

Water and Sanitation at the Twelfth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12)











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Day	Time	Location	Title	Organizer	Link
Saturday & Sunday 2–3 November	Full Day	Triumph Luxury Hotel	GWOPA Assembly (as part of the Cairo Urban Week)	GWOPA/UN-Habitat	 Link
Tuesday 5 November	09:00–10:00	UN-Habitat Arena	From Scarcity to Security Leveraging Investments for Climate-Resilient Water and Sanitation GWOPA Speakers	UN-Habitat	 Link
	09:00–10:30	ONE UN Room A	Riding the Resilience Wave All-hands-on-deck for Urban Resilience in Small Island Developing States and Coastal Cities	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	 Link
		SDGs in Action Room C	Sponge Cities and Nature-based Solutions Integrating Climate Action for Resilience and Livability	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	 Link
		SDGs in Action Room B	Green Cities - Scaling-up Climate Finance to Combat Water Scarcity	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	 Link
	Voices from Cities Room C	Going Glocal - Experiences of SDGs Localization for Multilevel and Multiregional Partnerships GWOPA Speakers	Ministry of the Environment of Finland	 Link	
11:50–12:35 Time change	Press Conference Center	High-level Launch of the EU Water Operators' Partnerships Programme (EU-WOP) Phase II GWOPA Session	GWOPA/UN-Habitat	 Link	
13:00–14:30	One UN Room A Venue	Water and Cities Dialogue: Laying the Ground for the EU-WOP Programm GWOPA Session	GWOPA/UN-Habitat	 Link	
	SDGs in Action Room C	Global Partnerships for Climate Resiliency Addressing Urban Water and Sanitation	Georgia Institute of Technology	 Link	
17:00–18:30	Voices from Cities Room E	Cities at the Forefront Multi-level governance for Urban Water Resilience. Insights from Innovative Municipal Flood and Drought Risk Management	Global Resilient Cities Network, Deltares & UN-Habitat	 Link	

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Wednesday 6 November	11:00—12:30	SDG Room A	Resilient sanitation and water services How African cities and utilities are driving towards the SDGs <small>GWOPA Session</small>	International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC)	 Link
		Voices from Cities Room B	Youth Voices and Innovations on Climate Resilient Urban Food and Water Systems	Hivos	 Link
	13:00—14:30	Multipurpose Room 19	Stronger Together - Transforming Access to Water and Sanitation Through South South Water Operator Partnerships <small>GWOPA Session</small>	Kisumu Water & Sanitation Company Ltd	 Link
		Multipurpose Room 08	Climate Resilience in Mediterranean Cities from Strategies to Local Action	General Organization for Physical Planning	 Link
	17:00—18:30	Multipurpose Room 19	Water as Leverages City Champion Challenge Scaling Urban Water Resilience Globally Through Local Leadership <small>GWOPA Speakers</small>	Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)	 Link
Thursday 7 November	09:00—9:45	Urban Cinema	Water Generation Young Professionals Shaping the Future <small>GWOPA Session</small>	European Commission & GWOPA/UN-Habitat	 Link
	09:00—12:00	Multipurpose Room 01	Governing the Water Energy Food Nexus Learning from African Cities	Urban Agriculture and Food Systems (RUAF CIC)	 Link
	13:00—14:30	ONE UN Room A	Nexus Solutions for Sustainable Urban Farming Empowering Displaced Communities through Adaptive Water Management	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	 Link
	09:00—10:30	SDGs in Action Room D	Urban Water Economics The Role of Cities in Valuing and Governing Water as a Global Common Good	Global Commission on the Economics of Water	 Link
Friday 8 November	09:00—10:30	SDGs in Action Room A	Egypt & Colombia Resilient Communities and Climate Change Adaptation Approach Surrounding Water (North Coast and Nile Delta Regions in Egypt - Cauca and Magdalena Rivers, Mojana Delta and Caribbean North Coast)	Ministry of Housing Cities and Territories of Colombia & Fondo Adaptacion	 Link
	11:30—12:15	Urban Cinema	If Not Now, When Planning for the Urban Water-Energy-Food Nexus	Technical University of Munich (TUM)	 Link

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Collaborating for a Sustainable Water Future: GWOPA at WUF12



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The World Urban Forum 12 (WUF12) is a unique platform for shaping the global agenda on sustainable urban development. At WUF12, GWOPA members can advocate for stronger water and sanitation policies, learn about innovative solutions to urban challenges and share best practices with peers from around the world. The forum facilitates networking opportunities with policymakers, donors and other stakeholders, enabling GWOPA members and partners to forge partnerships that can strengthen their utilities. Additionally, by engaging in discussions on key topics like climate adaptation and inclusive services, the Alliance can play a vital role in driving the transformation needed for resilient and sustainable cities to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 6 and SDG 11, along with other SDGs **through advocating for WOPs and SWOPs.**

Despite progress to reaching Sustainable Development Goal 6 is off track, **water operators are at the forefront, stepping up to meet the challenge.** In 2022, 2.2 billion people were without access to safely managed drinking water and 3.5 billion people without access to sanitation. As urbanization increases, the demand for reliable water services grows as well. Water operators play a crucial role in delivering solutions, ensuring access to clean water and sanitation, which are critical components of sustainable cities.

VOICES FROM WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES

The Alliance can use the World Urban Forum to share experiences, form partnerships, advocate and drive innovative solutions for sustainable water management in cities.

THEME: "IT ALL STARTS WITH WATER – LOCAL ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT"

WATER AS A FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Water management is fundamental to the success of local actions towards sustainable cities. GWOPA members can highlight the role of water and sanitation services in empowering local communities and fostering resilience.

COLLABORATION IS KEY

Local water and sanitation operators, municipalities and communities must work together to develop sustainable water solutions that address the climate emergency and disruptions caused by conflicts and disasters.

GWOPA MOVEMENT'S CALL

Advancing the New Urban Agenda through Water and Sanitation Operators' Partnerships: Commit to actions that support urban water resilience, prioritize affordable and accessible water services and integrate water management in climate action plans.

Enhancing the Capacity of Local Water Operators: Advocate for policies strengthening the capacity of local water and sanitation utilities to implement sustainable water management systems.

