

## CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA

Concept Note for the 22<sup>nd</sup> *Seminar of the Water for Peace and Climate Change in Myanmar (2024-2025) Seminar Series*.

***Seminar Title: “Reimagining Collaboration for Water Resilience by GWP, Ecocivilisation and TW-LP Consortium”***

**Co-organizers:** [Transformative Water-Learning Partnership \(TW-LP\) Consortium](#), [Global Water Partnership \(GWP\)](#) and [Ecocivilisation](#)

Date: Friday, 30 May 2025

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm Yangon Local time (GMT+6:30)

Venue: ZOOM Platform

### CONCEPT

The 22<sup>nd</sup> seminar of the "Water for Peace and Climate Change in Myanmar (2024–2025)" will be held on 30 May 2025, marking the continuation of a year-long journey of collective learning and dialogue. The previous 21 seminars have addressed a wide diversity of water-related topics—from water science and technological innovation to governance, IWRM, WASH, DRR, gender mainstreaming, hydroinformatics, and inclusive decision-making. Discussions have also explored leadership transformation, emergency preparedness, policy development, and the vital role of social sciences in shaping sustainable water futures. Full records are available on the Myanmar Water Academy website.

These seminars are generating tangible impacts across all levels within Myanmar, with ripple effects extending beyond its borders. Since the early 2000s, Myanmar’s water professionals—from young graduates to seasoned experts—have been advancing interdisciplinary approaches in partnership with GWP Stockholm and GWP-SEA, working through rotating ASEAN secretariats.

As Myanmar continues its IWRM journey, we are now reimagining the Myanmar Water Partnership with a renewed perspective—one that serves not only Myanmar but also contributes to Southeast Asia, the Asia-Pacific region, and the global water community.

In this context, two key organisations deserve special mention for their unwavering support to Myanmar, through both calm and crisis:

1. Global Water Partnership (GWP) – A long-standing ally in water governance, GWP is now spearheading a Global Transformation Agenda to reshape global cooperation. This initiative aims to scale up climate-resilient water investments, targeting USD 15 billion by 2030, beginning with an initial USD 500 million. For the first time in over two decades, GWP’s intergovernmental MoU is open to new states and governments—a historic opportunity to co-lead a global alliance for water security and climate resilience.
2. Ecocivilisation – A visionary movement and global platform for systemic transformation, Ecocivilisation promotes a shift from ego-centric to eco-centric thinking. It envisions a future rooted in harmony among people, nature, and technology, offering a new narrative for collaboration across generations, cultures, and sectors. By integrating ethics, empathy,

and ecological wisdom into leadership and development, Ecocivilisation aligns closely with water resilience efforts—reaffirming that a peaceful, sustainable world begins with how we care for water, and for one another.

If Myanmar is to respond to this global call, we must commit to the following five urgent priority actions:

1. Co-create a Shared Vision and Language
2. Build Trust through Transparent and Continuous Communication
3. Harness Diverse Knowledge Systems (Indigenous, Scientific, Local)
4. Innovate Governance Models with Flexible, Polycentric Approaches
5. Link Water Resilience to Broader Agendas (Climate, Health, Equity)

### **Invited Speakers and co-organizers**

- H.E. Dr. hc Violeta Bulc, Founder of Ecocivilisation, Global Chair of G100-Ecocivilisation Wing
- Mr. Alex Simalabwi, GWP Executive Secretary and CEO
- Dr. Raymond Valiant, GWP-SEA Coordinator
- Ms. Louise Desrainy Maryonoputri, Deputy Coordinator of GWP-SEA
- Ms. Kusum Athukorala, acting chair of Sri Lanka Water Partnership

### **Transformative Water-Learning Partnership (TW LP) Consortium Speakers and co-hosts**

- Mr. Khin Maung Htay, TW-LP Consortium Co-Founder and Co-Lead, President of Fed. MES, Federation of the Myanmar Engineering Societies
- Prof. Dr. Swe Swe Aye, TW-LP Consortium Co-Founder, Patron and Founding Member of the Myanmar Green Building Society (MGBS)
- Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein, TW-LP Consortium Co-Founder and Co-Lead, Founder of the Myanmar Water Academy, G100-Ecocivilisation Wing Myanmar Country Chair

### **Master of Ceremony**

- Daw Chaw Su Su Aye, Secretary of the Water Resources and WASH Tech. Divisions, Fed. MES.

The **Transformative Water-Learning Partnership (TW-LP) Consortium** was established out of necessity in early 2024 to focus on capacity building, training, and research in Myanmar's water sector. Following a series of brainstorming meetings, we launched a year-long seminar series, running from **8 May 2024 to 8 May 2025**.

However, the **28 March 2025 earthquake** in Myanmar significantly impacted our original programme. Activities were paused during May to prioritize earthquake emergency assistance, damage assessment, and early recovery efforts in collaboration with **UN-HABITAT, ASCE-US, ASCE-JP**, and other UN agencies.

As a result, the seminar series has been extended, with a new completion date set for **30 June 2025**.

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The Emcee, Daw Chaw Su Su Aye, will announce the opening of the seminar at 7:00pm local time. Read out the Agenda and invite the speakers.

### *Opening Session*

- Agenda 1. **Opening Remark** by the President of the Federation of the Myanmar Engineering Societies, Mr. Khin Maung Htay, TW-LP Consortium Co-Founder/Co-Lead - **5 min.**
- Agenda 2. **Congratulatory Remark** by the Founder of the Ecocivilisation, H.E. Dr. h.c. Violeta Bulc, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Slovenia and Former European Union Transport Commissioner - **5 min.**
- Agenda 3. **Congratulatory Remark** by CEO and Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership, Mr. Alex Simalabwi - **5 min.**

### *Presentation Session*

- Agenda 4. Mr. Alex Simalabwi, GWP Executive Secretary, "GWP's Transformation Agenda: strong foundation for a water secure world"- 15 min.
- Agenda 5. Dr. Raymond Valiant, GWP-SEA Coordinator, "GWP's regional partnership energies" - 15 min.
- Agenda 6. Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Acting Chair of Sri Lanka Water Partnership, " - 15 min.
- Agenda 7. Ms. Louise Desrainy Maryonoputri, Deputy Coordinator of GWP-SEA, "The important cross-cutting issues for the SEA region" - 15 min.

### *Q and A Session*

Agenda 8. *Interactive discussions with the audience: 25 minutes - Moderated by a TW LP Consortium Co-Founder and Co-Lead*

### *Closing Session*

- Agenda 9. Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein, "A life-long journey with GWP: reimagining the Myanmar Water Partnership" - 15 min.
- Agenda 10. Closing Remark by Prof. Dr. Swe Swe Aye, Co-Founder of the TW-LP Consortium - 5 min.

Master of Ceremony, Daw Chaw Su Su Aye, announces the end of the seminar!

**Our motto: Unlock water for a resilience climate future!**