NAMIBIA WATER AND SANITATION
CONFERENCE 2026

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BUILDING CLIMATE-RESILIENT WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Namibia Water and Sanitation Conference 2026 brings together government institutions, Local authorities and Regional Councils, development partners, academia, private sector, civil society organizations, Engineering consulting firms, researchers, policymakers and water practitioners to discuss innovative solutions that will strengthen Namibia's water security and sanitation services.

To be held under the theme "Building Climate-Resilient Water and Sanitation Systems for Sustainable Development," the conference will provide a national platform to exchange knowledge, showcase best practices, strengthen partnerships and promote innovation in the water and sanitation sector.

The conference will also bring together Government, Regional Councils and Local Authorities to better understand water and sanitation needs and challenges on the ground, helping to strengthen planning, prioritisation and investment decisions.

Participants will explore emerging technologies, innovative policy frameworks, sustainable financing mechanisms, and practical solutions aimed at achieving universal access to safe drinking water and sustainable sanitation. Discussions will address critical issues affecting Namibia's water and sanitation sector, including climate change, rapid urbanisation, increasing water demand, resilient water infrastructure, the eradication of open defecation in rural communities, the elimination of the bucket sanitation system, and the promotion of sustainable and affordable water tariffs. The conference will also provide a platform to examine the financial sustainability of water service delivery, including strategies to address the growing debt owed by Local Authorities and Regional Councils to NamWater.

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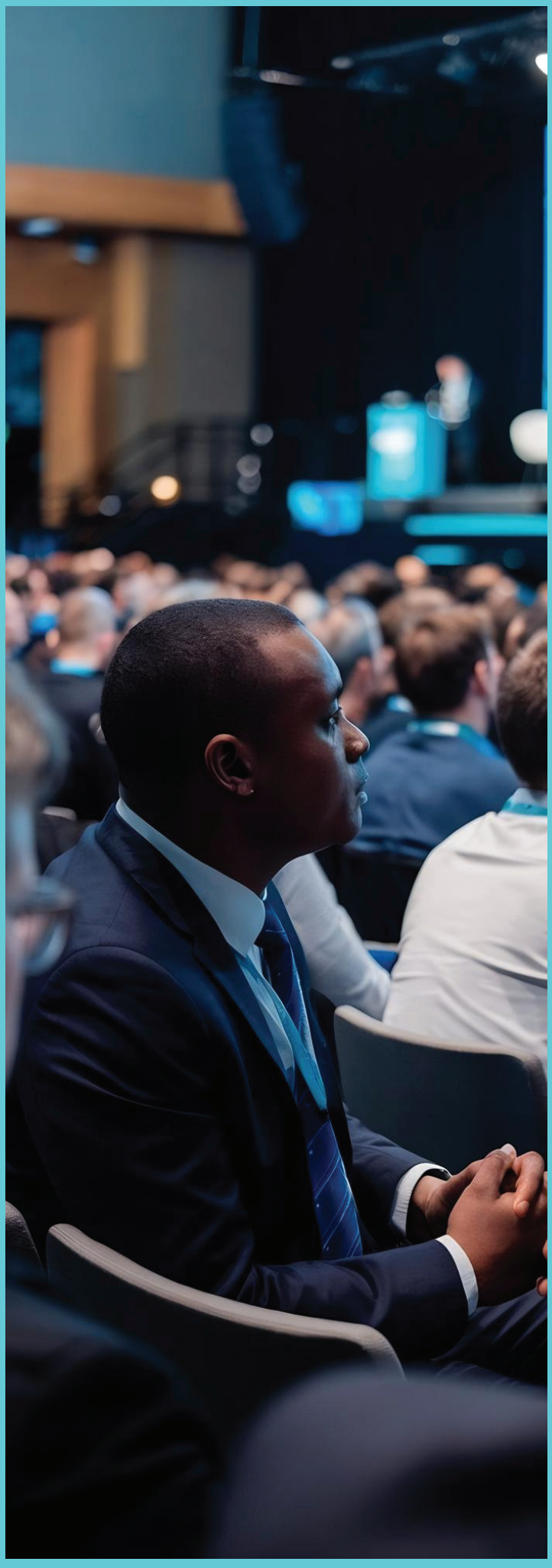
A key feature of the conference will be dedicated regional presentations by Regional Councils and Local Authorities. These sessions will provide each region with the opportunity to showcase achievements, share innovative practices, identify persistent challenges, and present priority water and sanitation projects and investment needs, while also providing up-to-date data and detailed information on regional access to safe drinking water and sanitation coverage in schools and health centres across the regions. The presentations will also highlight the main problems and service delivery gaps, the projects and interventions required to address these challenges, the estimated costs and resources required, and areas where Government and strategic partners are needed to provide support or investment.

This evidence-based platform will strengthen coordination between national, regional, and local stakeholders by ensuring that regional priorities are clearly articulated and aligned with broader national development objectives. By bringing these priorities directly before government leaders, development partners, financial institutions, investors, and the private sector, the conference will foster meaningful dialogue, encourage strategic partnerships, and mobilise the technical and financial resources needed to accelerate the delivery of sustainable water and sanitation services throughout Namibia.

The conference will also include a dedicated session on international and regional best practices, providing an opportunity for international organisations, development partners and other relevant strategic partners to showcase practical solutions, new technologies, innovative financing models and approaches that have worked elsewhere and could be adapted to the Namibian context.

In addition, the conference will provide opportunities for specialised side discussions and consultations between Government Ministries and water and sanitation suppliers, including contractors and consultants, to discuss sector-specific challenges, project requirements, technical solutions, implementation priorities and opportunities for collaboration.

The conference aims to foster collaboration that contributes to the achievement of Namibia's national development priorities such as NDP6, Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES



The Namibia Water and Sanitation Conference 2026 is intended to generate practical outcomes that support Namibia's national water and sanitation priorities and contribute to coordinated action beyond the conference. In developing the conference outcomes, consideration will be given to the expected outcomes, priorities and strategic requirements of Government and strategic partners.

Expected outcomes include:

- A consolidated list of priority water and sanitation needs and projects;
- Identification of priority investment and partnership opportunities;
- Key recommendations and proposed actions to address major water and sanitation challenges;
- Alignment of Government and strategic partner priorities, expectations and requirements;
- Commitments from Government and strategic partners towards priority
- interventions, projects and initiatives;
- Identification and sharing of innovative technologies, approaches and best practices that can be adapted to the Namibian context;
- Strengthened coordination and collaboration between Government and strategic partners;
- Identification of potential financing and technical support for priority water and sanitation projects;
- A consolidated set of strategic priorities and opportunities to inform future planning, resource mobilisation, investment decisions and partnerships; and
- A post-conference action plan outlining priority actions, commitments, potential partnerships and next steps.

The conference will therefore seek to ensure that its outcomes are practical, measurable and aligned with the priorities and strategic requirements of Government and strategic partners, with the ultimate objective of moving from dialogue towards coordinated action, investment, partnerships and implementation.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference will cover, but not be limited to, the following topics:

- Water Security and Integrated Water
- Resources Management
- Rural Water Supply and Community-Based Water Management
- Urban Water Supply and Service Delivery
- Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion
- Wastewater Treatment and Reuse
- Climate Change Adaptation and Water Resilience
- Water Governance, Policy and Regulation
- Smart Water Technologies and Digital Innovation
- Water Quality Monitoring and Public Health
- inancing Water and Sanitation Infrastructure
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Capacity Building and Skills Development
- Gender, Youth and Social Inclusion in Water and Sanitation
- Circular Economy and Resource Recovery
- Sustainable Infrastructure Development
- Water Supply and re-use in Emerging and Strategic Industries (Minning, Green Hydrogen, Oil and and Gas industries)
- Water Security for Agriculture, Crop Production and Livestock Farming, with a focus on Drought, Climate Variability and El Nino-Related Impacts .





CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Researchers, professionals, practitioners, consultants, students and development partners are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations.

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words and should clearly outline:

- Background and relevance
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Key findings or expected outcomes
- Practical implications and recommendations

Accepted authors will be invited to submit full papers for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference welcomes participation from:

- Government Ministries and Agencies
- Regional Councils and Local Authorities
- Water Utilities
- Development Partners
- Universities and Research Institutions
- Engineers and Technical Professionals
- Environmental Practitioners
- NGOs and Community Organizations
- Private Sector Companies
- Students and Young Professionals

EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP

The conference offers exhibition opportunities for organizations wishing to showcase products, technologies, services and innovations in the water and sanitation sector.

Sponsorship packages are available for organizations seeking to support, increasing their visibility and demonstrate their commitment to sustainable water and sanitation development.

Sponsors and strategic partners will also have opportunities to increase their visibility and brand exposure, showcase products, technologies, services and innovative solutions, participate in conference discussions, and engage directly with Government, Regional Councils, Local Authorities and other key decision-makers. The conference will also provide opportunities for sponsors and strategic partners to network with development partners, financial institutions, investors and sector professionals, as well as identify potential partnerships, investment opportunities and areas for collaboration.

KEY DATES

Key dates and venues will be announced soon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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