

Integrating WASH and watershed management to meet Sustainable Development Goals

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Speaker Biographies

Ron Clemmer

Ron Clemmer serves as the Strategy and Business Development Manager, WASH for FHI360. Ron is an environmental engineer with 30 years experience addressing broad and detailed water, sanitation and hygiene issues. He has provided direction and technical support for WASH programming in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean. He has addressed sustainability, behavior change, and business and governance enabling environment issues for WASH programming.

Ron has served as a board member for the Rocky Mountain Water and Wastewater Plant Operator School and the Millennium Water Alliance, and also provided support to the steering committee in the formation of the U.S. Water Partnership. Ron holds a M.S. in Environmental Health Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University. Ron is a licensed professional engineer in Colorado and an accredited professional for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Prior to joining FHI360, Ron served as a Senior Technical Advisor for WASH for World Vision, Supervising Engineer for Brown & Caldwell, and Certified Project Manager for ARCADIS.

Chris Holmes

Christian Holmes is Deputy Assistant Administrator in USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment (E3), and the Agency's first Global Water Coordinator. Holmes is responsible for overseeing the Agency's global water portfolio across 26 countries. This includes implementing the [***Water for the World Act of 2014***](#), which aims to provide first-time or improved access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene in the world's poorest communities. He also shapes and leads the implementation of [***USAID's Water and Development Strategy***](#), and serves as the senior most advisor to the Administrator on water matters. He brings to USAID extensive experience in the international economic development, humanitarian assistance and environmental protection sectors.

Greg Koch

Director, Global Water Stewardship, The Coca-Cola Company

Greg joined The Coca-Cola Company in 1996. He has nearly 30 years of experience and is a globally recognized leader in the water resource management space. Currently, Greg leads

Coca-Cola's global water stewardship strategy across 1,000 facilities and numerous agricultural supply regions, by focusing on: water use efficiency and wastewater management in production facilities; watershed protection and climate change adaptation; community water initiatives; supply chain water management, global awareness and action, and water policy engagement. He collaborates with bottling partners, governments, NGOs, aid/development agencies and communities throughout the Coca-Cola system.

Rafael Callejas

Rafael Callejas is the Executive Director of the Millennium Water Alliance, a coalition of fifteen of the best organizations working on WASH issues across the world. Under Mr. Callejas's leadership, the Alliance has made significant contributions to advocate for WASH issues before the United States Congress, and has developed innovative cutting edge programming that is currently leading the Sector. Prior to assuming this position in 2008, he was the Regional Director for the Latin American and Caribbean Regions of CARE, USA, overseeing relief and development in 8 Latin American & Caribbean countries, including Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Haiti. He holds strong interests in sustainable WASH services in emerging regions, reduction in community vulnerabilities to natural disasters, and in educational rights of women. Mr. Callejas served as Director for CARE, El Salvador for five years. He holds a Master degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and from José Simeón Cañas University, El Salvador.

Sarah Davidson

Sarah Davidson is the Manager for Water Policy at WWF with the Freshwater Program. She leads the design and implementation of effective policy initiatives and strategic partnerships for WWF's Water Goal. Sarah came from The Nature Conservancy, where she spent 8 years, serving most recently as the International Water Policy Advisor. Prior to joining TNC, Sarah worked on various international development issues, including water resources management, gender, environmental health, and rural alternative development projects.

Wendy Larson

Wendy Larson is a Vice President at LimnoTech, a water science and environmental engineering consultancy headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Over the past 25 years, her research and consulting has focused on a wide range of water quantity and water quality issues in the U.S. and internationally. Ms. Larson consults for corporations, NGOs and government agencies, addressing technical and strategic needs related to water stewardship commitments in direct operations and agricultural supply chains. She has also directed several high-profile projects exploring a variety of research topics related to water sustainability, including water footprinting and water risk assessments, water metrics for the electric power sector, and pilot testing of the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) International Water Stewardship Standard.

Paul Hicks

Agnes Montangero

Since 2010, Agnes Montangero has been leading the water & infrastructure sector of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, a Swiss NGO implementing 40 water projects in 20 countries. An environmental engineer, Ms. Montangero has been working in the water and sanitation sector for 15 years in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. Prior to working for HELVETAS, Ms. Montangero conducted research at the Department of Water and Sanitation in Developing Countries (SANDEC) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag), an internationally renowned aquatic research institute. She wrote her PhD thesis on fecal sludge management and environmental sanitation planning. Additionally, Ms. Montangero worked for Skat, an independent Swiss organization working in development and humanitarian aid, as a water and environmental sanitation specialist. In the Skat team, she provided strategic program support and developing tools and manuals such as a sustainability assessment tool in addition to overseeing external evaluations. Ms. Montangero is fluent in French, English, and German.