



Reimagining Water Museums: Towards Resilient Hydro Trajectories

| A one-day symposium

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

The Africa Institute Auditorium
The Africa Institute (GSU)
Sharjah, UAE

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Program Agenda

09:30 am – 10:00 am | Welcome Reception & Registration

10.00 am | Invocations to Water

- Alasanne Samoura, Founder, Musee de l'Eau, Burkina Faso
- Sukrit Sen, Arts and Outreach Coordinator, Living Waters Museum; IIT-Kharagpur, India

10:10 am – 10:30 am | Opening Remarks

- **Salah M. Hassan**, Director, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU), Sharjah, U.A.E; Distinguished Professor, Cornell University, U.S.A
- **Sara Ahmed**, Founder, Living Waters Museum and Adjunct Professor, Centre for Water Research, IISER-Pune

10:30 am – 11:45 am | Roundtable 1: Climate Risks and Extreme Events in River Basins and Deltas: Multi-disciplinary Frameworks and Approaches

Moderator

John Thabiti Willis, Associate Professor of African History, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU), Sharjah, U.A.E.

- **Setting the Scene on Climate Change and Extreme Events in the Region**
Grieve Chelwa, Associate Professor of Political Economy, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU), Sharjah, U.A.E.
- **Climate Change and the Sunderbans**
Jenia Mukherjee, Associate Professor, IIT-Kharagpur
- **Water, Risks and Extreme Events along the Nile River: From Disasters to Desires**
Emanuele Fantini, Senior Lecturer/Researcher, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

11:45 am – 12:00 noon | Coffee & Tea Break

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm | Roundtable 2: Decolonising Museums: Memory Making and the Role of the Arts

Moderator

Amitangshu Acharya, Lecturer, IHE-Delft Institute for Water Education

- **Decolonizing Museums in Africa**
Elizabeth W. Giorgis, Associate Professor of Art History, Theory and Criticism, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU), Sharjah, U.A.E
- **The Remember Bhopal Museum, India**
Shalini Sharma, Associate Professor, IISER-Pune
- **Musee de l'Eau - Burkina Faso: 'Playful' Approaches to Water Security**
Alasanne Samoura, Founder-Director
- **The Living Waters Museum, India: Visualizing Liquid Pasts**
Sara Ahmed, Adjunct Professor, IISER-Pune /Founder, the Living Waters Museum

01:15 pm – 01:30 pm | Closing remarks

- **Saad Lotfey** - CEO, SciComm X All-In-One Science Media and Communication Consultancy
- **Binyam Sisay Mendisu**- Associate Professor of African Languages and Linguistics and Associate Director, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU), Sharjah, U.A.E.

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