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IORA–NAM S&T Centre International Workshop on Clean Water and Sanitation in the Developing World 20–21 November 2025

21 November 2025 – The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in collaboration with the Centre for Science and Technology of Non-aligned and other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre), successfully convened in virtual mode, the International Workshop on “*Clean Water and Sanitation in the Developing World: Perspectives, Best Practices and Future Challenges*” on 20–21 November 2025. The Workshop brought together representatives from IORA Member States and NAM S&T Centre Member Countries, including policymakers, researchers, technical experts, and practitioners working on water management, sanitation and public health.

The two-day event provided a platform for participants to exchange experiences and best practices related to clean water access, sanitation systems, waterborne disease control, innovative and low-cost technologies, sustainable water management and climate-resilient approaches. Discussions also highlighted the importance of strengthening governance frameworks, institutional capacities, and community-based engagement to advance water and sanitation outcomes in developing countries.

The Workshop supports the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and complements IORA’s broader efforts to promote resilience, inclusive development and evidence-based policymaking across the region. Key outcomes included enhanced knowledge sharing, strengthened professional networks and identification of opportunities for future cooperation, capacity building and research collaboration.

As a follow-up, an edited publication, comprising selected papers and expert contributions will be developed to further disseminate insights from the Workshop and support ongoing regional efforts on water and sanitation.
