

# Global South Academic Conclave 2025 - WASH and Climate

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21-23 Feb 2025 | CEPT University, Ahmedabad

Draft Agenda	
Time	Sessions
<b>Day 1 – 21 Feb 2025</b>	
8:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Barjor Mehta, CEPT University</li><li>- Suren Vakil, CRDF</li><li>- Sakshi Gudwani, Gates Foundation</li><li>- Marina Brueckner-Supriyono, Viega Foundation</li><li>- Shalini Sinha, FP-CEPT University</li><li>- Meera Mehta, CWAS</li><li>- Dinesh Mehta, CWAS</li></ul>
10:00 – 11:30	Reflections on PAS@15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation (Meera Mehta, CWAS / Dinesh Mehta, CWAS)</li><li>• Launch of PAS@15 Report</li><li>• Reflections from PAS advisors and partners<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- D.M. Sukthankar (virtual), Retired IAS - Govt. of Maharashtra</li><li>- K. Srinivas, MoHUA Govt. of India (TBC)</li><li>- C.K. Koshy, Retired IAS - Govt. of Gujarat</li><li>- IP Gautam, SRFDCL</li><li>- Louis Boorstein, Osprey Foundation</li><li>- Rachel Cardone, Resilient Water Accelerator</li><li>- Sakshi Gudwani, Gates Foundation</li><li>- Manvita Baradi, UMC</li><li>- Utkarsha Kavadi, RCUES-AILSG</li></ul></li></ul>
11:30 – 12:00	Tea and networking break
12:00 – 12:45	Keynote address – Rick Johnston, WHO
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Panel discussion: Experiences in WASH monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Moderator - Dinesh Mehta, CWAS</li><li>- Meera Mehta, CWAS</li><li>- Helena Allegre, Hydraulics &amp; Environment - National Civil Engineering Lab Portugal</li><li>- Patrick Ty, MWSS Philippines</li><li>- Pratima Joshi, Shelter Associates</li><li>- Sujata Nair, SPAN Malaysia</li><li>- Sahana Goswami, WRI</li></ul>
15:00 – 15:45	Keynote address – Sheela Patel, SPARC

15:45 – 16:15	Tea and networking break				
16:15 – 17:30	Technical Session 1.1: Monitoring WASH outcomes	Technical Session 2.1: Governance and financing for climate resilient WASH	Technical Session 3.1: Inclusive and climate resilient water systems	Technical Session 3.2: Inclusive and climate resilient sanitation systems	Technical Session 4.1: Innovations in technology and water service delivery
17:30 – 19:00	<p>Partner session: Global Water &amp; Sanitation Center (GWSC)</p> <p>Advancing CWIS for climate resilient service delivery: Lessons from GWSC's Regional Experience</p>	<p>Partner session: Resilient Water Accelerator (RWA)</p> <p>PAS Creditworthiness Assessment Tool for improving access to financing</p>	<p>Partner session: ADBI</p> <p>Accountability Mechanisms for Inclusive City-Level Public Services in Asia</p>	<p>Technical session: Poster Presentations and jury</p> <p>Jury: Subrangsu Goswami, Melissa Smith, Purvi Chhadva, Rajiv Kadam</p>	

## Day 2 – 22 Feb 2025

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome and Day 2 Agenda
9:45 – 10:30	Keynote address – Sunita Narain, CSE
10:30 – 11:00	Tea and networking break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Panel discussion: Policies and Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderator - Meera Mehta, CWAS</li> <li>- Alok Majumdar, HSBC</li> <li>- Kartikeya Sarabhai, CEE</li> <li>- Punit Lalbhai, Arvind Limited</li> <li>- Jitendra Singh, ADB</li> <li>- Vida Dutti, IRC Ghana</li> <li>- Srikanth Viswanathan, Janaagraha</li> <li>- Sujata Srikumar, PowerTec</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:45	Keynote address – Rakesh Mohan, Centre for Social and Economic Progress
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	Keynote address – Ashok Khosla, Development Alternatives
14:45 – 15:45	<p>Panel discussion: Academic discourse on WASH climate and urban planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moderator - Mona Iyer, CEPT University</li> <li>- A. Kalimuthu, WASH-I</li> <li>- Ashok Kumar, SPA Delhi</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jaya Saxena, NRSC - ISRO</li> <li>- Kavita Wankhade, IIHS</li> <li>- Subodh Sharma, Kathmandu University</li> <li>- Sangam Shreshtha, GWSC-AIT</li> <li>- Komli Yenneti, University of Wolverhampton UK</li> </ul>			
15:45 – 16:15	Tea and networking break			
16:15 – 17:30	Technical Session 1.2 Monitoring emissions in WASH	Technical Session 2.2 Governance for climate resilient WASH	Technical Session 3.3 Inclusive and climate resilient WASH in slums	Technical Session 4.2: Innovations in technology and sanitation service delivery
17:30 – 19:00	Partner session: NFSSM Alliance  Innovations for Climate proofing Sanitation Service Delivery	Partner session: Climate Rise Alliance  Building Resilience: Integrating WASH Systems into the Built Environment	Partner session: IWA (TBD) / GSGS (TBD)	Technical session: Poster Presentations and jury
19:00 - 20:00	Closing remarks			
20:00 onwards	Gala dinner and cultural night			
<b>Day 3 – 23 Feb 2025</b>				
8:00 onwards	Field visits (pre-registration required) Ahmedabad Heritage Walk (7 am – 11 am) Modhera Sun Temple (7 am – 4 pm)			