

Top Down, Bottom Up: Bridging Global Policy and Practice

Policy design is often dominated by hierarchical institutional bodies which hold decision-making power. However, in order to achieve sustainability on the ground a balance needs to be found between the responsible authorities who control the allocation of financial and other resources, and the stakeholders who will be most affected by the implementation of policy. In water-related policy development, engagement of local people is essential to finding sustainable solutions and increasing the chances of long term success. Panelists will discuss whether bridging policy and practice can improve water security in rural communities; how to engage communities in designing effective policy to address water-related challenges; how policies support this engagement for sustainable interventions; who facilitates the interface; and, how and where this fits within the context of Rio+20 and the post-2015 sustainability goals.



Keynote Speaker



**The Honourable Maria Mutagamba
Minister of Water and Environment,
Republic of Uganda (2006-2012)**

Minister Mutagamba is a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board for Water and Sanitation, past-president of the African Ministers' Council on Water, coordinator of the Global Women Leaders Forum for Water and Sanitation and a member of the Nile Council of Ministers. Most recently, she was recognized and accorded the title of "Mama Africa for WASH" during the 2012 Africa Water Week. Minister Mutagamba is the inaugural recipient of the UNU-INWEH Water Catalyst award sponsored by Degremont. As the result of recent changes in the Ugandan cabinet, Minister Mutagamba is now the Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities. As a final culmination of her career in water, the Honourable Minister will share her many years of experience in the WASH sector.

Panelists

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Senior Manager Policy, Innovation, and
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