



THURSDAY

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13h15 - 14h30  
Ex-Press Bar, 3rd Floor,  
General Assembly Building, United Nations

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## Empowerment of women and girls through access to public services- including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

### This session is an opportunity to:

- Examine the role of and challenges faced by States in delivering water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as a public service;
- Contribute to advancing the discussions on WASH services for women and girls as a key priority and determinant for women's empowerment;
- Share best practices and lessons learned from country programmes.

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Contribute to the global policy debate and emphasize the importance of access to WASH as a public service.
- Increase attention to WASH as a cross cutting issue in the deliberations of the Commission on the Status of Women.

## PROGRAMME

Welcome and opening remarks by Moderator, Ambassador Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations in New York

Keynote remarks by H.E. Ms. Bathabile Dlamini, Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, South Africa

Remarks by Ms. Merete Brattested, Secretary General, Department for UN and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Remarks by Representative of Permanent Mission of India to the UN

### PRESENTATIONS BY PANEL

Ms. Alice Ngo Njiki MHM Trainer & Government Representative, Cameroon Ministry of Water and Energy – WASH Division – The Role of the State in Delivering WASH Services: Challenges and Successes

Ms. Dunja Krause, Research Officer UNRISD - WASH and Social Protection: A human rights-based approach

Ms. Mercy Masoo, WaterAid Country Director in Malawi – Female friendly and community toilets, experiences from the field

Pr V. Srinivas Chary, Director of the Administrative Staff College of India - She Toilets Project - Toilets for Women in Warangal: Adapting facilities to Respond to Women and Girls' Needs

Q&A and moderated discussion

Close of session by Moderator