



GOVERNANCE AND TRANSFORMATION

Monday, 20 September 2021 | 14:00-15:30 (CAT)

Water governance is becoming an increasingly prominent field of research as recognition grows that many water crises are attributable more to governance failures than resource scarcity. Research agendas are increasingly turning to those aspects of water governance that remain in a state of flux in South Africa. The unfinished business of transforming the water sector and bedding down new models for policy and practice has been shown to cut directly to many of the persistent challenges being experienced in the sector. This session provides an opportunity to examine some of the contemporary insights into governance and transformation emerging through WRC-supported research, and their relevance to the pressing challenges in the water sector and beyond. The session will contribute to the ongoing process of refining the research agenda for the WRC water governance portfolio.

Chair: John Dini

14:00	Welcome and overview of the session	Mr John Dini, WRC
14:05	Decolonising water access and allocation: A renewed effort to address persistent inequalities in the water sector	Dr Beatrice Dube, Hydrossoft Institute
14:30	Improving equity and redress through transformation of Irrigation Boards to Water User Associations	Mr Quinex Chiluwe, Boloka Development
14:55	Ethically-grounded and value-based approaches to water governance	Dr Nelson Odume, RU
15:20-15:30	Discussion and closure	Mr John Dini, WRC