



## Conference theme

The focus of the conference will be on sustainability, innovations, test cases, water quality, wetlands preservation and related issues. We shall discuss the progress of developing countries on the implementation of social, economic and related policies and projects, in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for water, sanitation, and hygiene for all (2015-2030). Sustainability will always be the key focus of discussions in the conference. Participants from various countries will share insights on the progress of implementations of SDGs in their respective countries.

**Context:** Substantial progress has been made by South Asian countries and the rest of the world in achieving these goals. The Government of India (GOI) started a vigorous program of Swachh Bharat (Clean India <https://swachhbharat.mygov.in/>) with the objective to provide access to water and sanitation to all. However, there is much work still to be done and the SDGs will not be met without creative and sustained leadership at the local level. The aim of this conference will be to share the key challenges, opportunities and best solutions involving communities, NGOs, academia and various government organizations. This conference will provide an opportunity to the participants to visit WASH projects in rural West Bengal to analyze and identify issues and provide sustainable solutions.

## Partnerships

We are looking for corporate partnerships to make the conference a big success yet again. We would greatly appreciate –

- Sponsorship for students to attend the conference
- Sponsorship for conference sessions and various events
- Participation of WASH experts from your organization

## Contact

If you have any questions, or would consider being a sponsor or corporate partner, please contact

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