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**UN 2023 Water Conference**  
22 – 24 Mar 2023, New York

## **“Reflections on Women, Water, Culture and Education Past, Present and Future”**

**Wednesday 22 March 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM | Columbia University, New York, NY 10027**

**(the campus is easy to access by public transit using the IRT #1 subway to 116 Street)**

**The location of the program is the Center for Buildings, Infrastructure and Public Space at  
the School of Engineering, 500 West 120th Street, New York, NY 10027 (room 706).**

### **Organizer:**

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### **Partners:**

UNESCO Chair Water Ports and Historic Cities • IHE Delft Institute for Water Education •  
Dutch Water Authority Rijnland • Drinkable Rivers • United Nations Economic Commission  
for Europe UNECE • Womenvai • World Federation of Engineers Organisation WFEO •  
Erasmus University Rotterdam.

### **Program:**

This Side Event will elaborate on the following issues. On the one hand Women Leaders are needed at all levels of society, in water utilities, government water agencies, and international and regional water institutions to reduce the democratic gender deficit in water leadership. On the other hand safe water and sanitation is so important for getting girls and boys to school and educated them to become water leaders.

### **Moderator:**



**Ms. Ruth A. Richardson from The Netherlands and  
Aruba, Dutch Caribbean**

Secretary-General for the International Network of  
Liberal Women and NGO delegate, member & Advisor  
UNECE Water Convention Task Force group.

## Speakers:



### **Ms. Bharti Kannan, Boondh from India**

Founder | Gender | Health | Tech | Rights | Social Entrepreneur in Menstrual Health. She is the founder and lead Boondh (virtual core team of 6 apart from consultants, volunteers, interns, facilitators) as a hybrid social enterprise and a not-for-profit organization that works on menstrual literacy, policy, advocacy, activism, and sustainable products.



### **Ms. Anita Soina, Soina Foundation from Kenya**

She is a Kenyan environmental activist from the Maasai community. She is the author of The Green War and the founder of Spice Warriors, a group that advocates for climate change in Kenya. Anita is currently the Youth Champion of United Nations-hosted Sanitation and Water for All global partnership, advocating for water, sanitation and hygiene for all.



### **Ms. Li An Phoa, Drinkable Rivers from The Netherlands**

Drinkable Rivers works towards a world with drinkable rivers by raising awareness and mobilising people for action. We organise inspiring river walks, citizen science and action communities like Mayors for Drinkable Rivers. Li An her 1000km walk along the Meuse has been featured in a documentary. A book will appear in English (September 2023) [www.drinkablerivers.org](http://www.drinkablerivers.org).



### **Ms. Lorette Douzals from France**

She is a graduated from an Engineering School of Agronomy, specialized in Water Governance. She start to work for BRL Ingénierie, a French Consulting company 4 years ago.



**Ms. Carlien Donkor Msc. from Ghana**

Architecture & Urban design in Sustainability & Water Enthusiast, as Project Management, Procurement, Researcher, Administration, Entrepreneur, Sales and Humanitarian.



**Ms. Giovanna Reinehr Tiboni from Brasil**

She is a young civil engineer, a specialist in environment and sustainability and master in water resources management. She has been working for over 7 years as an environmental consultant, with experience in land planning and river basin management projects in South America and in flood engineering projects in England.



**Ms. Hilde Sennema MA from The Netherlands**

She is a historian with a master's degree in architectural history. After working in the field of urban planning and heritage, she is now finishing her PhD on post-war reconstruction in port cities at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Between 2018 and 2021 she wrote a weekly column in the Dutch newspaper Financial Newspaper. In 2022 she joined the UNESCO Chair of Water, Ports and Historic Cities at Delft University of Technology to work as a researcher and lecturer. Besides port cities, her research interests include public-private relations in public space, and the cultural meanings and representations of water.



**Ms. Queenie Lin from Taiwan**

She is a PhD Candidate at History of Architecture and Urban Planning, Delft University of Technology, with a research focus on the sustainable preservation of climate-challenged Dutch overseas settlements in VOC Asia. She is currently working under the UNESCO Chair Water, Ports and Historic Cities and the PortCityFutures research group, and is the editor of the journal Blue Papers: Water & Heritage for Sustainable Development. She was also a PhD candidate of Cultural Heritage and Arts Innovation Studies, Taipei National University of the Arts, and that and her previous MA training in art and

architectural history (University of Virginia, USA), conservation of fine art (Northumbria University, UK), and underwater cultural heritage certificate (UNESCO Foundation Course), equipped her for the professional experience in academia, museums, research institutes and thinktanks in Asia, America and Europe.



**Prof.dr.ir. E.J. (Eddy) Moors**

Professor Moors started as Rector of IHE Delft on 1 July 2017. Professor Moors was head of the research team ‘Climate change and adaptive land & water management’ at Wageningen Environmental Research (Alterra). He is also Professor of Water and Climate at the VU University Amsterdam.

We strongly encourage people to come by subway, using the IRT #1 local to West 116th Street. Those attending would then walk northeast on the campus to the Seeley Mudd Hall, the primary building of the School of Engineering. The CBIPS space is in Studio Lab 706, up three floors from the campus level.



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