

FOUNDATIONS OF WATER STEWARDSHIP



An AWS accredited training program for sustainability and water management professionals

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In its 2015 Global Risk Report, the World Economic Forum ranks water crises as the world's most critical societal risk. The rise in concerns about water has been a clear trend in recent years and this report serves to emphasize need for more responsible management of water resources.

The Alliance for Water Stewardship International Water Stewardship Standard (the "AWS Standard") is designed to support, recognize and reward collaborative efforts to manage shared water challenges. The AWS Standard drives transparency and credibility through a stakeholder-endorsed framework built around four outcomes of water stewardship:

1. Good Water Governance
2. Sustainable Water Balance
3. Good Water Quality
4. Healthy Status of Important Water Related Areas

Foundations of Water Stewardship aims to equip water management and sustainability professionals with the knowledge they need to implement or promote water stewardship. The program will introduce participants to water stewardship and the AWS Standard, and help them to understand how this innovative approach can support diverse water management goals and sustainability objectives. Foundations of Water Stewardship is the first level of a modular training program for users of the AWS water stewardship system.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Foundations of Water Stewardship program will enable participants to

- Understand how water stewardship can contribute to their organisation's goals;
- Gain a thorough overview of available tools to support the application of water stewardship;
- Understand how to engage with the AWS Standard;
- Grasp the core requirements of each of the six implementation steps of the AWS Standard, and;
- When appropriate, prepare participants for the Advanced Training in the AWS Standard

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Foundations of Water Stewardship is relevant to a broad audience of sustainability professionals, major water users, the water and wastewater industry, catchment managers and water policy makers.

PROGRAM FORMAT

One-day face-to-face training program for 8 to 24 participants using a written manual and electronic material. Participant engagement will be an important component of the program through small group exercises and case studies.

OR

Virtual program utilising latest technology to replicate the “workshop” format of traditional delivery. Participant engagement will be an important component of the program through small group exercises and case studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By participating in Foundations of Water Stewardship participants will deepen their understanding of

- How water stewardship can be situated within an overall suite of policy options for water management.
- The key elements of stewardship systems in general and how these are implemented in the AWS water stewardship system.
- The range of risk and conformity tools that participants may be using or have heard about and show how water stewardship works with these tools.
- How water stewardship is being applied in different contexts through examples of organisations working with the system.
- How to work through the process of becoming a water steward - Steps 1 to 6 of the AWS Standard - and the role of the glossary and guidance.
- How to put this introductory knowledge of the AWS Standard into practice through a case study.
- The processes for verification of conformity with the AWS Standard.
- What support is available for water stewardship projects and compliance requirements.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS (for virtual)

To get the most out of this program, participants will need to have a computer with a reliable internet connection, a recent version of Flash installed, and speakers and microphone (headset with microphone recommended).

ACCREDITATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This program is based on implementation of the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard, a standard owned by the global Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS).

CONTACTS

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