Access to sustainable water-related services and infrastructure matters. Dysfunction, whether due to inadequate maintenance, weak management, limited structural funding or a shortfall in skilled and technical labour, exacerbates the cycle of poverty, gender inequality and risks the attainment of the targets set out in the UN sustainable development goals.

Due to gendered socio-economic roles, women remain disproportionately affected by water scarcity, and poor management of resources, and yet they are often excluded from decision-making. This event explores the critical role women hold in responding to ongoing skills shortages, and in the planning and delivery of sustainable water resource management; underlining the power of investment in the vocational training of women and girls.
Welcome
Hon. Mrs Pamela Tshwete
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Water and Sanitation of South Africa

Keynote
Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, Women for Water Partnership (WfWP)
Soroptimist International (SI)
The importance of vocational training of women in the water sector

Panelists
Representative of Ministry of Water Development of Jordan
Country Perspective - policy into practice

Representative of the International Labour Organization (TBC)

Elizabeth Nyadwe - Advocacy Committee Member SI of Europe
The Mwihoko Women, Kenya - empowering women through water

Amrita Gautam SI of Europe
In numbers - statistics on vocational training in Nepal

Moderated Discussion
Lesha Witmer, WfWP