

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

THEMATIC PROCESS SESSION CONTRIBUTION

11th WORLD WATER FORUM

Application period	10 August - 13 September 2026
Deadline	13 September 2026, 23:59 (KSA time, UTC+3)

Roles Open for Expression of Interest

Session Co-Coordinator	Supports the planning, development, and delivery of a Thematic Session in close coordination with the relevant Theme and Topic Coordination Groups, drawing on the institution's expertise, networks, and practices.
Session Speaker	Presents relevant expertise, experience, initiatives, solutions, or practical cases that contribute directly to the session topic and expected outcomes.
Expert Providing Suggestions or Recommendations	Provides relevant expertise through written inputs and/or participation in preparatory discussions supporting the further development of the session.

Who May Apply?

Applications must be submitted through two separate online forms corresponding to the role sought:

- **Session Co-Coordinator** Application Form - **open to institutions only.**
- **Session Speaker and/or Expert** Providing Suggestions or Recommendations Application Form - **open to individuals only.**

An institution may apply for the Session Co-Coordinator role, while an individual affiliated with the same institution may separately apply for a Session Speaker and/or Expert role.

Important: All institutions and individuals wishing to be considered must apply through the applicable official form, regardless of whether they are already involved in the Thematic Process Working Group. This applies equally to current Theme Coordinators, Topic Coordinators, and Working Group members.

Application Forms and Session List

Application Guidelines & Session List with Descriptions, Thematic Framework	[APPLICATION GUIDELINES, SESSION LIST AND DESCRIPTIONS, TP FRAMEWORK]
Session Co-Coordinator Application Form	[APPLICATION FOR SESSION CO-COORDINATOR]
Session Speaker and/or Expert Application Form	[APPLICATION FOR SPEAKER OR EXPERT]

Contact

For further information on the 11th World Water Forum Thematic Process and this open call, please contact:

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We look forward to your active participation and valuable contribution.

Co-hosts of the 11th World Water Forum

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Application Guidelines

11th World Water Forum Thematic Process Session Contribution

Please read these guidelines carefully before completing the application.

APPLICATION PERIOD

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1. Background and Purpose

The Thematic Process of the 11th World Water Forum is being developed through Theme- and Topic-level Working Groups, which form the core structure for preparing the Forum framework. Additional inputs and contributions have been gathered from a broad range of stakeholders through the 1st and 2nd Stakeholders Consultation Meetings.

Drawing on the information, knowledge, experience, practices and initiatives accumulated through this process, the Working Groups have prepared the thematic concept notes available on the Forum website www.worldwaterforum.org. The process is now moving into the development of the sessions through which the resulting outputs and ideas, solutions, innovative practices and initiatives will be presented and advanced during the Forum.

PURPOSE OF THE OPEN CALL

This open call provides an opportunity for a wider range of institutions and individuals to contribute to the Thematic Sessions of the 11th World Water Forum. It also serves as the formal application process for members of the existing Coordination Groups who wish to take on a specific role in sessions.

The Forum seeks action-oriented sessions that bring forward concrete initiatives, proven practices and real-world cases. Applicants are invited to contribute knowledge, experience and proposals that can be translated into concrete actions and implementation-oriented outcomes.

2. Roles Open for Expression of Interest

SESSION CO-COORDINATOR **Institutional role**

Supports the planning, development and delivery of a thematic session in close coordination with the relevant Theme and Topic Coordination Group, drawing on expertise, networks and practices that contribute to the session's expected outcomes.

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SESSION SPEAKER **Individual role**

Presents relevant expertise, experience, initiatives or practical cases that contribute directly to the session topic and expected outcomes.

EXPERT PROVIDING SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS **Individual role**

Contributes relevant expertise through written inputs and/or participation in preparatory discussions.

3. Choose the Correct Application Form

Applications for the three contribution roles must be submitted through two separate forms. Applicants must use the form corresponding to the roles they are applying.

FORM 1	FORM 2
Session Co-Coordinator Application Form OPEN TO INSTITUTIONS ONLY A designated focal person (A Session Coordination Focal Point) must be identified, and the institution must be able to provide the organizational support required for coordination responsibilities.	Session Speaker and/or Expert Application Form OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS ONLY Individuals may apply for a Session Speaker role, an Expert role, or both, subject to the application limits below.
WHERE APPLICABLE, BOTH FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED An institution may apply for the Session Co-Coordinator role, while an individual affiliated with that institution may separately apply for the Session Speaker and/or Expert role.	

4. Application Limits and Duplicate-Submission Rules

Applicant	Maximum selections	Key submission rule
Institution	Up to five sessions	One consolidated form per institution. (The same or a different Session Coordination Focal Point may be designated for each session.)
Individual	Up to two roles	One individual form in total.

- Individuals identified as **‘Proposed Session Coordination Focal Point’** in the **Session Co-coordinator application** may also apply for additional roles up to **two** in total as a **Session Speaker and/or and Expert**.

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5. Additional Institutional Requirements

- If a Session Co-Coordinator application is submitted by a regional office or branch, the full official name of that office or branch must be clearly indicated.
- If more than one application form is received from the same institution, the form with the latest submission timestamp before the deadline will be treated as the institution's final application and will be the only form reviewed by the Forum Secretariat.

6. Requirements for All Candidates

All institutions and individuals wishing to be considered for any of the three roles **must apply, or be included in an application, through the applicable official form, regardless of whether they are currently involved in the Thematic Process Working Groups. This requirement applies equally to current Theme Coordinators, Topic Coordinators and Working Group members.**

An institution or individual that does not apply through the official open call will not be considered as a candidate for any of the three roles.

7. Selection and Announcement Process

A high number of applications is expected. Selection and announcement will proceed in the following sequence:

1	SELECT SESSION CO-COORDINATORS	Theme Co-Coordinator select Session Co-Coordinator after consultation with the relevant Topic Coordinators. The Forum Secretariat announces the selected institutions based on the Thematic Process co-chairs' approval.
2	FURTHER DEVELOP THE SESSIONS	Selected Session Co-Coordinator work with the relevant Theme and Topic Coordination Groups, building on the concept notes, draft session descriptions and other work already undertaken.
3	SELECT SPEAKERS AND EXPERTS	Based on the consultations and needs of each session, Session Co-Coordinator select the final Session Speakers and Experts Providing Suggestions or Recommendations from among the applicants.
4	ANNOUNCE RESULTS	Applicants are informed of the outcome of the role or roles for which they applied through the relevant result announcement.

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PLEASE NOTE

Applications for Session Speaker or Expert Providing Suggestions or Recommendations will remain under consideration regardless of the outcome of the affiliated institution's application for the Session Co-Coordinator role.

Submitting an expression of interest does not guarantee selection.

8. Before You Submit

✓	Confirm that you are using the correct form for the role sought.
✓	Review the relevant thematic concept note and session description before selecting a session.
✓	Ensure that the application remains within the applicable session or role-session limits.
✓	Submit the final application by 13 September 2026, 23:59 (KSA time, UTC+3).

9. Application Links and Contact

Session List & Descriptions, Thematic Process Framework	[TP_SESSION_LIST, DESCRIPTIONS]
Thematic Concept Notes	[THEMATIC_CONCEPT_NOTES]
Application Form for Session Co-Coordinator	[APPLICATION_FOR_SESSION_CO-COORDINATOR]
Application Form for Session Speaker / Expert	[APPLICATION_FOR_SPEAKER_OR_EXPERT]

For further information, please contact the 11th World Water Forum Secretariat – Thematic Process Team:
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We look forward to your valuable contribution to the Thematic Sessions of the 11th World Water Forum.