



Water Stewardship: Partnership and Financing Models for Scale

With water demand outpacing supply and growing water risks across geographies, there is increasing recognition amongst governments, businesses and civil society organizations of the need for partnership-based models to catalyze water security solutions.

SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, 30 August, 2018
2 pm – 3.30 pm
Room: NL Pillar Hall**

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This event brings together several catalytic organizations and initiatives to discuss the power of partnerships in accelerating stewardship outcomes. With a shared vision on how water stewardship can contribute to water security, these initiatives are increasingly exploring mechanisms for collaborative and concerted action, with the aim of scaling up impacts.

The event, aligned with the overall World Water Week theme of water, ecosystems and human development, aims to present country-level examples of water stewardship networks and the synergies established across stakeholder groups, discuss how innovative financing models can drive sustainability of solutions, identify key factors for the effective design and delivery of programs, with a focus on scale, and develop a joint action plan for further collaboration to enhance the impacts of stewardship initiatives

PROGRAM

The session is planned as a workshop on the topic of water stewardship, to promote sharing of learnings and successes, and brainstorm on avenues for greater collaboration across stakeholder groups.

14:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Session

14:05 Statement of Intent (SOI) for Coordinated Action on Water Stewardship

- Commitment to improve collaboration on water stewardship among co-conveners
- Invitation to other stakeholders to partner on water stewardship
- Highlights of successful collaborative action models in-country
- Initial ideas for implementation of the SOI

14:30 Country Engagements – Collaboration on Water Stewardship – World Café Format

Break-out table discussions on the country context and stage of water stewardship engagement, with open brainstorming on future course of action.

India (adapting stewardship to the local context)

- What is the role of business in stewardship?
- How should area-based and sectoral initiatives be prioritized?

Brazil (a nascent stewardship initiative)

- What are the most critical elements to consider in the design of a new stewardship initiative?
- Who should take the lead to play the role of convener?

South Africa (relatively mature stewardship initiative)

- What are the lessons emerging from the South Africa collaboration?
- What financing mechanisms were adopted?
- Are there opportunities for scale-up and replication?

15:15 Plenary Discussion on Way Forward

- Identified partnership and financing models for collaboration
- Potential areas for future action

15:25 Concluding Remarks