

# WASH, gender and power: Realizing women's and girls' health and rights through access to water, sanitation and hygiene



**At the 2019 Women Deliver conference, we are hosting a panel discussion which focuses on the human rights-based approach to water, sanitation and hygiene as a critical foundation for achieving women's and girls' autonomy and rights.**

Across the world, women and girls – especially those from rural, indigenous or other communities facing discrimination – experience significant limitations in access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). This is a key contributor to inequalities, especially along lines of gender. Safe, private, accessible and functional toilets and water sources are fundamental prerequisites for women's and girls' health and wellbeing, education and participation in decision making – and therefore for their power and autonomy.

The event will identify tangible recommendations from governments, civil society organisations and UN agencies, to drive action towards reducing inequalities faced by women and girls, linking programming to the shifts in policy required to enable their power and equality.

● Above: A WaterAid trained pump mechanic and local leader, Gaudence Mukahabyarimana, washes her hands at the handpump in Nkange, Rwanda, February 2018.

**Monday 3 June**

**1pm–3pm**

**Lunch at 12:30pm**

**Room 215-216, Level 2  
West Building  
Vancouver Convention  
Centre**

**Women Deliver official  
partner event**

## **Panellists**

- **Anna Rosendahl**, Head of Unit for Global Social Sustainable Development, Swedish International Development Agency
  - **Joshua Briemberg**, Regional Director for Latin America, WaterAid America
  - **Mercy Masoo**, Country Director, WaterAid Malawi
  - **Memory Kachambwa**, Executive Director, FEMNET
  - **Dr. Anjum Rizvi**, Director of Programme Implementation, Rahnuma – Family Planning Association of Pakistan (member of IPPF)
  - Representative of Global Affairs Canada, TBC
- Moderator: Chelsea Huggett**, Technical Lead – Equality and Rights Programmes, WaterAid Australia  
Closing Remarks - **Nicole Hurtubise**, CEO, WaterAid Canada

