



Seminar I: Informing the 2023 Political Agenda through Science

The goal of this seminar series is to inform the 2023 policy discussions on water and sanitation with the latest science and evidence from across the water sector. It is intended for researchers and practitioners who have generated science and evidence that should inform policymaking and for decision makers that will be involved in policy setting. There will be three sessions to this seminar series.

Session 0: Science to Policy – Reviewing the latest science and evidence on water [Abstract]

Selected abstracts will present respected sciences on a day prior to the World Water Week, will then widely circulated and recapped on the session 1.

Date: August 22, 2022 (Monday)
Time: 11:30 – 12:50 CEST
Format: 90 minutes; virtual; pre-recorded presentations

Session 1: Science to Policy – Reviewing the latest science and evidence on water [Online]

The goal of this session is to provide an overview of the latest science, evidence, and/or key findings from the past year that policymakers should know as they head into 2023. These will be short, TedX-like talks on what we've learned and how this evidence should change the way we work on water, tailored to a non-scientific audience. The audience will be polled for their ideas.

Date: August 25, 2022 (Thursday)
Time: 11:30 – 12:50 CEST
Format: 90 minutes; virtual; pre-recorded presentations

Session Leads: UNESCO, WaterAid

Partners: IWRA, WB, WMO, UNICEF, WHO, IHE-Delft, UN Water

Notional Agenda:

- 11:30 – 11:40 Overview of the Seminar Series
- 11:40 – 12:40 Science Updates – Accelerating Water Security
Each thematic area will last 15 minutes. One moderator and up to three presenters at 5 minutes each (may be recorded). Themes:
 - WaSH (WaterAid, UNICEF, WHO)
 - WRM, Governance (World Bank, UNECE, IWRA, UNECE)
 - Advancing Services/observations (WMO, UNESCO/UNECE, IWRA)
- 12:40 – 12:45 Moderated inputs from on-line inputs (60 seconds each); request written contributions through the chat
- 12:45 – 12:50 Closing

Session 2: Science to Policy – Synthesizing Science, Priorities for 2022/23 [In-Person]

This session will use the inputs of the first session to identify specific policy priorities for 2023. What changes in direction do we need to take? What actions will make the most difference? What needs to be stopped.

Format: 90 minutes; **in-person** in Stockholm

Date: 1 September 2022

Time: 09:00 – 10:30 CEST

Session Lead: SPC, IWRA, UNESCO

Partners: UN Water, UNICEF, WHO, WMO, AMCOW

Notional Agenda:

09:00 – 09:05 Opening (linkages between Sessions 1 and 3)

09:05 – 09:15 Keynote – The role of Science/Evidence in Informing Policy

09:15 – 09:20 Review of Session 1 (recap of science advances)

09:20 – 10:25 Moderated round table Discussion (what should the priorities be; what do we need to rethink based on what we have learned; what are the core messages)

10:25 – 10:30 Wrap-up/Closing

Session 3: Science to Policy – High-level Policymaker Roundtable [Hybrid]

This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities to advance the identified priorities in 2022/23. What is truly actionable? What will resonate with political leaders? How can we make it happen? How can stakeholders engage?

Format: 90 minutes; hybrid

Date: September 1st, 2022

Time: 11:00 – 12:30 CEST

Session Lead: SPC, UNESCO, Water Aid

Partners: UN Friends of Water, UN Water, UNPGA, The Netherlands

11:00 – 11:05 Opening (Recap of sessions 1 and 2)

Should include a visual representation of the inputs from the previous sessions.

11:05 – 11:15 Keynote I – Moving from Science to Policy Action: What is the opportunity

11:15 – 11:25 Keynote II – Moving From Science to Policy Action: Setting Priorities

11:25 – 12:25 Moderated round table discussion (what should the priorities be; what do we need to rethink based on what we've learned; what are the core messages) - 5?

12:25 – 12:30 Wrap-up/Closing