

Biography – Vice-Chair of UN-Water

Ms Kelly Ann Naylor, Associate Director for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF



Kelly Ann Naylor is UNICEF's Associate Director for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) and has been elected to serve as the next UNWater Vice-Chair from October 2020. Kelly has over 20 years of experience in the WASH Sector managing urban, peri-urban and rural water, sanitation, and hygiene programmes in Central Africa, South Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and North America.

Prior to becoming global WASH Chief, Kelly Ann was UNICEF's Regional WASH Advisor for West and Central Africa during the West Africa Ebola Virus Outbreak and Lake Chad Basin Crisis. She completed missions in DR Congo where she supported the development and scale-up of the National Healthy Villages and Schools programme, in Haiti for the earthquake and cholera response and in Sri Lanka for the tsunami recovery.

Before joining UNICEF in 2007, Kelly Ann started her career working in California in the USA with private engineering firms developing water and sanitation utility master plans for cities and small towns. She completed her Undergraduate and Masters degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.