

## PARTNER LED WORKSHOPS: INTERNATIONAL DANISH EMBASSY

Tuesday, 21 September 2021 | 15:00-16:00 (CAT)

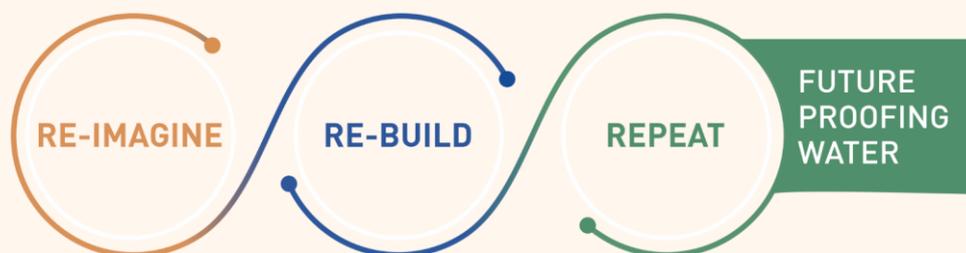
The Future Proofing of Water: securing sufficient water and safe supply sustainably for future generations, is dependent upon factors ranging from governance, institutional arrangements and capacity, awareness and appropriate consumer behaviour, science innovation and technological solutions. In South Africa and globally, the sector is facing the challenges of growing populations, urbanisation, intense industrialisation (also in farming), and not least – climate change. Accordingly, the sector needs to constantly REIMAGINE, REBUILD AND REPEAT and also to reform and adjust to be able to handle the present and future proofing of water.

The workshop, hosted by Denmark with participation from other international and South African partners, will focus on water sector reforms. The workshop will showcase how structural reforms of policy and governance models, institutional setup and value and revenue chains can ensure a future proofed and resilient water sector.

The workshop will take a starting point in international and South African reform trends and open a discussion on how the present South African reform could be effectuated and what future needs could be foreseen.

**Target Audience:** Academia, policy makers, business and innovators

**Conveners:** The Royal Embassy of Denmark and the WRC



**Chair: Mr Jørgen Erik Larsen, Danish Counsellor and Head of Cooperation**

15:00	Opening: Future proofing water	Danish Ambassador Tobias Elling Rehfeld
15:05	Remarks: Water sector reforms for recovery	John Dini, WRC
15:10	Keynote: Status and way forward for the establishment of an Independent Water Sector Regulator in South Africa	Ms Sizani Mushini, Chief Director Economic and Social Regulation Department of Water and Sanitation:
15:20	Keynote: International good practice on utility performance improvement	Mr Christof Sonderegger, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, SECO
15:30	Keynote: Corporatising the water sector: Danish reform incentives for efficiency	Mr Joannes Gaard, Danish Ministry of the Environment
15:40	Panel: Facilitated discussion of water sector reform – focus on South Africa	Keynote speakers
15:55- 16:00	Wrap up: Conveying key messages	Facilitator