

A Virtual Global Conference

Climate-Resilient Water Management Approaches: Application Towards Climate Action and 2030 Agenda

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As our climate changes, droughts, floods, melting glaciers, sea-level rise and storms intensify or alter, often with severe consequences to human lives and the economy. In order to ensure water security for humans and the environment while simultaneously meeting the world's ambitious climate and development goals, decision makers and regulators will need to adopt a new paradigm for resilient water management that embraces the uncertain future ahead.

This is the focus of a three-day conference, organized just ahead of the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), to raise awareness and build capacity around new approaches for climate-resilient water management, including their vast potential within global climate policy and sustainable development agendas.

Abbreviated Three-Day Programme

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Keynote: Water as Climate Connector

High level Science Policy Panel: Bottom-Up vs. Top-Down: Contrasting Paradigms for Addressing Climate Change

Launching of the policy brief "Planning Water Resilience from the bottom up to meet Climate and Development Goals"

Panel 1: Incorporating climate risks into decision making through bottom-up approaches

Panel 2: Facing uncertainty in hydroclimatic extremes: flood and drought management under climate change scenarios

Panel 3: Water as a climate connector: water-food-energy nexus

Priorities and ambitions for COP26 and beyond: Aligning climate policy and finance

Institutionalizing solutions: Stakeholder buy-in and capacity building