

Welcome

to the
24th WATERNET/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium
in Zanzibar, Tanzania

Jambo and Karibu Zanzibar, Tanzania

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee (LoC) of the 24th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium and on my own behalf, I am honoured and glad to welcome you all to this year's WaterNet Symposium which has been dubbed, 'it is coming home'. The symposium will be held from 25th -27th October 2023 at Hotel Verde Azam Resort and Spa in the Spice Islands of Zanzibar within the United Republic of Tanzania. The symposium is hosted by the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), the oldest Public University in the United Republic of Tanzania through its Department of Water Resources Engineering.

The theme for this year's symposium "Accelerating Change: Fostering and Innovation Integration for Sustainable Water Resources Management in Eastern and Southern Africa." is timely, appropriate and relevant as we enter a space requiring accelerating change through

new innovations and solutions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on Water. As a long standing WaterNet member, the UDSM has been committed and driving solutions and pathways to build greater water and sanitation security. Similarly, the UDSM has been in the forefront of the water and sanitation innovation pathway which has seen it grow its footprint as a country offering such solutions and products and being regarded regionally. Therefore, I would like to encourage the delegates to participate with an increasing number in all the activities and discussions during the symposium.

Therefore, UDSM welcomes all to this ground-breaking event in Zanzibar which will share knowledge, ideas, and experience on sustainable water resources management. We are delighted to have you symposium delegates around us and we are sure that you will have an enjoyable experience both in technical sessions and leisure time. Let me assure you that you have made the right decision to come to Zanzibar. Zanzibar has been specifically selected as the symposium venue due to its amazingly incredible tourism destination experiences. This offbeat island is ideal for travelers who enjoy going off the beaten path, who want to mix the island life with an array of activities for holiday goers. Just off the east coast of Africa, expect white sands, spectacular sunsets and a rich cultural gem in the heart of Stone Town.

I look forward to seeing you in Zanzibar and to a successful symposium.

Dr Augustina Alexander
- Chairperson, LOC



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