



WHY THIS CONFERENCE?

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Explore solutions to close WASH financing and spending gaps
- Strengthen WASH sector capacity to use resources effectively & efficiently
- Enhance financing and investment to ensure long-term sustainability of WASH systems & services.
- Create a roadmap for large-scale WASH project financing
- Facilitate match-making opportunities between governments and investors



\$140 billion annual financing gap exists to achieve safely managed WASH services worldwide



Sub-Saharan Africa currently invests \$4.6 billion/year but needs 17 times more ($\approx$ \$78.1 billion) to reach SDG 6 targets.



South Asia spends \$4.7 billion/year, but requires a 9-fold increase ($\approx$ \$40.8 billion).



Low-Income Countries (LICs) spend just \$0.8 billion/year yet need 42 times more ($\approx$ \$32.5 billion).



Even when funds are allocated, 28% of WASH budgets remain unspent due to inefficiencies (average fund utilization = 72%).

(Source: World Bank & GWSP, 2024)



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KEY THEMES



WASH sector initiative in project financing & implementation



Financing Bottlenecks & Solutions for efficient resource use



Market linkage, Blended investment, Entrepreneurship



Climate-Resilient Innovation & Equity in WASH investments



Costed roadmaps & Match-Making of WASH projects



Cross-Sector Collaboration and Political/Policy Commitment

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Concrete strategies to close WASH financing gaps
- Resolutions to guide investments and policy reforms
- Enhanced regional collaboration and innovation
- Greater visibility for WASH in climate resilience, emergencies, and economic planning

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?



Government officials & policymakers



International & national NGOs



Private sector investors & innovators



Researchers & academia



Community leaders & practitioners



Donors & development partners



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Plenary Sessions and panels with global WASH leaders and policymakers.
- Technical Papers & Case Studies on WASH financing and sustainability.
- Workshops & Match-Making Sessions to link projects with funding
- Poster Presentations showcasing research & innovations.
- Networking & Collaboration Spaces for partnerships.
- Site Visits to exemplary WASH projects in Nepal.
- Exhibitions from private sector innovators.
- Cultural Experience – sightseeing & gala dinner in Kathmandu.