

50 YEARS AND BILLIONS SPENT: UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE DRAWS CLOSER TO EPIC GOAL



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9:00am – 11:00 am ET

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Join a special session hosted by Ambassador Mark Green, former USAID Administrator and President, Director, & CEO of the Wilson Center, for *50 Years and Billions Spent*, featuring groundbreaking reporting about one of the most stubborn challenges in human history – universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

In 2020, many of the sector's leaders worried that the Covid-19 pandemic would sidetrack investment and slow progress. While the signs of a potential catastrophe were apparent, the actual effects of the pandemic in delivering water and sanitation to people who need it were not as dire as anticipated.

WASH Within Reach, a project by the Wilson Center and Circle of Blue, investigates WASH services, financing, and resiliency over the last 50 years. In interviews with dozens of authorities on five continents, and months of research, the Wilson Center and Circle of Blue unravel the complexity of a global sector that now spends over \$20 billion a year and is on its way to achieving one of the great breakthroughs in human well-being.

Featuring:

Ambassador Mark Green, *President, Director, & CEO, Wilson Center*

Maura Barry, *Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator and Interim Global Water Coordinator*

Keith Schneider, *Senior Editor and Chief Correspondent, Circle of Blue*

Peter Laugharn, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation*

Sheila Kibuthu, *Communications Director, Sanergy*

Joel Kolker, *Program Manager, Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership, World Bank*

Duncan McNicholl, *Director and Co-founder, Uptime*

Tanvi Nagpal, *Director, International Development Program, School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University*