

# WEBINAR COVID-19 and the WATER SECTOR

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## SPEAKER PROFILE



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**Dr. Mushtaq Memon** is the Regional Coordinator for Chemicals and Pollution Action Subprogramme with the United Nations Environment Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. He is a Pakistani national, and he is working with UNEP since 1 April 2005 for more than 17 years including 12 years at UNEP-IETC for water and sanitation, and waste management; and 5 years at UNEP-ROAP. He leads UNEP's COVID-19 Response on COVID-19 waste management. He is also the Project Manager of the EU-funded SWITCH-Asia and supervises GO4SDGs in the region.



### **Ms. Tessa Goverse**

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**Ms. Tessa Goverse** is an environmental expert with over 25 years of international experience in promoting environmental sustainability and strengthening the science-policy interface. She is currently the Chief of the Pollution-Free Ecosystems Unit in the Ecosystems Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and coordinator of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities.



### **Prof. C. Visvanathan**

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**Prof. Chettiyappan Visvanathan** is a Professor at the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Change, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. He lectures in Environmental Engineering and Management Program. He holds a Doctoral degree in Chemical/Environmental Engineering, Institut de Genie Chimique, Institut National Polytechnique, Toulouse, France. His expertise includes Solid-liquid separation technologies for water and wastewater treatment, Clean technologies, Circular Economy in Plastic waste management and Industrial pollution control.



### **Dr. S.K. Weragoda**

*National Water Supply  
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**Dr. S.K. Weragoda** has specialized in water and used water treatment. He is currently serving as the Director of the Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology (JRDC) attached to the Ministry of Water Supply, Sri Lanka. Further, he leads the team attached to the Water Safety Plan (WSP) Advisory Unit in the National Water Supply and Drainage Board. He has been recognized as an expert on the application of WSPs and an auditor in the region by the WHO.



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**Dr. Surapong Rattanukul** received his Ph.D. degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Tokyo, Japan in 2015. After graduation, he became a post-doctorate at Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST), the University of Tokyo and was a visiting researcher at the University of British Columbia, Canada. Currently, he is a lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, and his current research is focused on UV-based technologies for pathogen control, health-related water microbiology and wastewater-based epidemiology.



**Dr. Sudhir Pillay**

Co-Chair, Water Research  
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**Dr. Sudhir Pillay** is a water sector strategist specializing in sustainable water and sanitation supply and research, development, innovation and market support for more sustainable processes. Experienced with all stages of the research, development and innovation and transition to higher Technology Readiness Level (TRL). Well-versed in numerous technical aspects related to water and sanitation including new and novel treatment processes. Strong background in project management, strategic leadership, policy development, regulatory support, circular economy approaches and ground-breaking innovation.



**Ms. Ismahane Remonnay**

RI Partnerships &  
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**Ms. Ismahane Remonnay** is the VP R&I Strategy Partnerships and key megatrends in terms of research. She is the One Sustainable Health team leader and she is responsible for defining the R&I Program and the strategy of WCE, water cycle epidemiology program with a focus on waste water treatment (WBE, wastewater based epidemiology) and the digital innovation associated within Veolia ecosystems stakeholders. She also coordinates the Chemical Transition Program, including chemicals and AMR/AR challenges.



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**Assoc. Prof. Bilge Alpaslan Kocamemi** is an Associate Professor in Department of Environmental Engineering at Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. She received her B.S and M.S degree in Environmental Engineering from Marmara University and Ph.D in Environmental Technology from Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey. She is the principal investigator and scientific advisor of the project group conducting a SARS-CoV-2 surveillance work in wastewater nationwide by Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) under Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. She is also a member of COVID-19 Scientific Committee of Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.



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