

Economics for Sustainable Water Management - a policy-science workshop

28 August or 1 September 2016, Stockholm, Sweden (date to be confirmed)

Submission of papers for the Economics for Sustainable Water Management workshop is now open.

NB: The organization of this workshop is dependent on approval of a funding application submitted by SIWI (decision expected in May or June).

Countries are now seeking ways to implement the new Agenda 2030, where water management is a central component. Evidence-based policy making is key to transparent and accountable water management, and economic analysis can contribute significantly to water policy design and decision making. Economic instruments have the potential to perform several water management functions, but need careful design and an appropriate institutional framework to gain public acceptance and achieve the intended policy goals.

Purpose

- 1) Disseminate water economics research results to policy makers
- 2) Increase the understanding among water economists of policy makers' concerns
- 3) Foster international networking among water economists

Taking place during [2016 World Water Week](#), the workshop will seek to attract water policy makers, practitioners and researchers in the field of water economics.

Format

The workshop will feature presentations of water economics research methods and results applicable to real policy challenges - primarily in developing countries. These will be followed by a panel discussion between public decision makers and researchers on, for example, the role of economics in evidence-based water policy making, academic institutions' engagement and communication with policy makers, and success factors for policy-science interaction.

Submission of papers

Papers should describe research designed to address current policy challenges or research that evaluates policy reforms, within the field of water economics. Primarily, the use of economic analysis and economic instruments to address the following policy issues, in low- and middle-income countries:

- Providing universal and sustainable water supply and wastewater services
- Protecting freshwater ecosystems
- Regulating water abstraction
- Promoting water efficient production and consumption
- Managing floods and droughts / adapting to climate change
- Ensuring food security for growing populations

Call for Papers



Special consideration will be given to submissions that take a multi-disciplinary perspective, between economics and behavioural or natural sciences.

Conveners and workshop programme committee

Lead convener: Stockholm International Water Institute, [SIWI](http://siwi.org)

Co-conveners: The Center for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa, [CEEPa](http://ceepa.org); Environment for Development Initiative [EFD](http://efd.org).

Important dates

- Deadline for paper submission is 25 May 2016.
- Acceptance letters will be sent in June 2016.

Submission format

- Only full papers will be considered for evaluation.
- Please specify which of the above-mentioned policy issues the paper addresses.
- The paper should include an abstract, consisting of a) Introduction/problem identification and b) Analysis/results and implications for policy.
- Please specify five (5) keywords.
- Papers should be submitted as pdf documents.
- In addition to the paper, please submit a biography of the presenting author, max 1000 characters including blank spaces.

Submit papers by email to: Water_Economics_Papers@siwi.org

Selection criteria

- how the paper advances knowledge of/innovation within the subject
- the scientific quality and originality of the subject treatment
- the practical applications of the paper's content
- the capacity of the procedures or practices described to be replicated

Publishing of papers

Presenting authors will be offered the possibility to publish the meeting papers in a special edition of an international journal (tbc).

Financial support for paper presenters

Paper presenters will receive complimentary registration to the World Water Week (28 August-2 September 2016). Paper presenters will also be eligible to apply for travel funding, contingent on a successful workshop grant proposal submitted by SIWI, for the purpose of presenting at the workshop and attending the World Water Week.

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