

REACH Conference on Water Security and Poverty

27-29 March 2019 | Keble College, University of Oxford, UK

Since 2015, the DFID-funded REACH programme has been collaborating with government, practitioner and enterprise stakeholders to improve water security for millions of poor people in Africa and South Asia by delivering world-class science that influences policy and practice.

On 27-29 March, REACH's international conference on Water Security and Poverty will convene leading practitioners and scientists in Oxford to discuss key results to date from REACH in Bangladesh, Kenya and Ethiopia, and continue to shape major academic, policy and practice debates around water security and poverty.

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27 March

12:30 High-level lunch

14:00 **Welcome**

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford

14:15 **Plenary | REACH successes, challenges and prospects**

Professor Katrina Charles, University of Oxford, REACH programme co-director
Professor Rob Hope, University of Oxford, REACH programme director

15:30 Coffee and refreshment break

16:00 **High-level panel | Water security, risk and poverty**

Chair: Dr Irene Guijt, Oxfam GB

- Mr Abul Kalam Azad, Chief Coordinator for SDG Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Bangladesh
- H.E. Dr Seleshi Bekele, Minister, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Government of Ethiopia
- Hon. Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Government of Kenya
- Dr Ana Gren, Senior Policy Specialist for Water Resources Management and Sanitation, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

17:30 Close

18:45 Dinner, Keble dining Hall

09:00 Plenary | Addressing water quality risks for the poor

Chair: Dr Sara Marks, EAWAG

- Professor Katrina Charles, University of Oxford
- Professor Md. Abed Hossain, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- Dr Seifu Kebede, University of Addis Ababa
- Professor Mashfiqus Salehin, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- Discussants: Professor Susan Elliott, University of Waterloo; Dara Johnston, UNICEF Bangladesh

10:30 Coffee and refreshment break

11:00 Breakout 1 | Institutions, risk and poverty

Chair: Professor Rob Hope, University of Oxford

- Dr Tena Alamirew, Water and Land Resource Centre
- Alex Fischer, University of Oxford
- Professor Md. Abed Hossain, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- Dr Johanna Koehler, University of Oxford
- Dr Maggie Opondo, University of Nairobi

Breakout 2 | Managing for climate resilience

Chair: Dan Yeo, Independent Analyst

- Dr Catherine Grasham, University of Oxford
- Dr Feyera Hirpa, University of Oxford
- Dr Meron Teferi Taye, Water and Land Resource Centre
- Discussants: H.E. Dr Seleshi Bekele, Minister, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Government of Ethiopia; Dr Alan Nicol, International Water Management Institute

Breakout 3 | Integrated approaches to rural water security

Chair: Professor Tassew Woldehanna, University of Addis Ababa

- Nancy Balfour, Centre for Humanitarian Change
- Dr Salome Bukachi, University of Nairobi
- Dr Sarah Dickin, Stockholm Environment Institute
- John Gowing, Newcastle University
- Dr Claudia Ringler, International Food Policy Research Institute

Breakout 4 | Not just respondents: knowledge co-production through transdisciplinary participatory research

- Dr Irene Guijt, Oxfam GB
 - Dr Deepa Joshi, Coventry University
 - Dr Jasber Singh, Coventry University
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12:30 Lunch, Keble dining Hall

13:45 **Panel | Aligning sectors to achieve SDG6.3**

Chair: Dr Graham Alabaster, UN-HABITAT

- Dr Jenny Grönwall, Stockholm International Water Institute
 - Dr Nilufa Islam, Bangladesh Water Partnership
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15:15 Coffee and refreshment break

15:45 **Plenary | Water justice: recognising gendered needs and practices**

Chair: Dr Alan Nicol, International Water Management Institute

- Dr Salome Bukachi, University of Nairobi
 - Dr Deepa Joshi, Coventry University
 - Dr Marina Korzenevica-Proud, University of Oxford
 - Dr Maggie Opondo, University of Nairobi
 - Dr Zenawi Zerihun, Mekelle University
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17:30 Drinks reception and poster exhibition

18:45 Dinner, Keble dining Hall



09:00 **Breakout 1 | Groundwater and poverty in Africa**

Chair: Dr Johanna Koehler, University of Oxford

- Dr Irene Guijt, Oxfam GB
- Dr Seifu Kebede, University of Addis Ababa
- Professor Daniel Olago, University of Nairobi
- Florence Tanui, University of Nairobi

Break out 2 | The challenge of achieving safe water

Chair: Dr Andrew Trevett, UNICEF Kenya

- Dr Caroline Delaire, Aquaya
- Dr Md. Sirajul Islam, icddr,b
- Dr Sara Marks, EAWAG
- Saskia Nowicki, University of Oxford

Break out 3 | African climate: knowledge production and decision making

Chair: Professor Rosalind Cornforth, University of Reading

- Dr Ellen Dyer, University of Oxford
- Dr Sophie Haines, University of Oxford
- Dr Rachel James, University of Oxford
- Dr Gilbert Ouma, University of Nairobi

10:30 Coffee and refreshment break

11:00 **Plenary | Water security across scales**

Chair: Professor Cheryl Doss, University of Oxford

- Professor Jim Hall, University of Oxford
- Dr Sonia Hoque, University of Oxford
- Md. Saif Uddin, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- Sabrina Zaman, University of Dhaka
- Discussants: Professor Daniel Olago, University of Nairobi; Professor Tassew Woldehanna, University of Addis Ababa

12:30 Conference close and lunch, Keble dining Hall
