



African Water Association

19th Congress and Exhibition



CALL FOR PAPERS

Bamako, Mali
February 11 to 16, 2018



THEME :

« Accelerating access to sanitation and water for all in Africa amidst the challenges of climate change »



Message of AfWA President



Ali Fassi FIRHI

to join this important African event, so that together we can combine our efforts to take the issue of providing the people with clean drinking water and adequate sanitation services in Africa further ahead.

The theme of the 19th AfWA congress, which will be held from February 11 to 16, 2018 in Bamako, Mali, is

«Accelerating access to sanitation and water for all in Africa amidst the challenges of climate change».

A topical theme that reflects the desire of our organization to support Africa and the international community as a whole in its fight against global warming, and to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

I am inviting all professionals, development partners, policy makers, researchers and everyone interested in water and sanitation in Africa

Message of the Congress President



Boubacar KANE

The Malian Water Utility (SOMAGEP) and the Malian Assets Company (SOMAPEP) will make all efforts to ensure a successful congress and that you have a memorable experience in Mali, the country of hospitality.

The city of Bamako, capital of Mali, was chosen to organize the upcoming congress of the African Water Association, scheduled to be held from February 11 to 16, 2018 on the prestigious site of the International Conference Center of Bamako. More than 1,500 people from all over the world are expected to attend this major event which is being held for the first time in Mali.

The Bamako Congress, through its scientific and technical component and its major international exhibition, will offer a new opportunity to highlight the need to improve the supply of drinking water and sanitation to the populations in a context of climate change.

Invitation of the President of the Scientific and Technical Council



Olivier GOSSO

(AfWA), brings together all the executives, directors, engineers and technicians of the water utilities who regularly meet to identify the main challenges in the water sector in Africa in order to propose sound solutions. Since 2014, the various committees that compose it have been working to identify all the different themes that will bring us together from February 11 to 16, 2018 in Bamako, Mali, and to ensure that all the conditions are met to advance the debate on issues of concern to the water and sanitation sector in Africa.

We are hereby inviting you all to submit your paper proposals in accordance with congress theme and the various sub-themes.

Africa is the continent with one of the highest rates of population growth, with a doubling of the urban population and urbanized areas every 10 to 15 years, greatly increasing water stress in these expanding areas. Paradoxically, one-third of the population lacks access to safe drinking water and two-third don't have sustainable sanitation services.

These situations require water utilities to be more efficient, and to the water and sanitation community as a whole, to get mobilized to ensure that our sector meets the sustainable development goals which «ensures access to water and sanitation for all by 2030 «.

The Scientific and Technical Council, the mainstay of our organization

Call for papers

We are inviting the scientific community, professionals of the sector as well as all the actors committed to access to water and sanitation for all, to submit papers for the 19th Congress of the African Water Association (AfWA). We are looking for contributions to present best practice, innovations, policy developments and solutions to sanitation and water challenges. The emphasis of the Congress will be on issues of specific interest to Africa.

The submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific committee of experts and the selected papers will be validated by the congress program committee.

The abstract of the paper must not exceed 700 words and must comply with the framework available on AfWA's website at the following address :

<http://afwa-hq.org/index.php/en/component/jdownloads/category/86-bamako-2018> .

The full paper must not exceed 3,000 words.

The papers selected will be presented in ten minutes in a PowerPoint format (maximum 10 slides) according to a template that will be sent to you.

The abstracts and full papers should be sent to the following email address:

papersafwacongress2018@afwa-hq.org

The official languages of the papers are English and French. The papers will be published in the Congress proceedings and on AfWA's website.

Sub Themes	Proposed Topics
Climate Change, Energy and Water Resources Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated water resource management • Source protection and catchment management • Floods and drought modelling and forecasting • Community involvement in resilience and adaptation • Water conservation and Rain Water Harvesting • Energy optimisation
Universal access to water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and institutional framework • Asset Management and NRW • Pro-poor service • Public-Private Partnerships and stakeholder engagement • Water safety planning and drinking water quality management
Enhancing sanitation service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling policies and framework for sanitation sector • Non-sewer and faecal sludge management • Peri-urban sanitation service delivery • Social marketing for sanitation • Sustainable sanitation service delivery chain • Sanitation safety planning
Innovative technology advancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate technologies for sanitation services • Water and waste water treatment technologies • Communication and SMART ICT tools
Human resources and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and sanitation operators partnership • Gender mainstreaming • Institutional capacities and leading change • Human resource assessment and development • Networks and benchmarking platforms
Financing and investment mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative market financing for water and sanitation • Public-Private investment financing • Pricing and tariff setting • Green economy in water and sanitation



Key Dates

30 th June 2017	30 th July 2017	15 th August 2017	30 th September 2017	31 st October 2017
Abstract submissions	Notification of acceptance or decline	Authors acceptance	Authors registration	Full paper submission



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