

Skat will be participating in the annual World Water Week conference in Stockholm (25-30 August). This year's theme, "Water for Society - Including all," is particularly relevant to the work we are leading: when it comes to access to safe, affordable drinking water it is rural people who are left behind.

If you are attending the conference, do join us at one of the sessions below. Skat will also be present at the [Rural Water Supply Network booth](#) (C10) and at [the Swiss Water Partnership booth](#) (B12).

Sessions

Safely managed drinking water services for rural populations

Date: Wednesday 28 August | 16:00-17:30 ; Room: M5

In rural sub-Saharan Africa, groundwater is central to meeting target SDG 6.1 for safely managed drinking water services. This session provides inspiring examples alongside challenges of managing, drilling for, and extracting groundwater, so that no one in the sub-continent is left behind from using a safe drinking water service. This session is co-convened by Skat, RWSN, the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Germany and Water Mission. Dr. Kerstin Danert (Skat Foundation) will present a case study of Borehole Drilling - Planning, Contracting & Management.

More information:

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8349-safely-managed-drinking-water-services-for-rural-populations>

Women and Youth: Living Apart Together

Date: Sunday 25 August | 14:00-15:30; Room: L8

Through a world café format, this interactive and participatory session highlights the potential losses facing the water sector due to the absence of active and meaningful participation of women and youth; generates discussions on how to unlock their potential; and suggests the way forward to further their economic empowerment. Meleesa Naughton (Skat Foundation) will present the [RWSN Young Professionals Mentoring Programme](#).

More information:

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8576-women-and-youth-living-apart-together-23>

Addressing discrimination and neglect in WASH: an uncomfortable conversation

Date: Thursday 29 August | 09:00-10:30; Room: M5

The overarching principle of “Leaving No One Behind” (LNOB) is at the core of the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) on water to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”.

The event will draw together different perspectives on and past and current contributions to the issue of LNOB and discuss how practitioners can address discrimination and neglect in WASH. This session will be moderated by Dr Kerstin Danert (Skat Foundation).

More information:

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8468-addressing-discrimination-and-neglect-in-wash-an-uncomfortable-conversation>

Sessions co-convened by RWSN

Skat Foundation is the host of the RWSN Secretariat. This year, RWSN has a strong presence at World Water Week and is co-convening 5 sessions with partners on issues of relevance to rural water services.

For more information, see <https://www.rural-water-supply.net/en/collaborations/details/107>

Exhibition

RWSN Exhibition Stand (C10)

You can come and talk to us at the RWSN exhibition stand, which are co-hosting with other RWSN Member Organisations: Simavi, Nazava and Water Mission. We have a number of events planned at the exhibition stand.

For more information, see

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8810-reaching-the-last-mile-water-mission-simavi-nazava-rwsn>

Swiss Water Partnership Exhibition Stand (B12)

Skat will also be represented at the Swiss Water Partnership Exhibition Stand.

For more information, see

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8757-swiss-water-partnership>

Young Professionals Exhibition Stand (D01)

RWSN is co-convening an event at the Young Professionals Exhibition Stand on Monday 26 August, from 1-3pm. Meleesa Naughton (Skat Foundation) will present the RWSN Young Professionals Mentoring Programme.

For more information, see

<https://www.worldwaterweek.org/event/8840-young-professionals-booth>