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**Indigenous Peoples Knowledge in Water Transmission and
Management**
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Session Description

Indigenous Peoples Knowledge in water transmission and management

Organizers: IWRA and UNESCO

Time/Date and Location: Sept. 13, 16:00-17:30, Room 7

Description: This session presents local knowledge on water management that can help current science and practices with sustainable nature base solutions. The session is aligned with the congress theme on Water-Human-Economy-Ecology Nexus under a Changing Environment. This session will be archived using: - video recording - in a published report that can be used for formal and non-formal training.

Program overview

Moderator: **Rabi H. Mohtar**

1. **Yuanyuan Li**: President, IWRA, Overview of indigenous knowledge and role in today's water management and water practices from China water management on terraces.
2. Legal Framework and traditional rules for water management and sharing: **Gabriel Eckstein**
3. Islamic Water Law: **Raya Stephan**
4. Qanats: with examples from India, Iran and Peru: **Ganesh Pangare**
5. Traditional Water harvesting structures and Aflaj in Oman: **Henning Bjornlund**
6. The Aboriginal Water Program: **Gary Jones**
7. Video on traditional water management from Sri Lanka: **Nadeesha Mahamarakkala Patabendige**
8. Video on traditional water management from Peru: **Carmen Yupanqui**
9. Take home messages and Next steps: James **Nickum** and **Rabi Mohtar**

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