

and Health Network Africa



4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER IN AFRICA (ICWA)

WRITING **WORKSHOP**

Nature: Hybrid (Virtual and In-person) Date: March 18-22, 2025

Venue:

Zoom/ University of Nigeria, Nsukka

Theme:

Water and the SDGs in Africa: Prioritising the clean water and sanitation, zero hunger and climate action triad

> **Opening Ceremony Plenary Sessions** Technical Sessions Workshops **Exhibitions World Water Day Networking Unlimited Frontiers**

BACKGROUND

Africa is not on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations; and the pursuit of the SDGs demands not just scientific conversations but a collaborative approach involving the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. Established to address sustainability development challenges in sub-Saharan Africa, the International Conference on Water in Africa (ICWA) has, for its first ten years, the goal of mobilizing, motivating and moving stakeholders to explore the Prime Place of Water Towards the Successful Delivery the SDGs in sub-Saharan Africa.

WORKSHOPS

Water Workshop: Water testing and treatment is key for disease control in rural environments. Supported by International Water and Health Alliances (IWHA), our annual water workshop is designed to equip participants with both knowledge and skills train communities on deploying evidence-based Microbiology and water-testing kits as educational tools that demonstrate the best practices for identifying safe drinking

Writing Workshop: Writing is a critical tool for sustainable development, and the focus of our annual writing workshop cohorts, organised in collaboration with the Michigan State University's Global Alliances in Literacy and Engagement (GALE), is on developing capacity in academic and grant writing amongst early career researchers in sub-Saharan Africa. See the writing workshop flyer for more details.

SUBTHEMES:

- 1. Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- 2.Affordable drinking water treatment options
- 3. Rainwater harvesting and management
- 4. Water contaminants and human health
- 5. Waterborne and water-related diseases
- 6. Aquatic environments and One Health
- 7. Wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE)
- 8. Wastewater treatment and safe reuse
- 9. Bioenergy and biochemicals from wastewater
- 10. Bioactive agents from aquatic ecosystems
- 11. Water and health: the role of arts/the humanities

- 12. Water and culture: faith and heritage matters 13. Water education, literacy and awareness
- 14. Water and the politics and practice of development.
- 15. Water governance and resource management
- 16. Risks, vulnerability and resilience assessment
- 17. Water, agriculture and food security
- 18. Water, women and gender concerns
- 19. Water security and climate change
- 20. Groundwater pollution and management
- 21. Hydrogeology, hydro-informatics and modelling
- 22. Water in African art, literature and the humanities.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

We invite academics and researchers, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, civil societies, government MDAs and development agencies to submit abstracts to the conference via email waterconference@unn.edu.ng

GUIDELINES:

Not more than 250 words (in MS Word, single-line spacing and Time New Roman font 12). Single paragraph without subheadings, indentation, or references. Should be an explicit summary of your presentation that states the problem, aim, methodology, and key results and conclusion(s). Kindly attach proof of the 3,000NGN abstract processing fee payment.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2024. WRITING WORKSHOP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2025.

Full papers of quality abstracts will be invited for submission and consideration for publication in a Topical Collection, Water Sustainability in Africa: Frontiers, Perspectives and Challenges (https://link.springer.com/collections/cieifajgef) in the Springer Nature journal, Discover Water.

Registration fee: 25,000NGN OR 100 USD; and 10,000NGN for undergraduate students.

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