**Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Paper Proposal Form**

Call for Papers on Water Security and the Sustainable Development Goals

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| **The ‘Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Paper Series’ will be co-published by UNESCO Headquarters and UNESCO i-WSSM on an annual basis. The selected papers will be published as part of the ‘Global Water Security Issues (GWSI) Paper Series’ and an honorarium will be awarded.** All fields marked with an asterisk (**\***) are mandatory |

**1. BACKGROUND**

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| Over the years ‘Water Security’ has attracted international attention since the UNESCO International Hydrology Programme (IHP) placed an emphasis on ‘Water Security’ during its 8th phase, being implemented between 2014-2021, in line with the eight-year Medium-term Strategy of UNESCO (2014-2021). According to the World Bank, securing water is essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and goes well beyond water access and sanitation. Surprisingly, though, a variety of topics regarding water security have not been extensively researched internationally. In conclusion, there is an urgent need to conduct extensive research on emerging and future global water security issues in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and to document these studies. **Objectives** The main objective of the ‘GWSI Paper Series’ is to document emerging water security-related issues and analyses, by co-publishing with distinguished researchers from relevant organizations and contributing to the better understanding of the economic, social, political, technological and institutional influences on current global water security, in connection to the Sustainable Development Goals. The specific objectives of the papers include: * To share research and studies on similar topics in order to strengthen cooperation among researchers engaged in the water sector internationally
* To encourage and enhance research on water security-related issues
* To identify solutions for improving global water security-related issues and
* To contribute towards achieving water security in the long-term
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**2. INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSAL**

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| **Topics** The main topics and key aspects that need to be addressed in the paper include:* Definition of key terms
* Identification of the impacts and risks of your chosen topic
* Defining the scope of work relevant to your chosen topic
* Use case studies to highlight the policy implications

You can refer to the themes and topics on the second page, or you can choose any topic relevant to the broader theme of ‘Water Security and the Sustainable Development Goals’.**Call for Papers**UNESCO i-WSSM invites researchers from international organizations, government agencies, research institutions, not-profit institutions, and the private sector to submit proposals for the ‘GWSI Paper Series’. The selected papers will be published as part of the ‘GWSI Paper Series’ of UNESCO i-WSSM and UNESCO Headquarters. Authors of papers selected will receive an honorarium for a 30-page paper upon delivery of a quality paper (the amount of honorarium is to be determined). The research period is about 4 months, and the most desirable starting date is in June, finishing in September. The 2nd Korea International Water Week (KIWW) in September and Future Water Security Forum in December will be held in Korea and authors of chosen papers could present their work in KIWW or the Forum. GWSI paper will need to meet the following requirements:* **Topics**: Papers should address the key aspects listed above under ‘objectives and topics’.
* **Case Study**: Papers are strongly encouraged to address practical and successful case studies.
* **Environmental and socioeconomic settings**: Papers can focus on a specific sector (such as water policy, climate change, agriculture, ground water, transboundary issue etc.) or adopt a multisector approach (such as the Water-Energy-Food Nexus).
* **Languages**: The proposal will be accepted only in English.
* **Format**: The final paper should not exceed 30 pages of double-spaced text, including all images and references.

**\* The selected paper shall be original quality work not previously published.** **Submission Process**Proposals for papers meeting the requirements listed above are invited to be submitted by using the proposal template at (http://i-wssm.org/). **For submission of proposals and papers, please refer to the contact information listed below.** * By **12th May 2018,** researchers interested in submitting papers should send a proposal indicating their theme to UNESCO i-WSSM. The proposals will be blind-reviewed by a selection committee which will judge proposals based on their quality, relevance, and concrete nature.
* By **25th May 2018,** the submitter of each proposal will be informed of the selection committee’s decision.
* By **27th July 2018,** the researchers of the selected proposal should submit the first draft of papers to UNESCO i-WSSM in order to check whether papers are on track, and meet the desired criteria.
* By **28th September 2018,** final full papers submission should be submitted to UNESCO i-WSSM.

The authors of selected papers for Global Water Security Issues Paper Series will receive an honorarium **after completion of papers.** The selection criteria for inclusion in the ‘GWSI Paper Series’ is set out on the UNESCO i-WSSM website ([http://i-wssm.org/](http://unesco-iwssm.org) ). The proposals submitted after the deadline may be considered. **\*The submission dates as listed above could be changed.** |

**3. PROPOSAL**

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| 1. **Choose the theme\***

You can choose or refer to the following themes and topics below. You can adjust the name of your chosen topic if it is similar or relevant to the topics listed below. 70% of ‘GWSI Paper Series’ will consist of papers relating directly to the topics listed below, while the remaining 30% may cover any topics authors choose, that are relevant to the broader theme of "Water Security and the Sustainable Development Goals" |
| **WATER SECURITY AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)** |
| Water Security & Environment | Water Security & Society | Water Security & Economy | Water Security & Governance |
| □ Water and Climate Change □ Water Security and Wastewater □ Global Groundwater Crisis □ Drinking Water Quality and Security □ etc.  | □ Water and Education □ Water and Urbanization □ Water Management for the Future □ Gender Mainstreaming in Water□ Rights to Water □ etc. | □ Water finance, investment, policy, and pricing□ Water and Economic Empowerment □ Water and 4th Industrial Revolution □ Water Security and Agriculture □ etc. | □ Water and National Security □ Human Capabilities for Water Security □ Water and Partnership □ Water-Energy-Food Nexus □ etc. |
| **Any topic relevant to the broader theme of "Water Security and the Sustainable Development Goals". (if you do not choose one of the themes or topics above) (50 words)** |
| 1. **Main and specific objectives (50 words)\***

Describe the main objective of the paper and specific objectives/questions to be addressed |
| 1. **Background/rationale and context (150 words)\***

Describe the background, context, rationale and related environmental and socioeconomic settings |
| 1. **Expected outcome (100 words)\***

Outline the key expected outcome of the paper and how it can contribute to water security and UNESCO i-WSSM |

**4. PROPOSER**

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| **Title\*** □ Mr. □ Ms. □ Prof. □ Dr. |
| **First Name\*** |  | **Last Name\*** |
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| **Type of Organization\*****□** Government/Local government □ International Organization □ Public Corporation □ Academia, Research Institute**□** Industry (Enterprises, etc.) □ CSO (Civil Society Organization, NGO) □ Other ( ) |
| **Country\*** | **Telephone\*** (Country Code-Area Code-Number) | **E-mail\*** |

The paper proposals are invited to be submitted to blee@unesco-iwssm.org before 12th May 2018. The researchers of proposals selected will be contacted no later than 25th May 2018. UNESCO i-WSSM will have the final decision on how many and which papers will be selected for inclusion in the ‘GWSI Paper Series’.

For any enquires regarding the ‘GWSI Paper Series’, please contact us at:

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