



WATER & SANITATION WEEK 2026

3rd edition, Abomey-Calavi, Benin

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PROGRAMME



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THEME

Harnessing Innovation and Digital Inclusion in Education and Research for Sustainable Transformation of Water, Sanitation, and Agriculture

Educate. Innovate. Connect. Transform.



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Opening & scientific presentations

📍 09:30-12:00, Idriss Deby Itno

📍 From 12:00, INE

THE FOUR SCIENTIFIC TRACKS

Track 1, Digital transformation and management of water, sanitation and agriculture

Track 2, Open data, AI and citizen science for research and innovation

Track 3, Artificial intelligence and optimisation of education systems

Track 4, Innovative processes and smart technologies for water and faecal sludge treatment

09:30-10:30

Inaugural lecture: “Digital innovation and AI: new drivers for sustainable water and agricultural management”

Dr OBINNA Uchechi Paddy, Dr GOURRAUD Cyril, Prof. BODIAN Ansoumana, Dr AMROUNI Oula, Dr ORANGE Didier

Moderation: Prof. MAHE Gil, Prof. LAWIN Emmanuel

10:30-11:30

Opening ceremony

INE Director, UAC Rector or representative, MEEM or representative, MESRS-FT or representative

Moderation: DirCom PR, AMOUZOUN Grâce

11:30-12:00

Coffee break

12:00-12:15

Keynote, Track 1

Dr DEMBELE Mactar, IWMI, Ghana

Moderation: Prof. SINTONDJI Luc, Dr YIRA Yacouba

12:15-12:30

Keynote, Track 2

Prof. KILESHYE Jean-Marie, North-West University, South Africa

12:30-12:45

Keynote, Track 3

Prof. EZIN Eugène, IMSP, Benin

12:45-13:00

Keynote, Track 4

Eng. BOBOBEE Mawuli, GDIZ, Benin

13:00-13:30, **Questions & answers**

13:30-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-16:00

Parallel scientific presentations

Track 1, Room A, Moderation: Prof. ALAMOU Eric, Dr HOUNKPE Jean

Track 2, Room A, Moderation: Prof. TOTIN Henri, Dr KPEGLI Raoul

Track 3, Room B, Moderation: Prof. VISSIN Expédit, Dr N'TCHA M'PO Yèkambèssoun

Track 4, Room B, Moderation: Prof. YALO Nicaise, Dr DOSSOU-OLORY Audace A. V.



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Panel discussions



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09:00-10:00

AI vs. conventional approaches to predicting natural phenomena

Prof. GLELE KAKAI Romain, Prof. EZIN Eugène,

Dr GOURRAUD Cyril, Dr OBINNA Uchechi Paddy

Moderation: Prof. MAMA Daouda, Prof. BOSSA Aymar

10:00-10:30, **Questions & answers**

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Responsibility, ethics and the sustainable use of AI in African education systems

Prof. HOUSSOU Patrick, Prof. BACO Nasser,

Prof. MAMA Daouda, Prof. FANDOHAN Belarmin A.

Moderation: Prof. SINSIN Brice

12:30-13:00, **Questions & answers**

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:00

Water diplomacy, transboundary governance and capacity building

Mr GBEDEY Martin, ABN representative, ABM representative, Prof. BODIAN Ansoumana (OMVS)

Moderation: Prof. ELEGBEDE Manou Bernadin, Dr KOTCHOFA Pacem

15:00-15:30, **Questions & answers**

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

Development projects and programmes in West Africa

Alumni experiences, Dr YIRA Yacouba, Dr HOUNKPE Jean,

Dr SINASSON Gisèle, Dr GABA Charlene

Moderation: Dr KOTCHOFA Pacem

17:00-17:30, **Questions & answers**



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Innovation, science & closing

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09:00-10:30

Innovation competition: PriMI and BLOChallenge

Prof. KOUNOUEWA Basile, Prof. DJAGOUN Sylvestre, Prof. OREKAN Vincent,
Eng. GANKPA Bernadino, Eng. GNONLONFON Fleury, Mr DANGBÉNON Arnaud (C3E)
Moderation: Prof. DOVONOU Flavien Edia

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-13:00

Parallel activities

Special session on projects and programmes, continued

Parallel scientific presentations

Track 1, Room A, Moderation: Prof. HOUNSOU Mathieu, Prof. AHOUANSOU Maurice

Track 2, Room A, Moderation: Prof. ALASSANE Abdoukarim, Dr AHOUANDOGBO Cintia

Track 4, Room B, Moderation: Prof. AINA Pépin, Dr ADANDEDJI Firmin

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-14:30

PriMI and BLOChallenge jury deliberations (closed session)

14:30-15:30

Closing ceremony & PriMI awards

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