

Global South Academic Conclave 2026

6th -7th February 2026, Ahmedabad

Draft Agenda

Time	Sessions
DAY 1 – 6th February, 2026	
8:00 – 9:00 CFP Passage	Registration
9:00 – 10:00 BNB Hall	Inauguration and Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meera Mehta and Dinesh Mehta, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, IndiaDhruv Bhavsar and Aasim Mansuri, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, IndiaShalini Sinha, Faculty of Planning-CEPT University, IndiaBarjor Mehta, CEPT University and CRDF, IndiaSakshi Gudwani, Gates Foundation, IndiaMedje Prahm, Viega Foundation, Germany
10:00 – 10:45 BNB Hall	Keynote Address 1- Neeta Pokhrel, ADB, Philippines Introduction- Aasim Mansuri, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, India
10:45 – 11:15	Tea and networking break
11:15 – 12:15 BNB Hall	Panel Discussion – Data driven actions and innovations for WASH and Climate Change Moderator: Sakshi Gudwani, Gates Foundation, India <ul style="list-style-type: none">Alejandro Jimenez, IVL, SwedenDinesh Mehta, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, IndiaManvita Baradi, UMC, IndiaMartin Kalibbala, Kampala Water, UgandaS.M. Vijayanand (Retd. IAS), India
12:15-13:00 BNB Hall	Keynote Address 2 – Silver Mugisha, NWSC, Uganda Introduction- Darshan Parikh, CRDF-CEPT University, India
13:00-14:00	Lunch (South Lawn)
14:00 – 15:00 BNB Hall	Panel Discussion- Water, Climate and Gender Moderator: Aasim Mansuri, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, India <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bijal Brahmbhatt, MHT, IndiaJane Nabunnya Mulumba, IRC, UgandaNeeta Pokhrel, ADB, PhilippinesNitin Bassi, CEEW, IndiaPallavi Sobti-Rajpal, Utthan, India
15:00-15:45 BNB Hall	Keynote Address 3- Patrick Moriarty, IRC, Netherlands Introduction- Dhruv Bhavsar, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, India
15:45-16:00	Tea and networking break

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16:00 – 17:30	Technical Session 1 “Monitoring WASH outcomes and climate impacts” (BNB Hall) Chaired by: Nitika Bhakuni, FP CEPT	Technical Session 2 “Governance and Financing for inclusive and climate resilient WASH” (FA 101a) Chaired by: Upasana Yadav, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University	Technical Session 3 “WASH innovations in technology and service delivery” (Sagara Basement) Chaired by: Jignesh Mehta, FP CEPT	Technical Session 4 “WASH innovations in technology and service delivery” (FP Audi) Chaired by: Aditi Dwivedi, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University	Technical Session 5 “Inclusive and climate resilient WASH” (CFP 307) Chaired by: Melissa Smith, FP CEPT
17:30-19:00	Partner Session 1 Sanitation for Climate Resilience and Inclusion: Securing Water Systems in a Changing Climate (Sagara Basement) NFSSM and Climate Rise Alliance	Partner Session 2 Integrating Inclusion Aspects in Urban WASH Curriculum (FA 101a) Global Sanitation Graduate School	Partner Session 3 Kutch Partners Meet: Advancing Last-Mile Access to Safe Drinking Water (CFP 307) DASRA (Closed room discussion)	Partner Session 4 Women in Water and Sanitation: Leadership, Pathways and Practice (FP Audi) ADB and CWAS	
19:00 onwards	Cultural program (Kund) and Gala Dinner (South Lawn)				
DAY 2- 7 th February, 2026					
8:00 – 9:00	Tea and Networking				
9:00 – 9:15	Reflections from Day 1				
9:15-10:00 Sagara Basement	Keynote Address 4 – Aloka Majumdar, HSBC, India Introduction- Dinesh Mehta, CRDF-CEPT University, India				
10:00 – 11:00 Sagara Basement	Panel Discussion - Governance and financing for climate resilient and inclusive WASH Moderator: Dhruv Bhavsar, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, India <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aparna Dua, Blended Finance Company, IndiaHamanth Kasan, IWA, South AfricaHarish Ahuja, Social Stock Exchange, IndiaMeera Mehta, CWAS, CRDF-CEPT University, IndiaNeha Kumar, Climate Bonds Initiative, India				
11:00-11:45 Sagara Basement	Keynote Address 5- Oswald Chanda, Former AfDB, Côte d'Ivoire Introduction- Meera Mehta, CRDF-CEPT University, India				
11:45-12:45 Sagara Basement	Panel Discussion –Academic discourse on WASH climate and urban planning Moderator: Mona Iyer, Faculty of Planning-CEPT, India <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jagath Munasinghe, University of Moratuwa, Sri LankaKalimuthu Arumugam Pillai, WASHI, IndiaMeenakshi Arora, University of Melbourne, AustraliaRajul Gajjar, Gujarat Technological University, India				
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch (South Lawn)				
13:45-14:30 Sagara Basement	Keynote Address 6 –Kate Medlicott, WHO, Switzerland Introduction-Arwa Bharmal, CRDF-CEPT University, India				

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14:30– 16:00	Technical Session 1 “Monitoring WASH outcomes and climate impacts” (U04-201) Chaired by: Anil Roy, FP CEPT	Technical Session 2 “Governance and Financing for inclusive and climate resilient WASH” (Sagara Basement) Chaired by: Saswat Bandyopadhyay FP CEPT	Technical Session 3 “Governance and Financing for inclusive and climate resilient WASH” (FA-101a) Chaired by: Rajiv Kadam, FP CEPT	Technical Session 4 “WASH innovations in technology and service delivery” (FP Audi) Chaired by: Kasturi Joshi, CWAS-CEPT, CRDF	Technical Session 5 “Inclusive and climate resilient WASH” (CFP 307) Chaired by: Ravi Sannabhadti, FP CEPT
16:00-16:30	Tea and networking break				
16:30-18:00 North lawn	Open poster exhibition – Open Academic Forum Jury Members: Arjun Joshi, Gargi Mishra, Mansi Shah , Narendra Mangwani, Siddh Doshi, Subhrangsu Goswami				
18:00-18:30 Sagara Basement	Concluding Session– Vote of Thanks				

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