

MIT Water Summit 2018: Thirsty Cities

By 2050, 70% of the world's population will live in cities, up from 50% today. Many cities are already running out of water. This year's MIT Water Summit brings together representatives of industry, academia, government, and NGOs to reflect upon the unique water challenges facing cities from around the globe.

Get your early-bird tickets before prices go up!

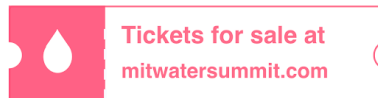
Prices increase October 31st. The first 25 students to purchase 2-day tickets will receive a free vacuum-insulated water bottle, great for keeping your drinks hot or cold.



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MIT Water Summit 2018

November 15-16 | Wong Auditorium



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The MIT Water Summit is a great opportunity to meet and hear from top people in the water sector, featuring keynote speeches from:

Mary Ann Dickinson, President & CEO of the Alliance for Water Efficiency
Jennifer Sara, Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice

Come learn about the future of urban water, including speakers from:

Water utilities & government agencies: Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, Boston Water & Sewer Commission, The World Bank Group, US Geological Survey, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

Industry & start-ups: Visenti (Xylem), Sasaki Associates, Watchtower Robotics

Non-governmental organizations: World Resources Institute, The Water Research Foundation, Environmental Defense Fund, Global Water Works, Consensus Building Institute

Academia: MIT, NYU, Water in the West (Stanford), Texas A&M, Northern Illinois University

Are you working in the water space?

[Share your project at the Summit](#)

Do you have the next breakthrough in the water sector?

[Pitch your idea at the MIT Water Innovation Prize Kick-Off](#)

Interested in organizing or helping out?

Contact us: watersummit@mit.edu

[Program](#)

Thursday, November 15th

8:00 am Breakfast & Networking Session

9:00 am [Keynote: Mary Ann Dickinson, President & CEO, Alliance for Water Efficiency](#)

9:30 am [Panel: Water consumption in cities](#)

11:00am Break

11:15 am Keynote

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm [Panel: Stakeholders](#)

3:00 pm Break

3:20 pm [Panel: Urban water economics](#)

5:00 pm Networking session

6:00 pm [MIT Water Innovation Prize](#) Kick-Off

Friday, November 16th

8:00 am Breakfast & Networking Session

9:00 am [Keynote: Jennifer Sara, Director, Water Global Practice, The World Bank Group](#)

9:45 am [Panel: Implementing innovative solutions](#)

11:35 am Lunch

1:00 pm [Panel: How to design a city from scratch](#)

2:30pm Break

3:00 pm [Panel: Water sharing beyond a city's limits](#)

4:30 pm Poster session & Technology Showcase

Keynote speakers

Mary Ann Dickinson - President and CEO, Alliance for Water Efficiency

Mary Ann Dickinson is the President and CEO of the Alliance for Water Efficiency, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the efficient and sustainable use of water in the United States and Canada. Headquartered in Chicago, the Alliance works with nearly 400 water utilities, water conservation professionals in business and industry, planners, regulators, and consumers. In 2014 the Alliance won the U.S. Water Prize in the non-profit category for its work. Mary Ann has over 40 years of experience, having worked at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Jennifer Sara - Director, Water Global Practice, The World Bank Group

Jennifer Sara is the Director for the World Bank Group's Water Global Practice, a position she has held since July 2014. Ms Sara has 30 years of experience working on global water issues in the World Bank. In her current assignment, Ms Sara is a core member of the GP's senior management team, which drives the policy direction of the GP, oversees a portfolio of \$25 billion in water-related investments, analytical work, multi-donor trust funds and global partnerships. Ms Sara supports an integrated approach to water security and service delivery, customizing the Bank's global water strategy to the country dialogue, and providing policy advice and operational support in response to specific client needs.

Panels

Water consumption in cities

Cheryl Dieter - Hydrologist & Water-Use Specialist, USGS

Richard Abdunour - Special Assistant to the Regional VP for the Middle-East & North Africa, The World Bank

Prof. Colin Kuehl - Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University

Jennifer Warner - Regional Liaison, The Water Research Foundation

Stakeholders

Fred Laskey - Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA)

Prof. Lawrence Suskind - Department of Urban Studies & Planning, MIT

Achilles Kallergis - Research Scholar, Urban Expansion Program, NYU

Urban water economics

Carlos de la Torre - Advisor, Fiscal Transparency

Paul Osborne - Assistant Director, Rates Division, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

Implementing innovative solutions

Dr. Michael Allen - Cofounder, Visenti and Executive Director, Embedded Systems

Mary Conley Eggert - Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer, Global Water Works

Dr. You Wu - Cofounder, Watchtower Robotics

How to design a city from scratch

John Sullivan - Chief Engineer, Boston Water & Sewer Commission

Michael Grove - Chair of Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, & Ecology, Sasaki **Dr.**

Newsha Ajami - Director of Urban Water Policy, Water in the West, Stanford

Dr. Jessica Seddon - Director of Urban Strategy, World Resources Institute Ross Center for Sustainable Cities

Water sharing beyond a city's limits

Gina Bartlett - Director, CBI West and Senior Mediator, Consensus Building Institute

Prof. Kent Portney - The Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University

Ana Lucía García Briones - Senior Specialist, CA Groundwater Program, Environmental Defense Fund

The [MIT Water Summit](#) is a gathering of students and faculty from MIT and the greater Boston area as well as leaders from industry, finance, government, and academia organized annually by the [MIT Water Club](#) to explore current problems and potential solutions surrounding water resources.