

AFRICA WATER SECURITY CONFERENCE (AWS-2026)

“Towards a Water-Secure and Resilient Africa”

21-23 September 2026

Tentative Schedule

Day 1: Sept. 21, 2026

Time	Activity	Responsible
8:00-9:00 am	Registration	Organizing committee
9:00-9:15 am	Introduction and invitation	Prof. Feleke Zewge/ Dr. Bikila Warkneh
9:15-9:30 am	Welcoming speech	Dr. Samuel Kifle , Addis Ababa University President
9:30-9:45 am	Official opening remark	Guest of honor
9:45-10:30 am	Keynote speech: General, interesting and inspiring topic; All embracing	Prof. Assefa Melesse (Florida International University, USA)
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee break	Organizing committee
11:00-1:00 pm	High level panel discussion “Equitable and sustainable use of water for development”	Panelists from academia, research institutions, and policymaking bodies
1:00-2:00 pm	Lunch break	Organizing committee
2:00-3:30 pm	Plenary Lecture: Drinking water/water sanitation	Prof. Nancy Love (University of Michigan)
3:30-4:00 pm	Coffee break/Poster	Organizing committee / Poster presenters
4:00-5:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room

Day 2: Sept. 22, 2026

Time	Activity	Responsible
9:00-10:30 am	Plenary lecture (2): Climate change, ecosystems, food production	Prof. Michael R. Templeton (Imperial College London, UK)
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee break/Poster	Staff/ Poster presenters
11:00 am-12:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	Organizing committee
2:00-3:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room
3:30-4:00 pm	Coffee break/Poster	Organizing committee / Poster presenters
4:00-5:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room

Day 3: Sept. 23, 2026

Time	Activity	Responsible
9:00-10:30 am	Plenary lecture (3): Hydropower and governance/diplomacy	Prof. Elfatih Eltahir (MIT, USA)
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee break/Poster	Organizing committee Poster presenters
11:00 am-12:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	Organizing committee
2:00-3:30 pm	Parallel sessions	5 presentations in a room
3:30-4:00 pm	Coffee break/Poster	Organizing committee / Poster presenters
4:00-5:30 pm	Closing ceremony	Certification; Best presentation awards and closing remarks