



Water Policy Group

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SURVEY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

2021 Global Water Policy Report

Water Policy Group & UNSW's Global Water Institute (Professor Greg Leslie / Dr Susanne Schmeidl)

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims

- To provide a high impact and high visibility report that leverages a survey of water leaders as well as the WPG expertise on global water issues of great pertinence.
- To identify water policy priorities and challenges from the perspective of people of influence in policy development at the national and international level.
- To align with and thus support wider global processes such as the World Water Development Report, World Water Day and the Stockholm International Water Week to achieve its objectives.
- To provide a source of information on water policy that is a “must read”: for those who want to maximise the relevance of their work to water policy in the “real world”; for those who seek to understand peer perspectives from around the world and leverage the lessons learned by others; and to provide a source of practical and easily useable information.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Professor Greg Leslie and Dr Susanne Schmeidl, UNSW's Global Water Institute in support of the Water Policy Group.

Research Funder: This research is only funded by in-kind contributions from UNSW Global Water Institute and the Water Policy Group.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

The research study is looking to recruit individuals with subject-matter expertise in the water policy sector at the national level. Specifically we are looking at including individuals with the following experience:

- Pre-existing knowledge and practice experience working in the water sector, including water policy development on national and/or international levels
- Cooperation or engagement on initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals
- Extensive experience working at senior and high levels in the water sector in national or subnational governments, as a policy decision maker or close adviser to a policy decision maker, such as a Minister or top level official or highly influential person from civil society who may or may not be a senior official in any of these organisations:
 - government
 - international organisations
 - non-governmental sector
 - research organisation / think tank / universities

All subject-matter experts will be over the age of 18 years.

Participants who meet the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- Individuals without clear expertise in the space of water / water policy
- Individuals under the age of 18 years



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4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online or PDF survey.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online or PDF survey. The questionnaire will ask you questions about progress made in the space of Sustainable Development Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all – and key lessons learned on what facilitates or impeded progress.

It should take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete the survey depending on whether or not you chose to provide additional narrative information to explain your rankings. You can refuse to answer any of the questions.

Your participation is entirely voluntary and will be confidential. Responses will not be identified by individual and are thus completely anonymised.

Please review the summary information at the end of this document to understand what you are consenting to.

6. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online or PDF survey is an indication of your consent. By completing the online or PDF survey you are giving your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a maximum of 7 years. The information about you will be stored in a non-identifiable format. Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/report the results of the research in the Global Water Policy Report and subsequent analyses. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.



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The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [Privacy Policy](#).

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
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9. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

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Summary Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

By completing the online or PDF survey you understand and agree to the following:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used as described in section 6 of this document.
- I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from [waterpolicygroup.com]
- I understand that the results of the research will be made available via the Water Policy Group's website waterpolicygroup.com and that of UNSW's Global Water Institute <http://www.globalwaterinstitute.unsw.edu.au/>