

Water Stewardship Masterclass ~ Malawi



WATER STEWARDSHIP TRAINING FOR BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY

At Serendib Suites and Conference Centre, Blantyre, Malawi

Advanced and Specialist Alliance for Water Stewardship Training

Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th March 2019

Championing Water Stewardship Seminar

Thursday 14th March 2019

Water risks shared by business, government and communities include inadequate infrastructure, shortages, resource depletion, catchment degradation, pollution, conflict, droughts and floods. Water stewardship guided by the Alliance for Water Stewardship Standard is the approach being adopted across the world - including by leading businesses - to mitigate these shared risks. By driving targeted and efficient action at site level and beyond the fence line to improve water management, good water stewardship supports sustainable economic activity and resilient business models. Demonstrated benefits of using the AWS standard include:

- **Cost savings and efficiencies**
- **Full compliance with all relevant regulations and policy**
- **Exceed due diligence expectations of shareholders & investors**
- **Market advantage via preferential business for water stewards**
- **Resolve & avoid conflicts with communities and water users**
- **Future-proof & de-risk water use at sites, and in supply chains in difficult governance, environmental & climate contexts.**



This landmark event will equip participants to use and benefit from the AWS Standard: the global benchmark which guides and recognises responsible water users. This subsidised 3-day training will set out the steps required to implement stewardship and the Standard and will be brought to life through field work at sites actually using the standard. The training is aimed at senior managers responsible for managing water risks and compliance; Environment, Health and Safety Managers; consultants, trainers, NGOs and partners in government interested to use and support the standard as a tool for ensuring water and climate security. An additional seminar on Day 4 will focus on how to drive uptake of stewardship to maximise benefits to society.

FURTHER DETAILS OF HOW TO REGISTER ARE PROVIDED. PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.

WHY ATTEND?

The Masterclass is delivered by leading experts on water stewardship and will equip participants with:

- The skills and knowledge to build operational, financial and reputational resilience on water in their own operations through application of the AWS Standard.
- The experience required to become registered as an accredited consultant, trainer or conformity assessment body on the AWS Standard.
- A thorough understanding of available tools to support application of water stewardship practices.
- An understanding of how the benefits of water stewardship can be harnessed and championed by business, government and civil society groups alike.

Key features and content

Days 1, 2 & 3: Advanced and Specialist Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Training Program

The Advanced and Specialist AWS Training Program is a three-day course for water management and sustainability professionals, for people who will be implementing water stewardship in their operations or providing consulting, auditing or training services. The program will introduce participants to water stewardship and the AWS Standard, and help them to understand how it can support water management goals, business sustainability and risk management. The programme takes an in depth look at the steps involved by working through a live case study. The training combines hands-on, practical site and catchment level engagement with consolidation in workshop sessions.

Day 4: Championing Water Stewardship Seminar

The Championing Water Stewardship Seminar is a one-day session designed to equip business, government and civil society leaders with the skills and knowledge to promote uptake of water stewardship and the AWS Standard in their respective spheres. It builds on the previous days to explore the value proposition and business cases for water stewardship, and includes public speaking and negotiation skills training and strategic planning to drive interest and uptake.

Programme objectives

DAY	LEARNING OBJECTIVES
DAYS 1, 2 & 3: ADVANCED AND SPECIALIST AWS TRAINING PROGRAM (MONDAY 11 TH – WEDNESDAY 13 TH MARCH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop understanding of water stewardship and the AWS Standard, how they contribute to shared objectives on water management;• Achieve a deeper knowledge of the Standard's steps, criteria and indicators and how they are applied at a site and catchment level;• Build confidence in working with the Standard through experience with the application of criteria and indicators and group exercises to raise and resolve questions and ambiguities;• Deepen understanding about the relationship between water stewardship and other water initiatives at a site and catchment level;• Equip service providers with a deeper knowledge of the application of the AWS Standard to sites and an understanding of the AWS verification system.
DAY 4: CHAMPIONING AWS TRAINING PROGRAM (THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine the value proposition and business case for water stewardship and the AWS Standard;• Explore strategies to generate interest and uptake of water stewardship and the AWS Standard.• Polish and refine public speaking and negotiation skills

Who should attend?

DAY	TARGET AUDIENCE
DAYS 1, 2 & 3: ADVANCED AND SPECIALIST AWS TRAINING PROGRAM (MONDAY 11 TH – WEDNESDAY 13 TH MARCH 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business supply chain and site managers, HSE Management and Officers • Government water managers and regulators • Consultants and conformity assessment bodies • NGOs, academia and civil society • Others welcome
DAY 4: CHAMPIONING AWS TRAINING PROGRAM (THURSDAY 14 TH MARCH 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, investment and trade association representatives • Governmental and inter-governmental representatives • NGOs, academia and civil society • Consultants and conformity assessment bodies

Costs

Days 1, 2 & 3: £200 (195,000 MWK) will be charged to cover costs of delivery. Costs of accommodation and transport are to be handled separately. A limited number of fully subsidised positions for attendance are available for regional government and civil society representatives.

Day 4: Attendance is free of charge, however a limited number of select positions are available. Please indicate your interest in attending on the registration form.

Registration and logistics

To secure your place at the event please request a registration form by email from walterchinangwa@waterwitness.org and return the completed form by 15th February 2019 at the latest. The venue has limited space and we recommend early registration to avoid disappointment. Logistical arrangements and a detailed agenda will be circulated upon registration though participants should plan to arrive on Sunday 10th March for an 08:30 sharp start on Monday 11th March 2019.

Participants have a choice to stay at the training venue (Serendib Suites and Conference Centre), or other preferred hotels within Blantyre. If required, airport pick-ups from Chileka International Airport can be booked through Serendib Hotel. Details and booking arrangements for Serendib Hotel will be included on the registration form.

Partners delivering the training

The **Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)** is a global partnership dedicated to promoting the responsible use of freshwater, through a water stewardship system that drives, recognizes and rewards improved water stewardship performance in the private sector. The AWS Standard is an international, ISEAL-compliant, standard that defines a set of water stewardship criteria and indicators for how water should be stewarded at the site and catchment level in a way that is environmentally, socially and economically beneficial. For more information, visit www.a4ws.org.

Water Witness International is a research and advocacy charity which works for sustainable and equitable water resource management. WWI is a founder member of the AWS, leads the strategic and technical application of water stewardship across Africa, and is an accredited trainer and advisor on the Standard. From operational bases in Malawi and Tanzania, it is working with governments, farmers, businesses, communities, civil society groups and donors to ensure that stewardship delivers genuine benefit and value. For more information, visit www.waterwitness.org.