



# USAID Water & Development Research Agenda

2019 UNC Water and Health Conference | Where Science Meets Policy

**Date:** Friday, October 11

**Location:** Magnolia Room

**Target Audience:** Researchers and Implementing Partners

**Time:** 105 minutes (12:30 p.m.– 2:15 p.m.)

Participants can grab their lunches and eat beginning at 12:10. The formal session will begin at 12:30 and run to 2:15. There will be 15 minutes at the end for participants to complete a worksheet or have informal discussions before the room closes at 2:30.

**Session Objectives:** By the conclusion of session, USAID hopes to:

1. Increase awareness of research areas and questions that USAID has identified based on an assessment of key sector evidence gaps.
2. Validate and prioritize research questions to identify those that are most important for improving water, sanitation, and hygiene programming under the USAID Water and Development Plan.
3. Obtain input on our process and on priorities for implementation research from members of academia, implementing partners, and the private sector.

**Session Outcomes:** Inputs to USAID Water and Development Research Agenda have been shared, validated, and prioritized by Academia/Researchers and Private Sector/Implementing Partners.

Time	Content
5 min	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
12 min	<b>Overview of USAID’s Forthcoming Water and Development Research Agenda</b>   Brief Presentation with Alison Macalady, Ph.D, Water Advisor
8 min	<b>USAID Research Questions</b>   Individual Review
55 min	<b>Vetting, Validating, and Prioritizing Research Questions</b>   Small Group Discussions with USAID
10 min	<b>Final Review and Input into USAID’s Research Questions</b>   Individual Reflection
15 min	<b>Report Out and Final Reflection</b>   Plenary Discussion
5 min	<b>Next Steps and Closing Remarks</b>