



AWS GLOBAL WATER STEWARDSHIP FORUM

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DRAFT PROGRAM (DRAFT: 12 OCTOBER)

DAY 1: BIG ISSUES: USING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE TO TACKLE THE BIG ISSUES IN AWS SYSTEM

08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:10	Welcome address	Michael Spencer, Chair, AWS
09:10-09:30	Key note addresses	Brad Moggridge, Special Advisor on First Peoples' Water, Australia
09:30-10:45	Big Issue 1: The international context for water stewardship Our opening plenary will set the international context for the Forum, dealing with drivers and expectations from public policy and corporate strategy perspectives, and water stewardship's contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Jean-Paul Penrose, DFID Karen Delfau, Australian Water Partnership Mansi Jasuja, Netherlands Water Network Mohamed El Sahili, Fairy Bottling Adrian Sym, AWS Moderator, Kemi Seesink, CARE USA
10:45-11:15	Networking tea/coffee break	
11:15-12:45	Big Issue 2: Implementing the AWS Standard in agriculture This session will use case studies to understand the challenges and opportunities of application of the AWS Standard in agriculture.	Lessons will be drawn from diverse case studies including Ibersparragal, Spain Mars, Water Witness International Moderator, Nick Hepworth, WWI
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-15:00	Big issue 3: Understanding local context	
	Breakout session 1: Water scarcity This session will explore lessons and emerging challenges from different water scarce contexts, including ITC in India and the WAPRO project in Central and South Asia, and from WWF's support for implementation of the AWS Standard in Pakistan Moderator, Matt Howard AWS	Breakout session 2: Water quality This session will explore how water stewardship can deal with water quality challenges, including contributions on pharmaceuticals and primary chemicals from NHS Highland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (Scotland), ABP food production in Ireland, and WWF's work in China and India. Moderator, Zhenzhen XU, AWS
		Breakout session 3: WASH and water stewardship This session will examine how water stewardship is contributing to challenges relating to access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene at a local level. Lessons will be drawn from practical experiences of WaterAid, WBCSD and AWS. Moderator: Peter Lochery, CARE USA
15:00-15:30	Sharing outputs from breakout sessions and interactive discussion (plenary)	
15:30-15:45	Networking tea/coffee break	
15:45-17:00	Big issue 4: Connecting local context with international processes	
	Breakout session 1: Water stewardship and supply chains Using experiences from Spain and Peru with AWS members Edeka and M&S, this session will explore the challenges and opportunities of driving water stewardship through supply chains. Moderated by WWF-Germany	Breakout session 2: Context-Based Water Targets This session will discuss the ongoing collaborative work to encourage corporate water target setting that is informed by local hydro-ecological conditions at the basin level, social needs and local to global public policy objectives. Moderator: Alexis Morgan, WWF
		Breakout session 3: AWS audits: Ensuring quality and consistency of interpretation This discussion will use experience from assessing AWS Standard, to identify the challenges of applying global requirements in individual contexts, drawing lessons from AZAO and SGS Peru. Moderated by Alasdair McGregor, Exova BMTrada
17:00-17:30	Sharing outputs from breakout sessions and interactive discussion (plenary)	
17:30-17:45	Summary of day 1	
17:45-19:00	Drinks reception sponsored by Diageo	

DAY 2: DRIVERS: TRIGGERING THE DRIVERS FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN AWS

09:00 – 09:15	Recap of day 1 and introduction to day 2 program and Introduction to AWS Standard revision	Richard Robertson, AWS
09:15-10:30	Working with influencers	
	Breakout 1: Engaging the public sector This session will look into different ways in which the public sector has been engaged and how this can inform different contexts and scales. Examples will be drawn from Restore the Earth, Veolia and Central Solutions Moderator, Ed Pinero, Pinero Group	Breakout 2: Building Water Stewardship Clusters Irrigation Trusts, Industrial Parks, Industry Associations, Community Groups all offer opportunities to build water stewardship clusters. This session will explore models for cluster building that leverage public and private benefits of water stewardship. These models require collective work to define catchment challenges, measure and track outcomes that can monetise these benefits and deliver a strong business case. Moderated by AWS Asia Pacific
		Breakout 3: Standard system integration Supporting other sustainability standards is a long-term goal for AWS. This session will look at work to lower barriers to apply the AWS Standard alongside other standards including BCI and EWS Moderated by Alexis Morgan, WWF
10:30-11:00	Sharing outputs from breakout sessions and interactive discussion (plenary)	
11:00-11:30	Networking tea/coffee break	
11:30-12:45	Emerging sectors for water stewardship Water stewardship is quickly gaining traction in food and beverage, agricultural supply chains, chemicals and other sectors. There are also a number of emerging areas in which water stewardship is taking root and the benefits of a broader contextual approach to water are being appreciated.	Healthcare: Elaine Mead, CEO NHS Highland Sport: Jonathan Smith, CEO, Golf Environment Organization Hotels and tourism: International Tourism Partnership Mining: AWS Standard and ICMM: Sarah McKay, ERM Industrial Parks: Zhenzhen XU, AWS-Asia Pacific Moderated by Adrian Sym, AWS
12:45-13:00	Presentation of AWS Water Stewardship Prize	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
13:15-14:00	Lunchtime brownbag session: Building a National Roadmap for Water Stewardship across Industry and Agriculture	Central Solutions, Ireland
	Building the business case: understanding public and private benefits	
14:00-14:15	Strengthening the business case: Delivering outcomes for governments and investors This short session will set the scene for the afternoon's discussions by using recent research to illustrate the potential for water stewardship to support desired outcomes for governments and the investment community.	AWS Standard and SEEA framework: AWS Asia Pacific
14:15-15:45	Strengthening the business case: Using evidence to understand the cost-benefit of the AWS Standard and the role of the AWS Standard in financial risk management Achieving scale needs clearer articulation of the business benefits of water stewardship (both private and public benefits). This session will look in detail at experiences and methodologies of major companies who have implemented the AWS Standard, and how finance and investment can be more actively engaged.	Nestle Diageo WRI Valuing Nature Walter Scott Investments Aberdeen Standard Investments Moderated by Chris Brown, Olam
15:45-16:15	Strengthening the business case: ensuring organisational resilience – interactive discussion What can we learn from other voluntary sustainability standards? How can we apply these learnings to ensure that AWS is adequately funded to accomplish its mission?	Alan McClay, CEO, BCI Moderated by Barry Clarke, AWS
16:15-16:30	Closing session Summary of Forum outcomes and outline of next steps for AWS	