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Special Session SS3-3 on
“Train, retrain, retain:
building capacities of professionals to improve water management”

Tuesday 30th of November, 14:30-16:00 (South Korea time)

Hybrid format: on-site in Daegu EXCO Room n°322, and online on Zoom



Description of the session

Despite the progress made thanks to the successive international agendas for development (Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals), the statistics on global access to water and sanitation are still grim: 2.2 billion people do not have safely managed drinking water services, 4.2 billion people do not have safely managed sanitation services.

Significant investments are made each year in an attempt to bridge this gap, and they often fall short of expectations as a result of either design faults in infrastructures or multiple deficiencies in the way these infrastructures are operated and maintained.

In a time of strong budget constraints, it is therefore vital to address the increasing demand for skilled staff to optimize the investments made in both the big water cycle (for the management of rivers, lakes, aquifers) and the small water cycle (for the management of municipal water and sanitation services).

Objective

The objective of this session is to demonstrate the interest of the creation and development of training centers for water professionals as a solution to bridge the gap of existing and required capacities of water professionals.

Session draft program

Master of ceremony & introduction (5 min):

- **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

Keynote speech (10 min):

- **Ms. Yoonjin Kim**, Planning Director, Korea Water Forum

Panel (45 min):

Moderator:

Panelists:

- **Prof Patrick O. Hayombe**, Director, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI)
- **Ms. XU Hao**, Researcher, Technology Institute of Beijing Waterworks Group, China
- **Mr. Themba Gumbo**, Director, Cap-Net
- **Mr. HAN Jaejin**, Team Manager of the Planning and Management Division, UNESCO International Centre for Water Security and Sustainable Management (i-WSSM)

Special intervention (10 min):

- **Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam**, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal

Questions & answers (15 min):

Conclusion (5 min):

- **Dr. Eric Tardieu**, Secretary General, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)