



CALL FOR PAPERS AND EXHIBITORS

12TH ZAMBIA WATER FORUM AND EXHIBITION

11TH – 13TH JUNE, 2024

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Venue - Mulungushi International Conference Centre

The 12th Zambia Water Forum and Exhibition will be held from 11th -13th June, 2024 at the Mulungushi International Conference center in Lusaka, Zambia under the theme “Closing the gap: Working towards the attainment of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) targets”.

The Zambia Water Forum and Exhibition (ZAWAFE) seeks to continuously raise awareness on the importance of water, sanitation and good hygiene practices. ZAWAFE aims to bring out innovative, feasible and cost-effective strategies to address the inadequacies in water supply, sanitation, environmental and water stewardship.

Water is critical for achieving the SDGs Target and plays an important role in all sectors of the economy. Its criticality is acknowledged in different sectors and within the water and sanitation sector. In order to achieve this, ZAWAFE 2024 will bring together various national and international stakeholders to share best practices on water, sanitation and hygiene by creating a platform where a number of issues pertaining to the attainment of SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation globally and nationally, investments required to meet the aspirations of the SDGs, Climate change and global warming will be discussed among others.

The Forum and Exhibition will encompass keynote speeches, plenary sessions, parallel breakaway sessions and exhibitions. Institutions and Organization are encouraged to register for paid focused sessions to present the interventions and programmes that they are currently undertaking or supporting in line with the forum Themes.

During the Forum, various topical issues pertaining to closing the gap in the water and sanitation sector in Zambia, the region and abroad as well as a number of challenges and solutions will be discussed in line with the 2024 ZAWAFE theme. Therefore, the ZAWAFE Steering Committee now **calls for papers** in line with the above mentioned theme and sub-themes below by the set deadline **31st March 2024**.

Forum Theme:

Closing the gap: Working towards the attainment of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) targets.

SUB THEMES AND TOPICAL ISSUES:

1. **Water Resources Management and Climate Change gaps in data, information and models;**
 - a. Capacity building and research in water resources, supply and sanitation and capacity development for institutions which will enable the accessibility of information;
 - b. Strengthening institutional capacities in achieving mandates on water supply and provision;
2. **Water Supply and Sanitation gaps in data, information and delivery models (e.g. metering);**
 - a. Identified gaps in water supply and sanitation needs of the country in line with SDG 6;
 - b. Achievement of equitable and inclusive access to safe and affordable drinking water for all citizens by 2030 without leaving anyone behind;
3. **Infrastructure gaps in resilient climate proofed Water Resources, Supply and Sanitation;**
 - a. infrastructure gaps in the water sector;
 - b. Building climate resilient infrastructure to meet the demands of water supply and sanitation;
4. **The technological gap to accelerate water resources management, climate change and access to WSS services;**
 - a. Technological gaps identified in water resources management, climate change and access to WSS services;
 - b. Developing appropriate technologies in service delivery is vital in water resources management;
5. **Skills gaps to meet the aspirations of the development targets in water and sanitation;**
 - a. Identify skills gap to meet the aspirations of the development targets in the water and sanitation sector as well as the development of skills appropriate for the sector;
 - b. Identifying and finding solutions to skills gaps in the water supply and sanitation sector is cardinal in achieving Vision 2030;
6. **WASH in schools, management gaps, advocacy and behavioural change in water and Sanitation;**
 - a. Provision of WASH in schools and management of WASH in schools;
 - b. Gaps pertaining service provision, hygiene and behavioural change;
7. **Communities participation in Water Resources, Supply and Sanitation;**
 - a. Building resilience through community participation;
 - b. Address existing gaps through engagement of non-governmental organizations supporting access to water, rural water supply and sanitation;
8. **Capacity building and research and development in Water Resources, Supply and Sanitation;**
 - a. Capacity building and research in water resources, supply, sanitation as well as capacity development for institutions which will enable the accessibility of information;

- b. b. Introducing the Project for Risk-based Participatory WASH Planning and Citizen data WASH statistics for African Peri-urban Settlements;
9. **Lessons from other countries on Water Resources, Supply, Sanitation and Behavioral Change Communication (BCC);**
- a. Different lessons learned from different countries on water resources, supply and sanitation;
 - b. International Learning Exchange and the Ministry of Education; and
10. **Financing gaps for all;**
- a. Financing strategies and initiatives being undertaken to ensure that the financial gaps are addressed;
 - b. Financing water and sanitation investments and resource mobilization.
11. **WASH for Public Health Response;**
- a. Share progress on the MCEP, Now that 2025-What is the way forward and how does WASH advance to end Cholera once and for all.
 - b. Increase the Visibility of WASH as a key for proactive public health response through the dissemination of information about its role and sustaining behavior change for improved and resilient communities to public health outbreaks.

Abstracts and Focused session concept notes for prospective presentations should be submitted to the ZAWAFE Steering Committee by emailing to zambiawaterforum@gmail.com by 31st March, 2024 with the following details:

1. A short biography (100 words)
2. Name of the Author/Authors
3. Title and theme of proposed abstract (Keywords must be included)
4. Abstract length: 300 words
5. Font type and size: Times Roman 12
6. Spacing: 1.5
7. An active mobile number and Email of the presenters
8. A picture/pictures of the presenters

Successful presenters will be informed before 30th April 2024. For further details, please contact the ZAWAFE Secretariat on the following numbers: +260 972 560 621 +260-211-238438 or, +260971591498 or email zambiawaterforum@gmail.com or clukwanda@nwasco.org.zm

The ZAWAFE Steering Committee further **calls for Exhibitors** to come and exhibit their merchandise at ZAWAFE from the **11th - 13th June, 2024**. The 3 awards (First, Second and Third Best) will be given to exhibitors whose exhibition are judged to answer to the 2024 theme for ZAWAFE.