



CALL FOR PAPERS

The 4th IWA International Conference on Rainwater Harvesting and Management (RWHM 2026)

 **Theme:** *Rainwater for Tomorrow: Water, Climate and Culture*

 Phnom Penh & Siem Reap, Cambodia (Hybrid)

 1–6 September 2026

 <https://www.rwhm2026.org>

1. Conference Overview

The **4th IWA International Conference on Rainwater Harvesting and Management (RWHM 2026)** is a global forum dedicated to advancing rainwater as a core component of sustainable and resilient water management in the context of climate change.

Moving beyond conventional engineering perspectives, the conference positions rainwater as a link between environmental processes, social systems, and cultural values, creating a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue across science, practice, and policy.

RWHM 2026 emphasizes:

- Integration of technical innovation with social and cultural dimensions
- Practice-oriented learning alongside scientific exchange
- The role of decentralized and community-based solutions
- Global collaboration grounded in local experience, especially from monsoon regions

2. Theme & Vision

“Rainwater for Tomorrow: Water, Climate and Culture”

This theme reflects a vision to reframe rainwater not only as a technical resource, but as a multidimensional connector:

- **Water** – Ensuring safe, reliable, and decentralized water supply for daily life and public health

- **Climate** – Supporting adaptation to variability, extreme events, and uncertainty
- **Culture** – Rooted in local knowledge, traditions, and community practices

The conference aims to bridge science, policy, education, and community practice, demonstrating how rainwater contributes to resilient, inclusive, and culturally grounded water systems.

3. Why This Conference Matters

Global water systems are under increasing pressure from:

- Climate change (floods, droughts, variability)
- Urbanization and population growth
- Water quality and inequality challenges

Rainwater offers a locally available, immediate, and resilient resource, yet remains underrepresented in mainstream policy and investment.

RWHM 2026 addresses this gap by:

- Promoting **integrated and holistic perspectives**
- Connecting **scientific knowledge with real-world practice**
- Linking **local experience with global dialogue**
- Supporting **collaborative pathways for sustainable water futures**

4. Conference Themes

We invite original contributions that reflect the conference vision of integrating science, practice, policy, and culture in rainwater management. Contributions may address, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- ✓ **Innovative Technologies for Rainwater Harvesting (RWH)**
- ✓ **Water Quality & Health Aspects**
- ✓ **Policy, Governance & Economics**
- ✓ **Climate Resilience & Adaptation**
- ✓ **Cultural Heritage & Traditional Wisdom**

- ✓ **Youth Engagement & Education**
- ✓ **Urban Flood Management**
- ✓ **Nature-based Solutions (Nbs)**

5. Submission Types

We welcome diverse contributions that recognize rainwater as a solution for climate resilience.

Research Contribution

Academic papers on rainwater harvesting, water quality, climate resilience, governance, and related interdisciplinary topics.

Practice & Case

Field implementation stories, real-world applications, success cases, and lessons learned from projects and programs.

Workshops

Interactive sessions including training, panel discussions, and skill-building activities that foster knowledge exchange and capacity development.

6. Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: ~~15 April 2026~~ **01 May 2026 (Extended)**
- Notification of Acceptance: **15 May 2026**
- Early Bird Registration Deadline: **15 July 2026**
- Conference Dates: **1–6 September 2026**

7. Conference Format

- **Hybrid Conference** (In-person + Online)
- Free online access for everyone
- Expected participation: 500+ global delegates

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