

# AWS GLOBAL WATER STEWARDSHIP FORUM 2025

## HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMME

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AWS GLOBAL WATER STEWARDSHIP FORUM DAY 1 (TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025)		
8:30	<b>Sign-in and Badge Collection</b> – 30 minutes <i>Coffee and tea will be available</i>	
9:00	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING OF DAY 1</b> The Forum will begin with opening remarks on the future of water and water stewardship's contribution. 30 minutes	
9:30	<b>STOCKTAKING ON WATER STEWARDSHIP</b> Presentations highlighting recent research on the impact and future direction of water stewardship. 60 minutes	
10:30	<b>Tea Break</b> – 30 minutes	
11:00	<b>STOCKTAKING ON WATER STEWARDSHIP: GROUP WORK</b> Groupwork on selected findings from the two research pieces presented in the previous session. 60 minutes	
12:00	<b>FINANCE FOR ACTION ON WATER STEWARDSHIP</b> This session will explore opportunities in mobilising finance and investor action on water stewardship, using expert overviews from finance, NGO platforms and business. 60 minutes	
13:00	<b>Lunch</b> – 60 minutes	
14:00	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>WATER STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION</b> A showcase of water stewardship in action, drawing on a diverse range of examples implemented across different scales. 75 minutes	<b>NATIONAL POLICY COLLABORATION</b> This session will explore different examples of national policy collaboration that advance water stewardship action in different parts of the world. 75 minutes
15:15	<b>Tea Break</b> – 30 minutes	
15:45	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>WATER STEWARDSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY CHAINS</b> This session will examine how components of the AWS Standard could serve as a foundation to help companies address water risks in agricultural supply chains. 60 minutes	<b>WATER STEWARDSHIP IN TECH</b> This session will explore current practice on water stewardship in tech and future opportunities to scale action in its supply chains. 60 minutes
16:45	<b>Return to Plenary Room</b> – 15 minutes	
17:00	<b>INTRODUCING JAPAN WATER STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP GROUP</b> In March, AWS Members based in Japan (or with significant operations in Japan) launched the Japan Water Stewardship Leadership Group. During the session the group members will introduce the mission of the group and discuss the opportunities presented through collaboration. 30 minutes	
17:30	<b>Close of day 1</b>	
18:00	<b>Drinks reception at the Kimpton Charlotte Square</b>	

19:00	Dinner at the Kimpton Charlotte Square (pre-booking required)	
AWS GLOBAL WATER STEWARDSHIP FORUM DAY 2 (WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025)		
08:30	Sign-in and Badge Collection – 30 minutes <i>Coffee and tea will be available</i>	
9:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	<b>AWS MEMBERSHIP DIALOGUE</b> A key opportunity to connect and consult with AWS Members about the growth of the Alliance for Water Stewardship, including creating a compelling value proposition for stakeholders in the Global South.  75 minutes	<b>BIODIVERSITY AND WATER STEWARDSHIP</b> Speakers will share insights into the synergies of biodiversity and water, examining ways to help build the business case for action and the practical methods for reporting impact.  75 minutes
10:15	Tea break – 30 minutes	
10:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	<b>AWS STANDARD</b> This interactive session will provide an opportunity for AWS Members and partners to provide feedback on the second draft of the AWS Standard V3.0 as part of the public consultation process.  75 minutes	<b>REUSE AND WATER STEWARDSHIP</b> This session will explore the relationship between water reuse and water stewardship. It aims to identify a pathway through which reuse and stewardship can support each other in the pursuit of the common goal of water security.  75 minutes
12:00	Lunch – 60 minutes	
13:00	<b>COLLECTIVE ACTION</b>  This session will explore the diversity of collective action initiatives being initiated around the world, spotlighting how opportunities to work collaboratively can arise from a range of different stakeholders and points of origin.  90 minutes	
14:30	Tea break – 30 minutes	
15:00	<b>WATER STEWARDSHIP IN INDUSTRIAL PARKS</b>  This session will explore opportunities, synergies and lessons for anchoring water stewardship in industrial parks. It introduces industrial parks as an important opportunity for scaling up water stewardship, advancing innovation and building resilience.  60 minutes	
16:00	<b>INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES</b>  The international water policy space is full of important actions, processes and global decision-making developments. How can we elevate water stewardship leadership in these discussions? Drawing on the previous day’s conversation, this session will explore this question and more.  60 minutes	
17:00	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>  15 minutes	
18:00	Join us for an informal evening at the pub (Innis & Gunn, Lothian Road)	

