

**Adaptive water management on the way for
Bolivia and Honduras?**

Poster presentation

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ABSTRACT

Bolivia and Honduras have undergone major institutional changes with the implementation of decentralisation strategies for the water sector in the 2000s. These governmental initiatives brought up a bottom-up strategy for water governance that included more actors and institutions than usual. Before the reforms, Bolivia had managed water with “use and customs” strategies and Honduras water management was supported by a strong community organisation in partnership with governmental technicians; both case studies are historically quite dependent from bottom-up strategies. With the reform: ¿are attributes for “uses and customs” prevailing over water “governance-for-adaptation”? ¿has the water and sanitation social network adapted to new normative?. The poster analyses operation and evolution of social networks, new institutions, as well as the core elements for new water governance-for-adaptation. The poster shows the importance of long-term adaptive capacities and short term goals under one holistic coherent framework to make the difference in governance.

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