



Call for Co-Moderators

Moderators for Thematic Communities of Practice (CoP) Groups in the Global WOPs Community

Join us in shaping the future of water and sanitation and WOPs! The Global WOPs Community calls on passionate individuals to step into the role of Co-Moderators for our vibrant Thematic Communities of Practice (CoP) Groups. This is your chance to volunteer, contribute, and reap the benefits of being at the forefront of innovation in the Global Alliance of WOP practitioners.

Our existing moderators have played a pivotal role, in launching and propelling our CoPs to new heights. However, some have retired or moved on to new opportunities, leaving space for fresh voices and perspectives. That's why we're launching this exciting call for co-moderators!

As Roy van der Knaap and Joost Verbart, Moderators of the Asset Management CoP, wisely noted: *it's not about experience, it's about enthusiasm. Your passion and dedication are what we value most.*

Are you ready to make a difference? Join us as a Co-Moderator and be part of a global movement driving change in water and sanitation

What does a moderator's role look like?

Moderators play a central role in supporting the community's liveliness, creating vibrancy through learning and capacity development opportunities, and ensuring sustainability by adding value to community members. You'll receive onboarding training to the Global WOPs Community Platform through a moderator's toolkit and support from platform facilitators.

As a CoP Moderator, you'll design and leverage thematic content, contribute to various activities, including:

- **Group Moderation:** Organizing webinars, workshops, Q&A discussions, and broadcasts to enhance knowledge management and sharing.
- **Knowledge Library Content:** Curating and updating the Knowledge Library with support from the GWOPA team, ensuring members have access to valuable resources.
- **CoP Vibrancy and Engagement:** Facilitating active participation, initiating discussions, publishing polls or surveys, and organizing regular webinars to foster peer-learning and knowledge exchange.

Additionally, moderators create annual workplans and receive support from GWOPA for monitoring group performance, ensuring the effectiveness and impact of CoP activities.

Application Process and Requirements

We particularly encourage young professionals and moderators from the Global South to apply. While this is an unpaid voluntary position, you may check if you can be compensated from project time, such as through the EU-WOP budget for CoP moderation time.

All prospective individuals interested in taking up the role of moderation within the Global WOPs Community are required to **submit an expression of interest via [this form](#) before 12 April 2024.**

Here are some requirements:

- **Expected Duration:** Based on the agreement between the Moderator and GWOPA Secretariat, the expected contribution can start from a few hours per month commitment.
- **Profile:** Applicants should possess –
 - a. Demonstrated interest in the thematic area of the CoP group
 - b. Relevant experience or background in the water and sanitation sector
 - c. Knowledge or expertise related to the focus of the CoP group they are applying to moderate
- Upon successful completion of the contract, all moderators will receive a certificate from GWOPA/UN-Habitat. For highly engaged moderators, there is a chance to receive travel support to an annual CoP moderators meeting, e.g. back-to-back to the AfWASA Congress or the GWOPA Congress in 2025.

For any further queries, please reach out to the Community Coordinators via Workplace chat (Ashmeet Kharbanda, Franziska Volk) or email us at unhabitat-gwopa@un.org.

Background info, in case needed:

Introduction to the Community

The Global WOPs Community, facilitated by the GWOPA Secretariat in collaboration with VEI/WaterWorX, unites WOP practitioners worldwide to promote the sharing of experiences, and best practices, and facilitate discussions on common problems and solutions.

This community serves as a bridge among various WOP platforms, programs, and essential partners, accelerating the exchange of knowledge through moderated thematic Communities of Practice (CoPs).

Hosted on the Workplace platform, it disseminates the latest updates, news, and developments in WOPs and conducts regular webinars and training sessions focusing on sanitation, water, and wastewater management.

With a membership of over 1,500 members as of March 2024, the network is running many thematic, project, technical and training course groups with dedicated WOP experts and practitioners.

What are the Thematic Communities of Practice (CoP) Groups?

The Global WOPs Community runs expert thematic Communities of Practice (CoP) groups that serve as vibrant hubs for water professionals, practitioners, and stakeholders worldwide to collaborate, exchange knowledge, and address critical challenges in the water, sanitation and WOPs sector.

Covering a diverse array of themes such as water production, water distribution, utility organization and strategy, urban sanitation, etc. each CoP group fosters innovation and best practices tailored to its specific focus area.

