

The Business Case for Including Human Rights to Sanitation Webinar

Panellist's Bios

Amanda Loeffen

Chief Executive

Human Right 2 Water



Amanda is CEO of Human Right 2 Water, and an experienced general manager and business development executive in water, energy and sustainable development, with international experience in Australasia, Europe and North America. Her goal is to provide sustainable solutions based on human rights to improve water governance worldwide. Previously as Director General of WaterLex, she led a team of water governance experts to encourage law and policy reform. Current projects include her leadership of the UNECE People-First PPP Stakeholder Engagement subgroup to realise benchmarks for developing human rights-based approaches. Previously, as CEO of a project management company in New Zealand, Amanda delivered environmental resource consent for a community water infrastructure scheme for irrigation and hydro-generation.

Alexandra Knezovich

Chief Operating Officer

Toilet Board Coalition



Alexandra brings twelve years' experience working with NGOs, SMEs and multi-stakeholder platforms in the US and Europe to her position at the Toilet Board Coalition. With an expertise in project management, coordination, and creative development, Alexandra's work at the Toilet Board Coalition over the last five years has centred around communication, strategy, development and events management. She currently oversees the Toilet Board Coalition's program and strategic development, working closely with a team of formidable colleagues around the world.

Joel Mukisa Makadesh

*Chief Executive Officer
Joelex Uganda Limited*



Joel is a social Entrepreneur by profession, whose Company JOELEX, through a franchise operational model designed for scale. JOELEX makes water and sanitation accessible and affordable for the urban poor in Kampala, Uganda. They build, then provide franchisees (local leaders landlords, and local entrepreneurs) to operate smart-enabled, fully automated, modular, real-time technology monitored public sanitation facilities within urban slums, trading centres & cities. Joel has skills in business planning, modelling, negotiation, team building, management strategy among other skills, which he has obtained over the last seven years, through participation in accelerator such as The Toilet Board Coalition. Most recently Joel was awarded funding by both Aqua for All and Grand Challenges Canada to implement and scale the franchise operational model designed for scale to reach 3-5 million people with accessible and affordable water, sanitation and showering services within the next two years.

Nazir Pandor

*Chief Executive Officer
Live Clean Initiatives*



As the CEO of Live Clean Initiatives, Nazir Pandor is responsible for running all facets of the business. With a proven record of over five years' experience in project management and finance, Nazir has spearheaded Live Clean to new heights with sites expansion, profitable business modelling, and innovations in waste management. Nazir has developed an incredible passion for serving the underserved in low-income populations. Prior to Live Clean, Nazir worked in the U.S. and China overseeing program and project management in both industrial and educational industries. Nazir holds a BSc in Economics from The University of Houston.

Francis Daniel Bougaire

*Chief Water Policy and Strategy Development Officer
African Development Bank*



Francis joined the Bank in 2009 as a Principal Water and Sanitation Engineer. From 2016 to 2018, he was the Chief Water Policy & Strategy Development Officer in AWF. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Bougaire built extensive experience in the water sector through management roles in a number of different national, sub-regional, and regional organizations. These roles included Director of the Rural Development for the BAGRE Dam Authority; Director General of Water Resources of Burkina Faso, Chairman of the Board of the Fund of Water and Rural Equipment of Burkina Faso; Secretary for the Implementation Committee of West African States' Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management – ECOWAS. Mr. Bougaire holds a Postgraduate degree in management (PARIS I University– Pantheon Sorbonne), a Degree from French Agency for Development 'Center for Financial, Economic and Banking Studies,(Marseille-FRANCE) and a Rural and Water Engineer Degree (Inter-States Engineers School- Ouagadougou– BURKINA).

Professor Martha Davis
Northeastern University



Martha Davis is University Distinguished Professor of Law at Northeastern University, where she is faculty director of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy. Professor Davis is also an affiliated scholar of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden and a member of the Human Right 2 Water Expert Committee. Her research focuses on human rights and social justice, with particular emphasis on water affordability and access. Her scholarly articles have appeared in the Yale Law Journal, the North Carolina Law Review, Fordham Law Journal, the NYU Review of Law & Social Change and others. She is co-author of the textbook, Human Rights Advocacy in the United States, and is currently co-editing a book on COVID-19 and human rights. Professor Davis is also co-principal investigator for a National Science Foundation project examining local decision-making on water affordability.

Jayant Bhagwan

*Executive Manager of the key strategic area of Water Use and Waste Management
South African Water Research Commission*



Jayant Bhagwan, is the Executive Manager of the key strategic area of Water Use and Waste Management at the South African Water Research Commission, overseeing nearly 150 research projects covering the management of drinking water and wastewater in the Domestic, Mining and industrial sector. In his term he has been instrumental in creating a robust portfolio of research projects and products related to water supply and sanitation for low income areas and he has been recognised internationally for his work and contribution. He held the posts of the President of the Water Institute of Southern Africa, Chairperson of the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry Water Advisory Committee, as well as international advisory positions with the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, IWA- Global Development Agency and UNEP. His current focus is on social franchising of O&M in water services and disrupting the sanitation technology environment towards off the grid solutions.

Gabriela Casanova

Legal Expert

Human Right 2 Water



Gabriella Casanova is a Brazilian certified lawyer with a master's in international law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), with a focus on human rights. Gabriella has experience in the national and international public sector in Latin America (Brazil) and Switzerland and since 2017 she has been involved in working towards the human right to water and the Sustainable Development Goals through her work with Human Right 2 Water, and the development of legal methodologies.

Doulaye Kone

*Deputy Director, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*



Doulaye supports the foundation's effort to provide access to safe sanitation to the 2.5 billion people currently without it. He is disrupting the decades long status quo in the developing world sanitation sector by reinventing the toilet and reimagining faecal sludge management business as a sustainable utility service. He is responsible for the Transformative Technologies and product development portfolio, and for shaping the Foundation efforts in birthing a new sanitation industry to equitably serve the poor communities in

developing countries. Doulaye has more than 20 years' experience as a Sanitation and water specialist; a development professional and lead scientist. He holds a Ph.D., and MAS in sanitary and environmental engineering; and an MSc. and BSc in Physics and Chemistry.