

FIX THE SYSTEM: GET HER ELECTED

Date: 17 March 2021 –(Wednesday) 12.30 pm (est)

Organisers: Women for Water Partnership, BPW Brasil, Soroptimist International

Objective:

This session will highlight the need for change of the electoral systems globally, so that women are voted into the political arena. The focus will be on the general working of the systems; on women's opportunities to put their candidacy forward and on what is needed to get women elected. How did our panelists manage to be elected? What is their experience and advice?

Program

12:30 Opening: Lesha Witmer- moderator (3 min)

12:35 Featuring: Mariet Verhoef-Cohen – President WfWPartnership (5 min)

12:40 Short Video on political career women (Sri Lanka, Asia)

1. OTHER WAYS WOMEN CAN INFLUENCE A way to change formal processes

12:45 **Rachel Dodge** – former Attorney General in Brazil – (7 min)

12:52 **Teresa Vernaglia** – CEO BRK Ambiental – (7min) (tbc)

13:00 **Bonita Zarillo** - City Council – equality, housing clean air and water. (7 min)

➤ **Q&A (10 min)**

2. EXPERINCES ON HOW TO GET ELECTED IN A GOVERNMENTAL POSITION

13:17 **Annemiek Jenniskens** – elected board member of a (river basin) Water Board in the Netherland (7 min.)

13:25 **Marjon Verkleij** – former member of a Water Board and chair of a political party in a municipality in the Netherlands (7 min.)

13:31 **Sophia Hæstorp Andersen** – Running as Lord Mayor of Copenhagen next year (7 min.) (tbc)

➤ **Q&A (10 min.)**

13:48 General discussion on key messages to the CSW

Closing comments panelist **(1 minute each)**

14:00 Closing conclusions – Ulla Madsen (5min)

Closing: Margarida Yassuda (1min)