

Wednesday 21st April 2021

WASH & the COVID-19 Pandemic:
Responses for Recovery and Resilience

12:00-13:00 AEST	Registration & Networking		
13:00-14:30 AEST	Panel		
	The Global WASH Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Did we get it right? A range of actors from WASH and health sectors, from multilateral organisations, donors, country governments and civil society will critically reflect on the role the WASH sector played in the COVID-19 response, and what that indicates about our readiness for future shocks		
14:30-15:00 AEST	Break		
15:00-16:30 AEST	Workshops		
	COVID-19 Impacts on Water and Sanitation Utilities: Moving from emergency response to resilience <i>Convenors: World Bank Water Global Practice, Asian Development Bank and Isle Utilities</i> Discuss key impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on utilities, how they have responded, and how we can use these lessons to build resilient utilities capable of managing crises.	COVID-19 & WASH behaviour change <i>Convenors: Plan International Australia with Water for Women Fund</i> Explore COVID-19 hygiene behaviour change efforts and reflect on the emerging lessons about adaptations that were needed, what has worked well and what has not.	COVID-19, Gender and WASH <i>Convenors: ISF-UTS with Water for Women Fund</i> Discuss lessons and evidence about relationships between COVID-19 impacts and gender equality.
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17:00-18:30 AEST	Workshops		
	Collaborations for resilient and healthy people: WASH systems and COVID-19 response <i>Convenors: WaterAid and UNICEF with Water for Women Fund</i> Explore experiences and lessons about the collaborative systems responses that are critical to ensure adequate and inclusive WASH to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19.	Risking everything for your safety and protection: sanitation workers in the frontline <i>Convenor: SNV</i> Explore practical government-led experiences and lessons from different (Asian) countries in supporting and motivating sanitation workers during a pandemic, including recommendations to minimise the health risks to workers during pandemics and future emergencies.	WASH it off - Practical ways for making health care facilities COVID ready with better WASH services <i>Convenor: World Health Organisation</i> Discuss latest global data, insights and framework on improving WASH in health care facilities, including participating in mini skill-building sessions to provide WASH services and support hygiene practices that are also climate resilient and inclusive.
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19:00-20:00 AEST	Late-Early Show		

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7:00-8:00 AEST	Early-Late Show		
12:00-13:00 AEST	Registration & Networking		
13:00-14:30 AEST	Panel		
	<p>The COVID-19 Pandemic and WASH inequalities – what can we learn?</p> <p>A diversity of speakers will discuss the linkages between inequalities in access to WASH services, and inequalities in COVID-19 responses, and what lessons we need to learn to improve the resilience and inclusiveness of WASH systems to cope with future shocks</p>		
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	<p>Share the Power: progressing inclusion of marginalised people in WASH through “not being neutral”</p> <p><i>Convenors: World Vision and Edge Effect Australia with Water for Women Fund</i></p> <p>Discuss the importance of development practitioners not remaining neutral when it comes to inclusion of SGM people and people with disability, and how we can use these extraordinary times to shift the power.</p>	<p>WASH enterprises: Lessons from COVID and the resilience of sanitation and hygiene enterprises to future shocks and stresses</p> <p><i>Convenors: Grand Challenges Canada and Aguaconsult</i></p> <p>Drawing from the experience of sanitation innovators, discuss the lessons learned from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic about their resilience, and areas for future investment to increase their resilience to climate change.</p>	<p>What have we learned from water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) during school reopening?</p> <p><i>Convenors: UNICEF and GIZ</i></p> <p>Explore criteria for school reopening, including the importance of WASH for safety and health. And, discuss the costs and implications for what needs to be done differently by schools, districts, governments and aid agencies in East Asia and Pacific countries</p>
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	<p>Early Career Professionals</p> <p><i>Convenor: International WaterCentre</i></p>		
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7:00-8:00 AEST	Early-Late Show
8:00 AEST	Virtual Symposium Closes

*Please note the Early-Late and Late-Early shows will be accessed via a Zoom.
All other sessions will be accessed via the Virtual Events Platform*