

Working Group Notification from TPC

GENERAL NOTICE

- Please keep incorporating approaching participants.
- **Please submit your detailed session proposals and draft of IRs by 18 January 2015.** The sample of IRs will be shared by early December.
- After you submit it, you will get feedback from the TPC. All session will be classified into three categories: 1) session at risk, 2) session needs to be improved, 3) session in a good shape (final approval).
- **Problematic sessions may have issues in three aspects: (PLEASE AVOID IT)**
 - 1) A session is dominated by a particular institution or only a few members
 - 2) Session design is inadequate in terms of session titles, description, time allotment, program, and so on
 - 3) All the stakeholders who have appealed intentions of participation do not sufficiently get involved in a session.

SPECIFIC NOTICE per THEME:

1. Theme 1.1:

After having reviewed the proposals emanating from Theme 1.1, the Thematic Process Commission would like to make the following recommendations for session issues and session groups.

1.1.1 Ensuring Access to safe drinking water for all through effective implementation of the human right to water

Within this session should be integrated the following proposals received:

Implementing human right to safe drinking water	UNESCO
Ensuring Universal access to basic water supply services—making it happen: The South African Experience	South Africa Department of Water and Sanitation
Change of paradigms to effectively implement the Human Right to Water and sanitation for present and future generations in conjunction with Citizen participation for universal access to water and sanitation	FANMEX & Coalition Eau/Butterfly Effect
Improvement of water supply systems in central region Senegal (from 1.1.5)	KOICA

It is also suggested that UNECE join the group as a session group member.

1.1.2 Water quality and safety to ensure water security for all users

Within this session should be integrated the following proposals received:

Water and health	Korean Society of Water and Health
Fight against Cholera program in Uvira (DRC)	French Development Agency (+ Veolia?)
Protecting South Africa's Water Source Areas – Steps towards ensuring a water-secure South Africa	WWF – South Africa

It is also suggested that Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany join the group as a session group member.

1.1.3 Non-conventional and alternative water supplies to ensure water security for all

Within this session should be integrated the following proposals received:

Provide desalinated water in scarce context in Cap Verde	French Development Agency
Micro desalination technology using solar thermal energy source	Electronics and telecommunications research institute
Melbourne water desalinization	Suez/Degremont
Rainwater harvesting	UNESCO, Sudan

It is also suggested that water recycling and reuse be considered within this session.

1.1.4 Low-cost, decentralized and community-based water services for rural areas and slums in low-income countries

Within this session should be integrated the following proposals received:

Rural water provision in Comoros	AFD Water and Sanitation Division
Presentation of Mumbai initiative to develop water services in slums	SUEZ/Member of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
Community-centered approach to access to water (Cases from Latin America and Africa)	One Drop
Community-based water supply infrastructure projects	Engineers without Borders

1.1.5 To be developed into a new issue on improving financing mechanisms, governance and monitoring

Within this session should be integrated the following proposals received:

Economic feasibility of safe water supply in low-income regions	Veolia
Initiatives on Social tarification in Chile	Suez

Additional contributions to this session remain to be found.

2. Theme 1.2

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

3. Theme 1.3:

- Having two sessions under one title is unsuitable especially when two sessions are alike and combining two sessions is expected to result much interesting and comprehensive session. In this regards, please merge 2 proposals for issue 1.3.3 and issue 1.3.5 into one session by reaching a compromise between 2 potential SGs for each issue. Creative session design is required.
- TPC much highlights significance of subject 'climate change'. It seems issue 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3 deal with 'disaster' while issue 1.3.4, 1.3.5 address 'climate change'. If the DG needs, you can have additional session for 'climate change'. Since your group already suggests two sessions for 1.3.5, one of them could be converted into 1.3.6 session. But it should be differentiated from 1.3.5 and should address important issue regarding climate change.

4. Theme 1.4:

- It is strongly recommended that the DG 1.4 communicate more vigorously in order to set up proposals confirmed by every member.

* As DG 1.4 submits their proposals after this TPC meeting, it will be reviewed in November and will be notified.

5. Theme 2.1:

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

- Issue 2.1.1 needs to be linked to the Science & Technology Process. If no intention, it should be differentiated from sessions within the S&T Process.

6. Theme 2.2:

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

7. Theme 2.3:

- Issue 2.3.1 needs a stronger session title.

- Issue 2.3.3 can consider the possibility of linkage and coordination with Theme 4.5

- In order to make sure, 2.3.6 joint session is not an additional thematic session. Rather it is one of session within Science & Technology Process but is labeled as 'joint session' and listed in Thematic session list as well.

8. Theme 3.1:

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

9. Theme 3.2:

- Please submit session proposals within three days. Please ensure all the group members work with the DG 3.2 coordinator in session design. If not, the TPC will consider finding other group members who can proceed with a task in order to secure outcomes of Theme 3.2.

10. Theme 3.3:

- TPC is happy with your progress. But we are still waiting for a proposal for 3.3.2.

11. Theme 3.4:

- For Issue 3.4.1, a title needs to be modified. It isn't appropriate to emphasize 'transboundary' itself in a title because it may confuse people with sessions in Theme 4.3 'Cooperation for reducing conflict and improving transboundary water management'. In addition, more institutions and organizations should be involved for the SG 3.4.1. TPC regards the 'joint management' as the subject which especially more stakeholders should be involved.

- For Issues 3.4.2, the geographic scope should be expanded to other transition countries. And a few working group members need to be state with a title of organization or institution instead of individuals.

- Issue 3.4.3 should submit a session proposal as soon as possible.

- For Issue 3.4.4 more institutions and organizations should be involved for the SG 3.4.4. Also, a title needs to be modified with focus on how knowledge tool will realize the implementation of IWRM.

- Issue 3.4.5 should submit a session proposal as soon as possible. The TPC recommends Issue 3.4.5 need to focus on how to change an approach to IWRM in order to accord with the SDGs.

12. Theme 4.1:

- TPC is still waiting for your response to prior feedback of TPC.

"Issue 4.1.6 and concluding session are significantly similar. Please, and please be sure to merge these sessions into 1 concluding session or to differentiate them from each other"

13. Theme 4.2:

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

14. Theme 4.3:

- Regarding 4.3.2, if your intention was beyond just NEXUS issue, please proceed. If you intend to submit a special session, please do as soon as possible. TPC strongly recommends the special session proposal to be focused on the global legal framework such as the 1997 UN Convention.
- Thanks for your clarification regarding 4.3.5. We are happy with the changed title.

15. Theme 4.4:

- TPC is happy with your proposals. Thank you for your efforts. Please proceed and keep incorporating approaching institutions.

16. Theme 4.5:

- The SG for Issue 4.5.1 seems to be dominated by a particular organization, UNESCO. It needs to include additional members who have revealed intentions of involvement.
- The SG for Issue 4.5.3 seems to be dominated by a particular organization, INWTC. It needs to include additional members who have revealed intentions of involvement.
- While the SG for Issue 4.5.4 exhibits enormous number of members, almost every institution seems to be members of INBO. It needs to include additional members who have revealed intentions of involvement.
- Please be sure to vary the scope of participants in terms of geography and character of institution.