



WATER WEEK

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EXPO ENQUIRY: How will we protect our most precious resource today, for tomorrow?

Water fuels our sustenance but also moves money, goods and people around the world, provides a valuable source of renewable energy and enables the world's food to grow. Expo is a platform to bring together citizens and stakeholders to understand how to preserve and sustainably manage this precious finite resource for infinite uses. The programme will highlight the true value of water, as well as progress and best practice in ensuring clean and adequate water for people, industry and the planet.

PROGRAMME SERIES	EVENT DESCRIPTION	EXPO-LED	CO-CURATE	HOW CAN YOU PLUG IN?
BUILD BRIDGES	Cultures in Conversation The Lifeblood of Civilisations Water has been at the centre of every civilisation since the dawn of mankind – not only shaping economies, but also cultural and religious beliefs, myths and traditions. This event spotlights the seminal role of water and water bodies across the development of distinct cultures around the world.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Nominate a panelist
	Flip Your Worldview Based on the Gapminder quiz, this lightning session will provide an opportunity for visitors to learn about and rediscover 'water' for more fact-based worldviews.	✓		Participate: - Submit case studies
	Dignified Storytelling Placing human dignity at the heart of storytelling, this event aims to foster a common understanding of how storytelling in development and humanitarian contexts can maintain the voice, integrity and dignity of communities. This session will deploy journalists, storytellers and communication experts to illustrate stories about getting clean drinking water to communities, WASH and community dependence on water-based ecosystems for sustenance and subsistence; will include examples of Expo's selected Best Practice projects and Expo Live Global Innovators.	✓		Participate: - Nominate a storyteller
	Women's Pavilion Programme Women of Arabia/Islam True stories and accounts of women leading the way in water management and WASH from different parts of the Arab and Islamic world will be narrated to highlight the catalytic role women in Islam have been playing for centuries and today, to ensure women from across the world to reach new heights.	✓		Participate: - Speaker -Audience
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	SDG Water for All: Make Every Drop Count Convening youth, policymakers, entrepreneurs, thought leaders and grassroots advocates to raise awareness on water security and how to preserve and sustainably manage this precious finite use for infinite uses. This flagship public-facing programme will mobilise citizens to act and business to commit to more sustainable water use for households, agriculture and industry.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	SDG Valuing Water: Key Discussions around the World Water Development Report Focusing on the 2022 annual release of The World Water Development Report and facilitating multi-stakeholder discussions around water security and innovative sources of finance needed to invest in water services to help achieve the SDGs as well as sustainable management of groundwater resources.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	SDG Innovative and Market-Based Best Practice Solutions in WASH Showcasing best practice in financing and innovative approaches for WASH services, the sanitation economy and market-based delivery mechanisms for achieving WASH related SDGs.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience

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LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	Women's Pavilion Programme Women in Development Exploring the central role women play in sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on water management, WASH, ocean economies and stewardship. Voices of women as agents of change from various perspectives will be spotlighted.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Women's Pavilion Programme Aquawomen: Africa's Blue Economy Pioneers Harnessing the opportunities that lie in Africa's oceans and waterways is critical to generating livelihoods and building resilience. This event explores the role of women in sustainably expanding fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, transportation and maritime and inland ports to generate jobs while protecting their water-based ecosystems.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Women Igniting Change Women Igniting Change will inspire women to be at the forefront of shaping the future.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Power of Determination The Power of Determination will embrace social inclusion and accessibility in our everyday.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Tech for Good Examines how disruptive grassroots technology can improve our lives.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Next Gen Humans Next Gen Humans will show a viable future in education, employment, upskilling by exploring alternative pathways to the future of learning & work.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
THRIVE TOGETHER	Business Forum Opportunities in Water The thematic business forum will be a platform to highlight Non-traditional business opportunities, cutting edge technologies, and progress achieved by the UAE, participating countries and Expo partners relevant to the water sector. The forum will also be an opportunity for partners to have meaningful conversations that ultimately foster knowledge transfer and business opportunities.		✓	Co-Curate Participate
	Expo Live Panels and Networking Expo Live panels and networking sessions are convening events for social entrepreneurs, industry leaders, public officials, philanthropists and change makers to work together for a lasting social and environmental impact.		✓	Co-Curate Participate
LIVE IN BALANCE	World Majlis Tomorrow's Gold: Amid Rising Demand, the Puzzle of Managing and Apportioning a Shrinking Resource This World Majlis will address how we decide who gets priority access to the world's shrinking "waterhole"? How we price our most valuable resource while also ensuring access to it as a human right? What innovations may create new sources of potable water? This World Majlis session seeks to answer these questions, through a lively conversation that brings together diverse thought leaders, visionaries and change-makers.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	World Majlis The (Other) Final Frontier: Undiscovered wonders of the Ocean This World Majlis session seeks to answer questions around how we derive greater benefit from the oceans without further disturbing their balance? This World Majlis is co-curated by Portugal.		✓	Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Coming Full Circle Cleaning Up: Oceans of Plastic and the New Plastic Economy The world's oceans are a true shared resource, their ability to sustain life under water – and by extension, life on land – is under threat, with 12.7 million tonnes of plastic being disposed of annually into them. This event provides a platform to broker next-generation partnerships in the transition towards a New Plastics Economy that both reduces the amount of plastic in our oceans and identifies scalable and affordable alternatives.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience

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LIVE IN BALANCE	Sustainability @ Expo Quenching the Thirst This series will spotlight Expo's own initiatives and countries across the Expo site responding to Expo's sustainability standards, demonstrating sustainable models for water stewardship and governance, through their pavilion content, design, programming and operations.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Man & Nature Man & Nature will address sustainability (agriculture, energy, waste, water, environment) through the lens of cohabitating with nature while protecting and restoring it.			✓
VISION 2071	Water Across the Waters: Moving Money, Goods, and People over the Indian Ocean With UAE presiding over IORA, the event provides an unparalleled opportunity to channel common and diverse interests around blue economy, including marine logistics, tourism and fisheries into building relationships, aligning regulations and developing sustainable infrastructure; and an opportunity for the UAE to take stock of progress made during its presidency and shared lessons learnt with other international cooperation partners around the Indian Ocean.		✓	Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Ministerial Dinner Facilitated conversations amongst high-level instrumental players on specific top to advance UAE's international cooperation agenda on water security, and mark the UAE's Golden Jubilee celebration.		✓	Invite-Only
BEST PRACTICE AREA PROGRAMME	Best Practice Area Programming Slots Water Spotlighting development solutions that have demonstrated impacts for improved water management outcomes.		✓	Participate: - Speaker's corner lightning Talks Co-create sessions



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