

Our Water and Health Network Africa OWHN Africa

Water & Public Health Research Group International

6th International Conference on Water in Africa (ICWA)

Nature: Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person)

theme:

Water in Africa: persisting challenges, sustainable solutions, and governance dimensions

Background:

Water in Africa faces a critical crisis, with approximately 387 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lacking basic water access. This challenge is heightened by rapid urbanization, climate change, and weak infrastructure. Today's discussions should focus on sustainable solutions, innovative approaches and technologies aimed at improving water quality and sanitation, accelerating investments in infrastructure, and overcoming mismanagement and corruption.

Subthemes:

- Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
- Aquatic environments and One Health
- Water governance and resource management
- Risk, vulnerability and resilience assessments
- Water and food security and climate change
- Bioenergy and biochemicals from wastewater
- Water and health: Role of the arts/humanities
- Water and wellbeing: faith and heritage matters
- Water education, literacy and awareness
- Water in art, literature and the humanities
- Sustainable water pollution management

Organizers:

Our Water and Health Network Africa (OWHN Africa) - https://owhnafrica.org

Water and Public Health Research Group (WPHRG)

21st -24th March, 2027

Zoom/University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 410001 Nigeria

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IWHA International Water and Health Alliances

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ICWA 2027 WORKSHOPS:

Water Workshop: Water testing and treatment is key for disease control in rural environments. Supported by International Water and Health Alliances (IWHA), our annual water workshop is designed to equip participants with both knowledge and skills to train communities on deploying evidence-based Microbiology and water-testing kits as educational tools that demonstrate the best practices for identifying safe drinking water.

Writing Workshop: Writing is a critical tool for sustainable development, and the focus of our annual writing workshop cohorts, organised in collaboration with the Michigan State University's Global Alliances in Literacy and Engagement (GALE), is on developing capacity in academic and grant writing amongst early career researchers in sub-Saharan Africa. See the writing workshop flyer for more details.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

We invite academics and researchers, non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, civil societies, government ministries and development agencies to submit abstracts to the conference via email (waterconference@unn.edu.ng). **Guidelines**: Not more than 250 words (in MS Word, single-line spacing and Time New Roman font 12); single paragraph without subheadings, indentation, or references. The abstract should be an explicit summary of your presentation that states the problem, aim, methodology, and key results and conclusion(s). **Kindly attach your proof of the 5,000NGN abstract processing fee payment.**

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 31, 2026.
Writing Workshop Application Deadline: February 20, 2027.

Registration fee: 25,000NGN OR 100USD; and 10,000NGN for undergraduate students.

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