8th International Young Water Professionals Conference

First Announcement

10-13 DECEMBER, 2017
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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Organised by:

IWA
Water Institute of Southern Africa
YWP
Building Leaders & Making Impact

A CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG LEADERS, BY YOUNG LEADERS

We would like to invite all young, inspiring water professionals to join us at the 8th International Young Water Professionals Conference (IYWPC). This conference will empower you to progress further in your water career. With a multidisciplinary programme of technical sessions, workshops, soft skill learning sessions and networking events you will gain connections, develop yourself professionally and gain recognition for your contributions.

The conference will provide a unique combination of programmatic content that will appeal to young academics, early career, and advancing professionals from all disciplines and all types of organisations in the water sector.

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTION - SUBMISSIONS OPEN JANUARY 2017

Following seven successful International Young Water Professional Conferences (IYWPC) in the UK, Netherlands, Singapore, USA, Australia, Hungary, Taiwan, the International Water Association (IWA) together with Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) and the South African Young Water Professionals (YWP-ZA) will organise the 8th edition of the International Young Water Professional Conference on 10–13 December 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Through technical paper sessions, topical workshops, soft skill learning sessions, networking opportunities and a career fair, the IYWPC will be the “Must Attend” event for young water professionals (YWPs), especially for those wishing to develop their career and progress further into the water sector.

DID YOU KNOW:
THESE CONFERENCES ARE RUN WITH THE AIM TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE PLATFORM FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN THE WATER SECTOR. THE CONFERENCES ARE ORGANISED VOLUNTARILY BY YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS FOR YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS. THESE YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS GAIN SKILLS – ORGANISING, COMMUNICATION, SPONSORSHIP, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, ETC. – AND BUILD NEW PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PROCESS.
The conference theme is Building Leaders & Making Impact. You will be challenged to demonstrate the impact of your work, whilst workshops and learning sessions will take place during the conference in order to build our capacity as the next generation of water leaders.

Rather than the conventional sub-theme session format where presentations are restricted to a single discipline, the IYWPC encourages multidisciplinary sharing and learning with sessions that make impact in some “big topics” in the water sector and beyond.

Your research is crucial to positively impact these “big topics”. Join the debate and showcase your work by submitting your abstract today. Examples of “big topics” in water and wastewater for the conference include:

- Water Security
- Water & Cities
- Water & Industries
- Water Cycle
- Water Education & Jobs
- Water Climate & Energy
- Water Management
- Water Communication
- Water Innovation
- Water Utility & Management
- Water Economics
- Water Governance & Policy

The IYWPC is an inclusive conference and welcomes all abstracts that are water related. Should your work not fit within any of the topics listed, you are encouraged to submit an abstract to help expand the range of topics and make this a truly multi-disciplinary conference.
Situated at the southern tip of the African continent, Cape Town is a diverse and friendly city that showcases the best of Africa.

Fondly referred to as the Mother City, it combines the best of all worlds with sophisticated conference facilities, well-developed public transport infrastructure, magnificent scenery and a lively art, food and entertainment scene. There are also four universities producing many graduates in the water sector annually. Cape Town has been awarded the 2008 World Mayor Prize and became the 2014 World Design Capital.

Home to the iconic Table Mountain, an official New7Wonders of Nature, the city also has 11 Blue Flag Beaches and two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Robben Island and the Cape Floral Region Protected Areas. More recently, the City of Cape Town’s Water Conservation and Demand Management Programme received the winner of the Adaption Implementation category in the 2015 C40 Cities Award at COP21.

However, while there is access to potable water, Cape Town also encapsulates a reality which more and more cities around the world will have to face – a growing populating living in urban slums with communal water and limited sanitation services in a water scarce environment.

### Important Dates

- **1 APRIL** - Abstract Submission System and workshop / learning session proposal closes
- **20 MAY** - Authors and organisers notified
- **1 JUNE** - Registration opens
- **15 AUGUST** - Submission deadline for delivery of full papers
- **1 AUGUST** - Deadline for authors acceptance and registration
- **31 OCTOBER** - Submission deadline for delivery of presentations and posters

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