

7th IAHR AFRICA CONGRESS

Theme: Water Resilience and Innovation

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KIGALI - RWANDA

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 7th Africa Congress of IAHR in Kigali, Rwanda, from December 8–11, 2026. We are thrilled to have you join us as we explore “Water Resilience and Innovation.” This event will feature an exciting lineup of keynotes, workshops, and technical visits. You will have the opportunity engage with global leaders and emerging voices as we collectively shape sustainable water futures.

CONGRESS CHAIR



Prof. Ignace GATARE

*Principal of College of Science
and Technology / University of
Rwanda*

ABOUT IAHR AFRICA DIVISION

The IAHR Africa Division aims to strengthen IAHR’s presence on the continent by connecting African professionals, institutions, and universities to global networks. Its vision is to address Africa’s diverse water challenges through collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange. Recent milestones include the launch of an Africa Online Summer School, free memberships for African professionals, and regional dialogues on water security and professional development. The 2024 IAHR Africa Congress was held in Morocco, and the next is planned for Kigali in 2026.



ABOUT THE HOSTS

The event is hosted by Water Partnership Rwanda, University of Rwanda/College of Science and Technology, and Rwanda Young Water Professional, with support from government agencies like Water and Sanitation Corporation Group, Rwanda Water Resources Board, and Rwanda Environmental Management Authority.

CONGRESS SUB-THEMES

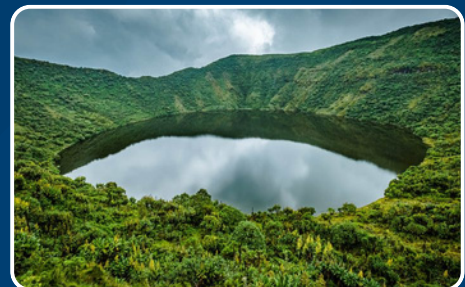
- Water supply & Sanitation technologies and services
- Water Regulatory Services
- Integrated water management and planning
- Urban resilience in African cities
- Flood and drought management
- Wetlands and critical ecosystems management

WHY RWANDA?

Rwanda has established itself as the hub for hybrid meetings and conventions in Africa. Moreover, Rwanda is perceived as the leading African destination for first class incentives and events. Also, being one of the leading MICE destinations in Africa, Rwanda national airline flies to over 30 destinations and the network is growing. Major airlines that fly to Kigali international airport include KLM, Qatar, Emirates, Ethiopian airline and Kenyan airlines. All these advantages make Rwanda an ideal destination for the IAHR 2026 Africa Congress.

BEYOND THE VENUE

- **Akagera National Park:** Experience a thrilling Big Five safari in this wildlife haven.
- **Lake Kivu:** Kayak on tranquil waters and relax at lakeside resorts.
- **Volcanoes National Park:** Encounter mountain gorillas.
- **Nyungwe National Park:** Discover lush rainforests and over 300 bird species.



SEAMLESS VISA PROCESS

- Rwanda offers a digital e-Visa for visits up to 30 days.
- Visa on Arrival is available for select nationalities.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN KIGALI

Kigali has hotel capacity to host over 5,000 guests, offering options from luxury to budget. Top-tier hotels that are not far from the venue include: *Radisson Blu, Kigali Marriott, Four Points by Sheraton, Mille Collines, and Kigali Serena Hotel.*

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

SUB - THEMES

SUB-THHEME 1: WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES	SUB-THHEME 2: WATER REGULATORY SERVICES	SUB-THHEME 3: INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING	SUB-THHEME 4: URBAN RESILIENCE IN AFRICAN CITIES	SUB-THHEME 5: FLOOD AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT	SUB-THHEME 6: WETLANDS AND CRITICAL ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
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TUESDAY 08 DECEMBER		DAILY SCHEDULE (WEDSDAY – FRIDAY)			
09:00 – 15:00	SHORTCOURSES/WORKSHOPS	KEYNOTE PLENARY 09:00 – 10:00		SESSION 2 14:00 – 15:30 (Not Thursday & Friday)	
16:00 – 17:30	OPENING CEREMONY	COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:30		COFFEE BREAK 15:30 – 16:00 (Not Thursday & Friday)	
17:30 – 18:00	TOAST – EXHIBITION OPENING	SESSION 1 10:30 – 13:00		SESSION 3 16:00 – 17:00 (Not Thursday & Friday)	
18:00 – 20:00	WELCOME RECEPTION	LUNCH 13:00 – 14:00			
WEDNESDAY 09 DECEMBER					
09:00 – 10:00	KEYNOTE PLENARY				
SESSION 1 10:30 – 13:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	SPECIAL SESSIONS				
SESSION 2 14:00 – 15:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS
SESSION 3 16:00 – 17:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS
EVENING					
THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER					
09:00 – 10:00	KEYNOTE PLENARY				
SESSION 1 10:00 – 13:00	PALEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	SPECIAL SESSIONS				
14:00 – 17:00	VISIT TRIPS (NYANDUGU ECO PARK, NZOVE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, MUHAZI DYKES, KIGALI CENTRALIZED SEWERAGE SYSTEM)				
EVENING	GALA DINNER				
FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER					
09:00 – 09:45	KEYNOTE PLENARY				
SESSION 1 10:30 – 13:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	SPECIAL SESSIONS				
14:00 – 15:00	CLOSING CEREMONY				

LOCAL PARTNERS & HOSTS



REGISTRATION FEES

International & General Participants (EUR)

Category	Early bird until 9 Sept 2026	Standard Registration until 8 Nov 2026	On-site
IAHR Member	\$387	\$516	\$645
Non-IAHR Member	\$430	\$559	\$688
Student (IAHR Member)	\$172	\$301	\$344
Student (Non-IAHR Member)	\$215	\$344	\$473

Special Rates for African Students & Experts (EUR)

Category	Early bird until 9 Sept 2026	Standard Registration until 8 Nov 2026	On-site
IAHR Member	\$194	\$258	\$323
Non-IAHR Member	\$215	\$280	\$444
Student (IAHR Member)	\$86	\$151	\$215
Student (Non-IAHR Member)	\$108	\$172	\$237

HOHAI–AFRICA STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION AWARD

The Hohai–Africa Student Paper Competition Award recognizes outstanding papers by undergraduate and postgraduate students, based on both written and oral presentations at the IAHR Africa Congress 2026. Open to students presenting original work aligned with the congress themes. Winners receive official recognition and a certificate of excellence proudly supported by Hohai University and the IAHR Africa Division.

COMPETITION AWARD	
1st Prize	1500\$
2 nd Prize	1000\$
3 rd Prize	500\$

CONTACT US

For all inquiries about the 7th IAHR Africa Congress 2026, please reach out via our official channels. Visit our website to find details on registration, the congress program, and more!

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