

America's Water Infrastructure: Stakeholder Perspectives for Action

In its 5th year, attracting over 800 water leaders, Rethinking Water Conference, organized in a partnership between Sciens Water and Columbia University, is viewed as a must attend event by water professionals.

- **A diverse group of professionals**, including C-suite Executives, Environmental Stewards, Government Organizations, Industry Leaders, and Academic Professionals.
- Different perspectives on **water and wastewater challenges and solutions** in the US, focusing on aging infrastructure and changing regulations to ascertain **how funding should be applied** to achieve solutions.
- Focus on **implementable solutions to the U.S. water crisis**, discussing water recycling/reuse, consolidation, PFAS mitigation, accelerating federal funding, **leveraging private investment**, and more.
- **Target breakouts** provide participants with **opportunities to interact** with one another and share their different perspectives.
- Interactive programming, including a **career fair, Water Tasting, Media Center.**
- **Pre and Post Conference Events**



September 24th, 2024

The Forum, Columbia University
New York, New York

The Premier 3-Day Water Event during New York Climate Week

Date (September):

Monday 23rd

Understanding the Problem

Event:

Screening and
Discussion of



Location:

TBD

Availability

Open to All
Conference
Attendees

Tuesday 24th

Putting the Pieces together

New York's premiere
water-focused
conference returns
for its 5th year.

3 Keynotes
5 Main stage sessions
12 Breakout Sessions
10 Interactive and
networking Programs

The Forum
605 W 125th St

In Person By invite Only

Virtual Open to all

Wednesday 25th

Taking Action

The Sciens
Roundtables

Capital

- Impact
- Education
- People

Sciens Water
Conference Center and
Board Room
667 Madison Ave

By Invitation Only

Main Stage Programming Sept 24th

9:00 AM

A Welcome from Columbia

Dean. Shaman, Professor Lall

9:30 AM

The Year in Review: An Investor Perspective

John Rigas (Sciens)

10:00 AM

What's the problem: Climate or Infrastructure?

This keynote discussion will address the impact of climate change and the already present infrastructure challenges as interconnected issues.

Tom Rooney (Sciens) and Ali Zaidi (White House)

11:00 AM

A View from the Top – A CEO Perspective

Led by top water executives, this panel will provide the opportunity to understand the main challenges in managing and steering a major corporation through the complexities of water-related challenges.

Moderated By: Damian Georgino (Womble Dixon)

Panelists: Josiah Cox (CSWR) Ken Bockhorst (Badger Meter) Harry Sachinis (EYDAP) Terry Paule (BWT)

1:00 PM

Bipartisan Debate Between Civic Leaders

This talk will feature a panel of civic leaders from across the political spectrum, engaging in a spirited conversation about the essential measures needed to support a successful water transition at both local and government levels.

Moderated By: Rob Powelson (NAWC)

Panelists: Scott Rupp (Missouri) De'Keither Stamps (Mississippi) Eric Skrmetta (Louisiana) Mae Stevens (Banner)

2:00 PM

Global Perspectives : Water Resilience

Experts from the National Academy of Sciences will provide comprehensive insights into the complexities of water management through the example Southeast Asia.

Moderated By: Professor Lall (Columbia)

Panelists: Veena Srinivasan, John Matthews, Rochi Khemka (World Bank)

4:00 PM

Water and Food Security

This panel will discuss sustainable water practices and what actionable strategies can be implemented to address one of the most pressing global issues of our time.

Moderated By: Seth Seigel (Author, Investor)

Panelists: Nathan Halverson (Journalist) Jessie Fanzo (Columbia Food Program)

Full Sept 24th Programming

Tracks

Main Stage

Stakeholder

Rethinking

Innovation

Global

Morning Sessions

The Year in Review: An Investor Perspective

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A View from the Top – A CEO Perspective

Corporate Water Stewardship

Rethinking Water: Cutting-Edge AI

Innovations in Water Treatment

Liquid Asset:
A Discussion with Prof. Thompson

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Afternoon Sessions

Global Perspectives : Water Resilience

Women In Water

Rethinking Water: Procurement

Identifying and Scaling Innovation in Water Utilities - PFNYC

The Aquanauts

Global Perspectives : Water Resilience

Procuring Executive Talent for the Water Industry

Rethinking Tourism (A Journey through Slovenia)

Investing in Water: Pitfalls & Successes

Philanthropy and Infrastructure

Water and Food Security

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Stakeholder Leaders

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Networking Programming

Water Tasting

An Introduction to Water

Career Fair

Presented by:



VIP Water Tasting and Cocktails

From North to South



Speaker and Partner Breakfast

Networking Lunch

Interactive Programming

Podcast Center:

Live interviews



Water AQ:

Testing your Water Knowledge

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BlueTech
RESEARCH

Inaugural H2O LIST:

Showcasing the new
leaders
in water



Conference White Paper

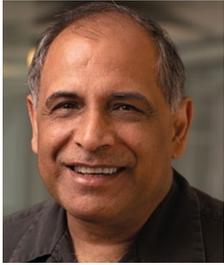


Rethinking Water Tracker

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Director, Columbia
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ALI ZAIDI
White House National
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Louisiana Public Service
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Chair, Banner Public Affairs



TOM ROONEY
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Sciens Water



LATOYA CANTRELL
Mayor of New Orleans

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MILIN PATEL
Water Sommelier



TRAVIS LOOP
Host of the WaterLoop
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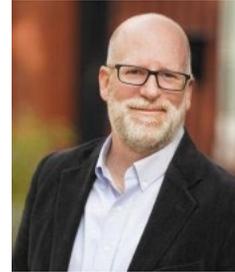
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Water is a complex puzzle

Let's put the pieces together Sept 24th

Public Policy

Business &
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History

Engineering

Ethics

Climate



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