

Biography – Vice-Chair of UN-Water

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Kelly Ann Naylor is UNICEF’s Director, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) & Climate, Environment, Energy, Disaster Risk Reduction (CEED) and has served as UN-Water Vice-Chair since October 2020. Kelly Ann has over 22 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.

Kelly Ann joined UNICEF in 2007. Prior to her current position, she was Associate Director for WASH and, before that, 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.

Kelly Ann started her career working in California, United States, 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.