



GIWEH
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CONVENED BY WOPs INTERNATIONAL & GIWEH

1st African Water Operators Forum (A-WOF)



24–26 November 2026



KICC • Nairobi, Kenya



500 delegates • 100+ exhibitors

Africa's water operators convene in Nairobi this November



500

Delegates

Across Africa & the global water community



100

Exhibitors

Technologies & sector solutions



50+

Expert speakers

Utilities, banks, donors, UN agencies



3

Days

High-level plenaries, tracks & exhibition

A flagship continental platform — convened by WOPs International & GIWEH, in partnership with UN-Habitat/GWOPA, and hosted by Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company.

Africa's utilities face a widening water gap



Rapid urbanisation

Population growth is outpacing utility capacity



Climate variability

Droughts and floods strain ageing systems



Infrastructure deficits

Coverage gaps leave the vulnerable underserved



Financing gaps

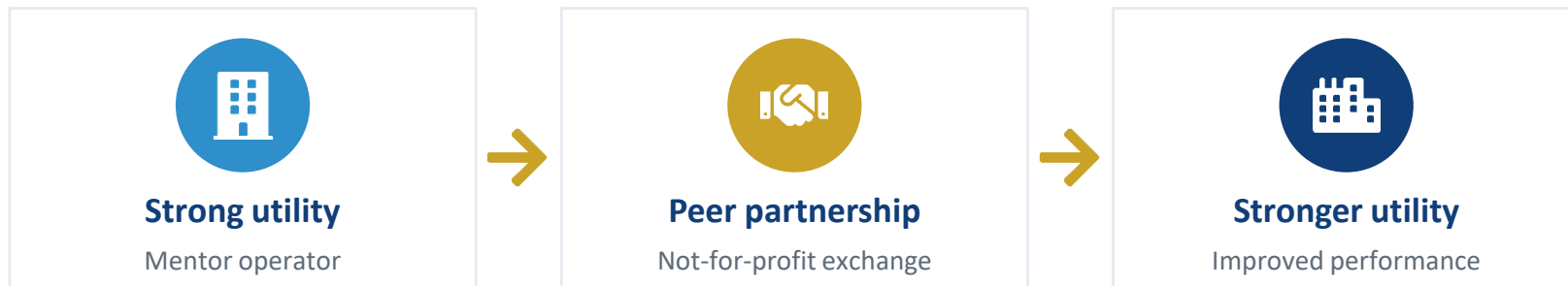
Investment falls short of SDG 6 needs



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Water Operators' Partnerships deliver more for less



Proven globally since 2009 — among the most effective, lowest-cost routes to SDG 6



Lower cost



Better service



Expanded access



Stronger institutions

Six objectives anchor the Forum



Showcase impact

Success stories & utility transformation



Peer-to-peer learning

Technical cooperation & exchange



Strengthen partnerships

Utilities, governments, donors & banks



Innovation & investment

Climate-resilient water management



A continental roadmap

Institutionalise & scale WOPs



Anchor Nairobi

A permanent regional platform

Directly advancing four global goals

SDG

6 

Clean Water
& Sanitation

SDG

11 

Sustainable Cities
& Communities

SDG

13 

Climate
Action

SDG

17 

Partnerships
for the Goals

Aligned with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

A coalition of global and continental leaders



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Project coordination &
continental outreach



WOPs International

Peer-to-peer cooperation &
technical agenda



UN-Habitat / GWOPA

Global normative
frameworks



**Nairobi City Water
(NCWSC)**

Host utility & local technical
lead



**Broad Ladybird
Solutions**

Official event planner &
logistics



AfDB · GIZ · World Bank

Capacity building &
sponsorship

Nairobi anchors Africa's new water hub at KICC



Central Nairobi

Iconic, well-connected city-centre landmark



Hybrid-ready

Broadcast & virtual participation built in



Scaled for 500+

Plenary halls, tracks & exhibition floor



Easy access

Excellent transport & vibrant networking spaces



**Kenyatta International
Convention Centre**

The Iconic Plaza Hotel hosts our delegates



The Iconic Plaza Hotel

5-star · Nairobi Central, Loita Street / Uhuru Highway



Balcony rooms

Elegant balconies in every room



Four restaurants

On-site dining variety



Spa

Wellness & relaxation



Outdoor pool

Open-air leisure



City-centre location

Minutes from the KICC



Diplomat-favoured

Trusted by corporate & diplomatic travellers

Three days, one continental agenda

DAY 1

Mon 24 Nov



Exhibition Opening & Welcome Cocktail

Registration, guided expo tour, opening session and an evening networking reception.

DAY 2

Tue 25 Nov



Plenaries, Technical Tracks & Expo

Official launch, high-level plenary, lunch networking and focused technical tracks.

DAY 3

Wed 26 Nov



Closing, Gala & Nairobi Declaration

Synthesis and closing, then the Governors' Gala and signing of the Nairobi Declaration.

Optional Karura Forest tree-planting offered as a post-Forum legacy activity.

Day One opens the exhibition and welcomes the continent



Morning Delegate registration & badge collection



Midday Exhibition opening & guided expo tour



Afternoon Opening session & partner remarks



5–8 pm Welcome Cocktail & networking reception



Day Two drives plenaries, tracks and exhibition



Official launch & high-level plenary — morning

Lunch networking in the exhibition hall

AFTERNOON TECHNICAL TRACKS



Utility Performance

Reform, efficiency & service delivery



Finance & Investment

Bankability & blended capital



Equity & Inclusion

Women, youth & underserved areas



Innovation & Climate

Digital & resilient infrastructure



Day Three closes with the Gala and the Nairobi Declaration



Morning

Thematic plenaries & partner sessions



Midday

Breakout innovation sessions



Afternoon

Final synthesis & official closing

Optional: Karura Forest tree-planting offered the following morning as a post-Forum legacy activity.

EVENING



Governors' “Blue Sovereignty” Gala

Awards, ministerial dialogue and the signing of the Nairobi Declaration.

The Blue Sovereignty Gala honours Africa's water champions



WOPs Impact



Innovation in Water



Sustainability
Leadership



Mentorship &
Knowledge



Youth Engagement



Lifetime Contribution



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Individual seat **USD 350**

Table of 10 **USD 3,200**

The exhibition floor connects utilities, innovators and investors



Utilities Pavilion

Peer-to-peer partnerships & testimonials



Development Alley

Donors & agencies present funding



Innovators Hub

Start-up demos & pitch sessions



Private Sector Arena

Engineering & sustainability solutions



Networking Lounge

Branded coffee & conversation

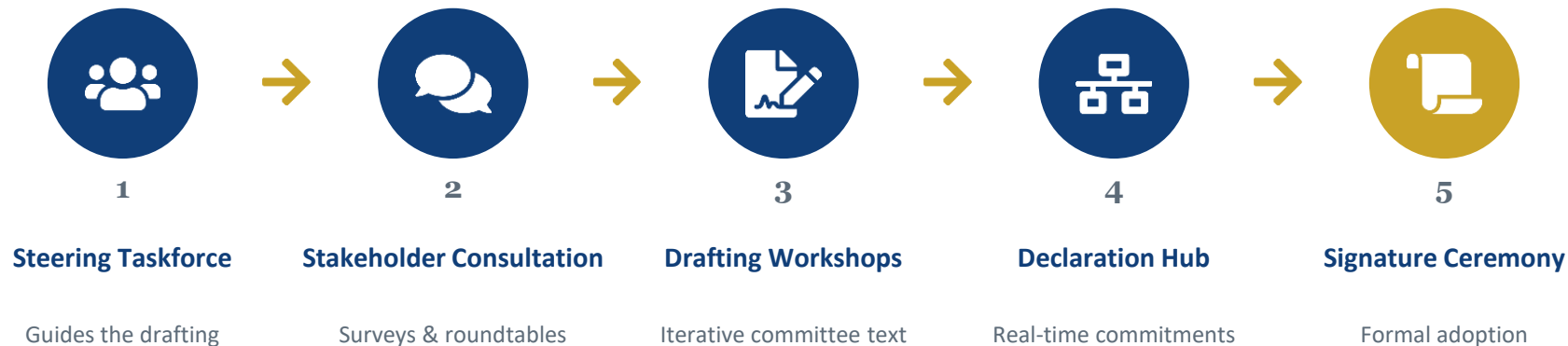


Water Art Installations

Interactive digital experiences

100 exhibitors across six curated zones — from public utilities to climate-tech innovators

The Nairobi Declaration commits the continent to action



Shared continental priorities



Sustainable financing mechanisms



Monitoring & accountability

Four sponsorship tiers open the door to visibility

 PLATINUM	 GOLD	 SILVER	 BRONZE
\$50K	\$30K	\$20K	\$10K
✓ Prime plenary speaking slot ✓ VIP networking access ✓ Premium booth location	✓ Thematic session speaking ✓ Standard booth space ✓ Gala dinner recognition	✓ Material brand visibility ✓ Exhibition booth included ✓ Digital platform logo	✓ Forum brand recognition ✓ Exhibition presence ✓ Official programme listing

Sponsorship packages subject to approval. Custom packages available on request.

A zero-plastic Forum that leaves roots behind



Zero-plastic policy

Reusable & compostable materials throughout



Karura Forest planting

A living legacy with the local community



Décor donation

Materials gifted to community art schools



Legacy materials

Impact documentary & the Nairobi Declaration

Green by design — every choice leaves a measurable, lasting footprint



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Be part of Africa's water future

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Attend

Register as a delegate



Exhibit

Book your stand



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