



# RETHINKING AMANZI

securing our future



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# *Welcome to*

## **WISA2026 Biennial**

### **Conference & Exhibition**

Water is a fundamental driver of socio-economic development, public health, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience. However, water systems across Southern Africa face a convergence of threats: aging infrastructure, increasing demand, pollution, climate variability, and inequitable access.

The theme of the WISA 2026 Conference, “**Rethink Amanzi – Securing Our Future,**” responds to this urgent context. It calls for a paradigm shift in how water is valued, governed, financed, used, treated, and safeguarded.

# *Message from the* **Organising Committee Chair**



We live in challenging times; globally countries are realigning, and international cooperation organisations are losing legitimacy, all in the face of climate instability. Nationally we are confronted with economic, social and political uncertainty with this influencing the capability of key public institutions in the water sector, including local government. We, as water sector professionals, need to act, and getting together to present new ideas and hold discussions on the challenges our sector faces is necessary.

The WISA 2026 conference provides an important platform for these engagements; this is a flagship event for Southern African water community, and for international water professionals with an interest in the region.

We have chosen as our theme for this conference **“Rethinking Amanzi: Securing our Future”** recognising the need for new ideas, innovation, expanding research and debates on future action.

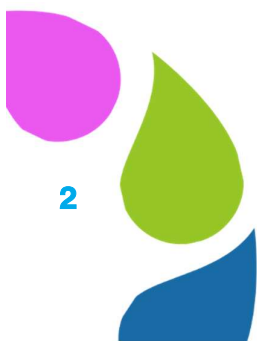
Once again, this three-day CPD-accredited event stands as the flagship gathering for the water sector in Southern Africa. Delegates can look forward to daily keynote addresses from leading local and international speakers, alongside up to 12 parallel streams featuring more than 150 peer-reviewed presentations, thought-provoking panel discussions, interactive workshops, and a range of technical tours. The program is complemented by engagement with around 140 local and international exhibitors, showcasing the latest technologies and services shaping the sector.

Anchored in eight subthemes under the banner **“Rethinking Amanzi – Securing our Future”**, the event offers delegates a unique opportunity to learn, share, and actively contribute to strengthening the impact of the water sector on society and the economy in these uncertain times.

And what better place to do this than in Cape Town, surely one of the best cities in the World to visit, combining exceptional natural beauty with charming urban spaces and the best tourist amenities?

Join us in Cape Town in July 2026, to present, learn, discuss and decide on our water sector's future.

Ian Palmer





## *Message from the* **WISA CEO**

Colleagues, partners, and champions of water integrity across Southern Africa,

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the WISA 2026 Biennial Conference, convened under the visionary theme, “**Rethink Amanzi – Securing Our Future.**”

This is more than a gathering. It is a platform for shared truth, collective ambition, and resilient action.

We meet at a time of deep challenge and even deeper possibility. Ageing infrastructure, rising demand, climate disruption, and historical inequities call us to reflect not only on what we do—but on how and why we do it. This conference is a summons: to rethink, to reimagine, and to respond with purpose.

To all our delegates—from process controllers to professors, policy architects to plant operators—your presence affirms that transformation begins with shared knowledge and mutual respect. Your voices matter here.

A special and sincere welcome to our stakeholders, sponsors, and exhibitors—you are not on the sidelines of this movement. You are at the centre. Through your lived commitment, investment, and partnership, you help translate insight into infrastructure, passion into projects, and innovation into impact. The conversations we host, the tools we highlight, and the strategies we sharpen—none of them gain traction without your belief in what this sector can become.

Every technical session, exhibition stand, and plenary address is stitched with one shared thread: our moral and professional responsibility to **serve every community better**.

So, I invite you—expert and emerging voice alike—to lean in. Participate fully. Be heard. Ask difficult questions. Share bold ideas. And leave here more connected, more equipped, and more inspired than when you arrived.

**Let us rethink Amanzi, together—so that the water we steward tells a story of justice, of dignity, and of sustainable hope.**

Warm regards,

Dr. Lester Goldman

# Theme

## Rethink Amanzi – Securing Our Future

This theme challenges stakeholders—researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and communities—to move beyond siloed approaches and embrace inclusive, innovative and forward-thinking solutions. Achieving water security and sustainable sanitation for all will require integrated responses that cut across disciplines, institutions, and geographies.



Rethink Capacity: Refocusing Efforts to Empower People



Smart Water Futures: Leveraging Digital Tools and the 4IR Revolution



Rethink Infrastructure: Reimagining Water Infrastructure for a Resilient Future



Rethink Efficiency: Driving Water Efficiency & Effectiveness Across Sectors



Funding the Flow: Innovative Finance & Partnerships for Water Services



Rethinking Governance: Strengthening Institutions, Regulation & Accountability



Climate-Resilient Water Futures: Water Security in a Changing Climate



Water for Life: Managing Water Quality & Quantity Across Catchments

# Primary Sponsorship benefits

| DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                        | ANCHOR                                                       | PLATINUM                                                    | GOLD                                                         | SILVER                                                      | BRONZE                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Value (Including VAT at 15%)                                                                                                       | R1,500,000                                                   | R1,000,000                                                  | R500,000                                                     | R300,000                                                    | R200,000                                                    |
| Number Available                                                                                                                   | 1 (Exclusive)                                                | 2                                                           | 3                                                            | 4                                                           | 4                                                           |
| <b>PRE-CONFERENCE EXPOSURE</b>                                                                                                     |                                                              |                                                             |                                                              |                                                             |                                                             |
| Logo on Conference website with URL link and company description                                                                   | Yes (300 Words)                                              | Yes (220 Words)                                             | Yes (110 Words)                                              | Yes (80 words)                                              | Yes (50 words)                                              |
| Video on Conference Website                                                                                                        | Yes (to be supplied by sponsor)                              | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                          | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| Logo to appear on all marketing material distributed prior to the Conference                                                       | Yes – in a prominent position                                | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| <b>AT CONFERENCE EXPOSURE</b>                                                                                                      |                                                              |                                                             |                                                              |                                                             |                                                             |
| Prominent listing in Conference electronic Programme / Book of Abstracts (Sponsor & Exhibitor section) and Conference final Report | Yes (300 words)                                              | Yes (220 words)                                             | Yes (150 words)                                              | Yes (80 words)                                              | Yes (50 words)                                              |
| Exhibition / Display                                                                                                               | 6m x 6m (36m <sup>2</sup> ) (includes 8 exhibitor delegates) | 9 x 3m (27m <sup>2</sup> ) (includes 6 exhibitor delegates) | 6m x 3m (18m <sup>2</sup> ) (includes 4 exhibitor delegates) | 3m x 3m (9m <sup>2</sup> ) (includes 2 exhibitor delegates) | 3m x 3m (9m <sup>2</sup> ) (includes 2 exhibitor delegates) |
| Complimentary delegates (includes conference session access and excludes technical tours, gala dinner, travel and accommodation)   | 10                                                           | 6                                                           | 3                                                            | 2                                                           | 1                                                           |
| Company logo and acknowledgement on electronic holding screens.                                                                    | In plenary hall                                              | In breakaway venue                                          | In breakaway venue                                           | In breakaway venue                                          | N/A                                                         |
| Speaker opportunity                                                                                                                | Opening Session presentation slot                            | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                          | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| Acknowledgement in Plenary session (includes Logo on looped presentation in plenary session)                                       | Yes – prominent position                                     | Yes                                                         | N/A                                                          | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| Logo on Conference signage and banners                                                                                             | Yes – prominent position                                     | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| Informational items/brochures to be included in delegate packs (sponsor to provide)                                                | Yes – 2 x inserts                                            | Yes – 1 x insert                                            | Yes – 1 x insert                                             | Yes – 1 x insert                                            | N/A                                                         |
| Advertisement in final proceedings book                                                                                            | Double page advertorial spread                               | Full Page                                                   | N/A                                                          | N/A                                                         | N/A                                                         |
| Conference Newsletter Exposure (4 Newsletters to the entire WISA database)                                                         | Daily Leader Banner<br>Targeted Social media feature         | Daily Middle banner<br>Targeted Social media feature        | Targeted Social media feature                                | Targeted Stand Social media feature                         | N/A                                                         |
| <b>POST CONFERENCE EXPOSURE</b>                                                                                                    |                                                              |                                                             |                                                              |                                                             |                                                             |
| E-mail to attendee database with sponsorship/exhibitor acknowledgement                                                             | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                         |
| Post Conference exposure on WISA 2024 website.                                                                                     | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                          | Yes                                                         | Yes                                                         |

# Additional Sponsorship opportunities

**\*\*All Costs listed are VAT Inclusive**

| Item | DELEGATE PACK ITEMS                                                       | Cost                          | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.   | Conference Notepads                                                       | R74,750                       | Logo on notepad along with Conference branding – A5, 20-page Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final digital Conference programme book (logo, URL link)                                                                        |
| 2.   | Mousepad with wireless optic mouse                                        | R150,000                      | Co-branding on mousepad and mouse<br>Logo and URL on conference website & final digital programme book / app                                                                                                                              |
| 3.   | Conference pens                                                           | R74,750                       | Branding on Conference pen<br>1 x Insert into delegate bag<br>Acknowledgement on conference website and final digital programme book (Logo and URL link)                                                                                  |
| 4.   | Conference Bags (Exclusive)<br>or<br>2 x Co-branding opportunities        | R368,000<br><br>R184,000 each | Branding on the Conference bag<br><br>1 x Insert into Conference bag<br><br>Full page advertisement in final digital programme book<br>Logo, 110 word write-up and URL link on website & in final programme<br>1 x Complimentary Delegate |
| 5.   | Delegate Gifts<br>Trinket gifts – bag drop<br>4 x opportunities available | R35,500                       | Logo on delegate gift (sourced by the committee in consultation with the sponsor)<br>Sponsor provided opportunity to supply branded packaging for the gifts.<br>Logo and URL on conference website & final digital programme book / app   |
| 6.   | Colourful socks (South African made)                                      | R 150,000                     | Co-branding on socks<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final Conference programme book (logo, 100-word write-up and URL link)<br>One complimentary delegate<br>Half page advertisement<br>1 x Insert into delegate packs    |
| 7.   | Delegate Pack Inserts                                                     | R10,000                       | Company to supply 1,500 copies of the insert A4 size (1 insert only)                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8.   | Mini Programme                                                            | SQ                            | Sponsor logo on the front of the mini programme (to be inserted into each delegate's badge)<br>Logo & URL on conference website & final programme book / app                                                                              |

| Item | REGISTRATION           | Cost     | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------|------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.   | Registration           | R172,500 | Branding of registration area – along with Conference branding Opportunity to display brochures and banners in registration area Opportunity to provide branded shirts for registration staff<br>1 x Insert into delegate packs<br>One complimentary delegate<br>Company write-up (80 words), logo and URL link on Conference website and in trade section of final programme book |
| 10.  | Name Badges & Lanyards | R172,500 | Logo included on name badge and lanyard (to be designed and sourced by the LOC)<br>Logo and URL on conference website & final programme book / app<br>1 x insert into delegate bag                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

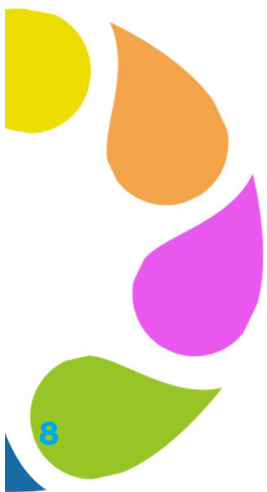
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| 12. | Keynote Speakers | R 35 000.00 per Keynote Speaker flight / accommodation / registration fees | Acknowledgement according to contribution value<br>Acknowledgement in programme and mini programme, and electronic branding inside venue where the sponsored speaker is presenting.<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and final programme book / app |
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| Item | Travel Grants               | Cost                                                       | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 11.  | Travel Grants for bursaries | Registration, travel and Accommodation per delegate.<br>SQ | Acknowledgement according to contribution value Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final Conference programme<br>To be used to fund students and delegates from developing countries |

| Item | CATERING & EVENTS                         | Cost                       | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 13.  | 1 x Coffee bar during re- freshmen breaks | R65,000 per day            | Co-branding on coffee no bar Branded apron for barista<br>Product samples can be handed out (sponsor to provide)<br>2 x free standing pull up banners in next to cappuccino bar Acknowledgement on conference website and in final digital conference programme book / app (logo and URL link)                                                                      |
| 14.  | Welcome Cocktail Sponsorship              | R189,750                   | Logo included on all materials relating to the meet & greet (including invitations, tickets, etc.)<br>Speaking opportunity at the Cocktail event<br>Acknowledgement on conference website and in final digital programme book / app (Logo, 120 word write-up and URL link)<br>6 x complimentary non delegate tickets to event                                       |
| 15.  | Conference Dinner                         | Included in Anchor Package | Logo on all items related to the gala dinner, including programmes / menus / invitations / tickets<br>Logo, company write up (350 words) and URL on conference website and in final digital programme book / app & 2 free standing banners<br>Opportunity to place gifts on the tables for the delegates<br>Welcome speech at gala dinner<br>10 Gala Dinner tickets |
| 16.  | Farewell Reception                        | R74,750                    | Acknowledgement as sponsor on website and in final Conference programme book / app (Logo, 80 word company write up & URL link)<br>Acknowledgement at Farewell Reception<br>Branding on all materials related to the farewell reception (invitations, tickets, etc.) & 2 free standing banners<br>4 complimentary tickets to attend the function                     |

| Item | OTHER OPPORTUNITIES                                 | Cost                                 | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 17.  | Mint Tins                                           | R35,000                              | Logo on mint tin to be handed to delegate in plenary Conference session<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final digital conference programme (Logo, URL link)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18.  | Branded Charging Stations                           | R28,750                              | Logo on all the charging stations situated in the exhibition hall<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final digital conference programme (Logo, URL link)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 19.  | Branded water stations                              | R23,000 per day                      | Logo on water stations scattered throughout the venue<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final Conference programme book (logo and URL Link)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20.  | Speaker gifts                                       | SQ – dependent on number of speakers | Branding of speaker gifts<br>Acknowledgement upon handing over of speaker gift<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website and in final Conference programme (Logo and URL link)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 21.  | Mobile App                                          | R86,250                              | Branding on Mobile Application (all pages) – co-branding with Conference branding<br>1 x Insert into delegate bag<br>Branding on Conference website and in final digital programme book with URL link and 50 word write-up<br>Branding on banners with mobile app information<br>Branding on all marketing materials relating to the mobile application                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 22.  | Electronic Posters – branding of a pod of 6 Screens | R165,000                             | Branding of electronic poster pod, logo on screens.<br>Acknowledgement on Conference website (logo, 100 words and URL Link)<br>Acknowledgement in final programme book.<br>1 x Complimentary delegate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 23.  | Electronic brochure on mobile app                   | R6,350                               | Electronic brochure on mobile app under sponsors section                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 24.  | Tech Tour Transport                                 | SQ                                   | ROI dependent on contribution. This will be quoted closer to the time and once the exact requirements have been determined.<br>This can also be split per event.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 25.  | Prizes for presentations                            | SQ                                   | Company name to be associated with prize.<br>Opportunity to hand over the prize over at the Gala Awards Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 26.  | Wi-Fi                                               | R149,500                             | Acknowledgement as bronze sponsor<br>Acknowledgement as WiFi sponsor on Conference programme<br>Branding of login screen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 27.  | LOC Branded Clothing<br>2 x Opportunities available | R94,000                              | Co-branding of uniform shirts (OC to source in conjunction with the sponsor)<br>10 x Uniform Shirts for sponsor's staff<br>Acknowledgement on conference website & final digital programme book / app (logo & URL link)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 28.  | Sponsored Satellite Meetings / Workshops            | R28,000                              | Subject to availability outside the conference programme<br>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner slots available<br>Venue provided – all additional expenses to be covered by the sponsor<br>Inclusion on the programme as an official satellite meeting<br>1 x electronic invitation to be distributed to registered delegates prior to the conference (within last month prior)<br>1 x invitation insert into delegate bag (to be provided by sponsor)<br>Branding of venue for duration of satellite meeting<br>Inclusion in final digital conference programme / app<br>Subject to T&C's |





# Exhibition Participation

It is true that the better you know your customer – and the better your customer knows you – the more likely you are to make that first sale and the increasingly profitable sales that follow. Exhibitions are more about relationship-building than selling a product. They are the most explicit form of direct marketing.

When it comes to the total quantity of a marketing interaction, nothing holds a candle to exhibitions. Exhibitions have several advantages over other media. They are powerful tools for:

- Bringing your customers and most active prospects to you
- Meeting pre-qualified prospects
- Allowing you to meet your market face-to-face
- Allowing you to demonstrate products, answer questions and overcome objections
- Using all five senses to communicate a message
- Representing the marketplace in one place and time, bringing together suppliers, buyers, purchase influencers, consultants and media

Exhibitions also produce tangible results, making it easy to measure the medium's return on investment.

The WISA Biennial Conference & Exhibition 2026 will provide companies with an opportunity to participate in their exclusive exhibition, focused on all facets of the water sector.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3m x 3m Shell Scheme Exhibition Stand | <b>R63,500</b>  |
| 3m x 6m Shell Scheme Exhibition Stand | <b>R108,000</b> |
| Floor Space Only Stand 3m x 3m        | <b>R56,500</b>  |
| Floor Space Only Stand 3m x 6m        | <b>R97,550</b>  |
| Virtual Exhibition stands only        | <b>R15,000</b>  |

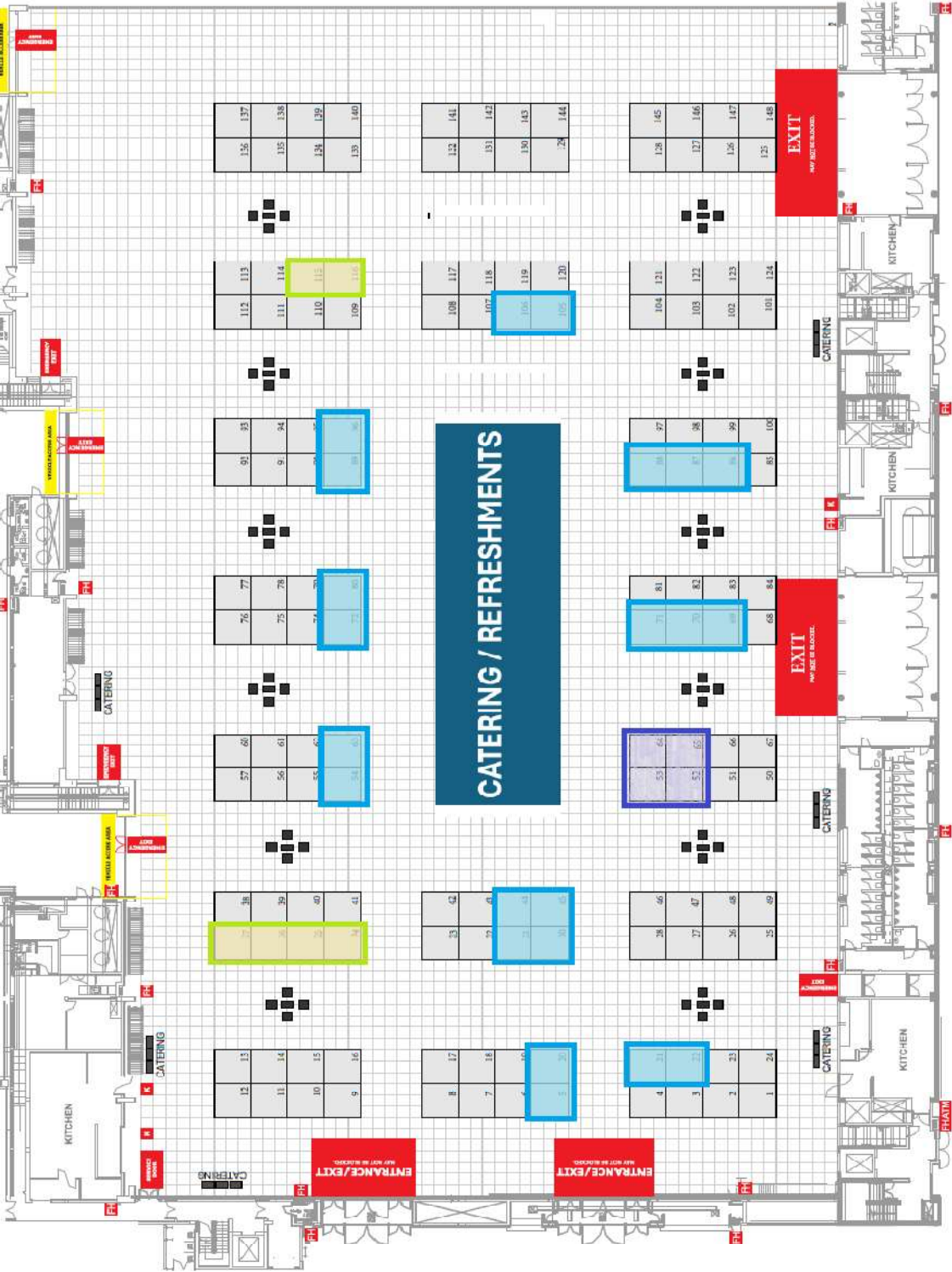
## Included in each physical stand:

- Standard Shell Scheme - 2500mm high
- Fascia Board - Printed in black Arial font
- Physical & Virtual Exposure
- 1 x 16amp plug point
- 2 x Spotlights
- 2 x Chairs
- 1 x Table
- Carpeting
- 2 x Full conference access delegate passes per 3m x3m space confirmed (catered)



**Note:** An exhibition manual will be made available by the appointed infrastructure service provider to facilitate further furniture/equipment hire and customisation. These services come at an additional cost payable directly to the service provider.

# Exhibition Floorplan



# How to Book

We invite you to partner with us in making WISA 2026 Biennial Conference & Exhibition a landmark event for the water sector.

To confirm your participation, please complete and submit the electronic Commitment Form available via the link below:

## [WISA2026 SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION PARTICIPATION PACKAGE COMMITMENT FORM – Fill out form](#)

Or Scan the QR Code



Should you wish to discuss a customised or combination participation package, please do not hesitate to contact the WISA Head Office. Our team will be delighted to explore tailored opportunities that best align with your organisation's objectives and ensure optimal visibility and engagement at the conference.



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