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## HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACHES FOR A RESILIENT AND SAFE FUTURE FOR ALL

Monday, 20 September 2021 | 15:00-16:00 (CAT)

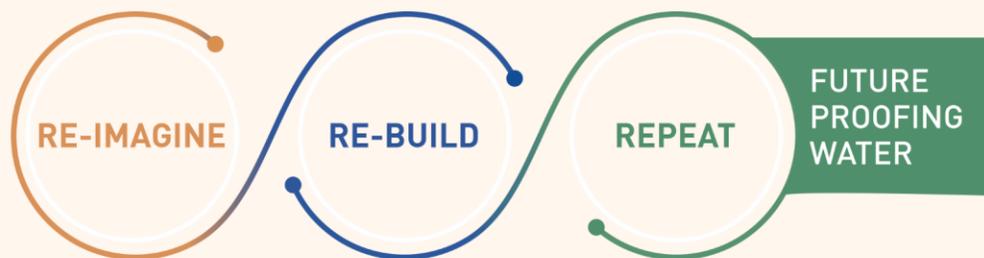
According to World Bank data<sup>i</sup>, the world population is 7.75 billion people and growing with a projection to reach 11 billion people by 2100. Currently, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, including 800 million without basic drinking water services. According to the United Nations UN) water, an estimated 3.6 billion people lack access to safely managed sanitation, while an estimated 2.3 billion people lack access to basic handwashing facilities. Compounding these issues is the threat of climate change, which will likely cause further disruption to basic water services across the globe, meaning more people at risk of lacking their basic human right to water. How can world leaders continue to ensure this basic right with a growing population and the already critical impacts of climate change?

In this session, we will hear from keynote speaker Amanda Loeffen on the importance of planning for water equity within the context of a changing climate and a growing population. To achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6), we will need all sectors and authorities to work together and come up with meaningful and bold actions to ensure that the human right to water is secured for all people in these pressing times.

The session aims to reflect on the human rights-based approach to safe and secure access to Water for All within the context of a changing climate and growing population. Each speaker will present on their current risks, opportunities and successes with regards to the human right to water, as well as reflect on how different actors in and beyond the water sector can support the cause, including the role and perspectives of:

- Women and youth
- Innovation and technology
- Public and private sectors
- Rural and urban communities

**Target Audience:** Academia, Policy Makers, Civil society, NGOs, Business



**Conveners:** WATERSHARE; HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER (HR2W), SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (SAHRC), WRC

**Chair:** Mamohloding Tlhagale

15:00	Welcome and opening remark	<b>Dr Mamohloding Tlhagale, WRC</b>
15:05	Keynote address	<b>Dr Amanda Loeffen, HR2W</b>
15:15	Panel discussion: Human Rights Based Approaches for a Resilient Future <i>2-3 min overview from each country</i> - - <i>Ms Yuri Ramkissoo, SAHRC</i> - <i>Mr Gonzalo MESCHENGIESER, AYSA</i> - <i>Dr Heather Smith, Cranfield University</i>	<b>Ms Lisa Andrews, Watershare</b>
15:45	Facilitated Q&A (to address unanswered questions from the Q&A box)	<b>Dr Mamohloding Tlhagale, and all</b>
15:55-16:00	Closure and way forward	<b>Dr Lydia Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia, Watershare</b>

<sup>i</sup> <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>  
<https://www.unwater.org/who-and-unicef-launch-updated-estimates-for-water-sanitation-and-hygiene/>

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