEK OF INNOVATION, INSPIRATION AND COLLABORATION

WOMEN AND YOUTH: LIVING APART TOGETHER

– highlighted the importance of intersectionality and diversity in all phases of water programs.

WATER GOVERNANCE WITH AND FOR ALL: IS IT WORKING?

– presented an overview of the challenges with regards to balancing equity, efficiency and enforceability in water governance arrangements.

SANITATION FOR SOCIETY, INCLUDING ALL

– emphasized the economic and social benefits as well as the advancements of local solutions.

TRANSFORMING SOCIETIES TO MEET THE SDGS: THE ROLE OF FINANCE

– presented successful public-private partnerships that demonstrated the need for risk allocation and clear returns for investors to catalyze and support more water financing.

WATER (IN) SECURITY, MIGRATION AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION: IS THERE A NEXUS?

– accentuated the complex relationships between water and migration, and promoted water security as a solution to forced displacement.

EQUITY IN CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

– highlighted the fundamental role of empowerment and inclusiveness in achieving climate resilience and equity.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DRIVING WATER IMPACT FOR ALL

– advanced the idea that simple, low-cost, integrated, widely applicable, and sustainable innovations can help societies meet the SDGs.

LINKING BIODIVERSITY WITH INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT: WHY IT MATTERS

– supported the use of traditional ecological knowledge from unconventional agents of change such as indigenous communities, women and children, and citizen-sourced data to prevent irreversible damage to the planet.

INNOVATION: BUSINESS AS UNUSUAL IN THE 21ST CENTURY: GREY, GREEN OR IN-BETWEEN?

– promoted the development of an inclusive and diverse ecosystem from all parts of society to incubate, foster, and accelerate innovation.



II. DETAILED AGENDA: FOCUS ON THE AMERICAS AT WORLD WATER WEEK 2019

AUG 25-30, 2019

9:00 - 19:00

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Sunday, August 25th:

16:00 -17:30 (GMT +2) **Showcase:**

Social Art for Behaviour Change: Contributing towards achievement of SDG6.

17:00 -17:45 (GMT +2) **Showcase:**

SUNASS: Innovative tools for sustainable water and sanitation services.

Monday, August 26th:

16:00 - 16:30 (GMT +2) **SIWI Sofa:**

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17:45 - 18:45 (GMT +2) **Cocktail Reception:**

Focus on the Americas Welcome Reception.

Tuesday, August 27th:

9:00 - 10:30 (GMT +2) **Focus on the Americas:**

Tapping into the future: Universal access to sanitation.

11:00 - 12:30 (GMT +2) **Focus on the Americas:**

Remote WASH: Quality and lasting services for rural communities.

17:45 - 18:45 (GMT +2) **Mingle reception:**

Partnerships that leave no one behind - Rural Disperse.

Wednesday, August 28th:

07:45 – 08:45 (GMT +2) **Breakfast:**

Towards optimal sanitation services in Latin America and the Caribbean.

09:00-10:30 (GMT +2) **Focus on the Americas:**

Unlocking finance for “leaving no one behind” in the Americas.

11:00-12:30 (GMT +2) **Focus on the Americas:**

Water security and climate change: Resiliency for the most vulnerable.

Thursday, August 29th:

9:00 – 9:30 (GMT +2) **SIWI Sofa:** AquaFund:

A collaborative, leveraged and effective financing tool.

17:45 – 18:45 (GMT +2) **Cocktail Reception:** Mural Inauguration – Lazos de Agua.

[Complete agenda](#)



