

Samantha Yates

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Samantha Yates is the Secretary General of the Global Water Leaders Group, a non-profit organisation which aims to create a better story for water. Samantha was appointed to this role at the inception of the Global Water Leaders Group 2012. In this role, she spearheads initiatives for, and research about, water utility performance and innovation amongst the Group's network of ~3,000 utility CEOs and Water Ministers in 100 countries.

She is also the Editor of the Group's White Paper series (formerly *Water Leader* magazine) which includes in-depth analyses of pressing topics in the urban water and wastewater services sector. Prior to this, Samantha worked in various research and consultancy roles including with the Group's Publishing and Events Partner (Global Water Intelligence), and at the University of Sydney.

Samantha is a regular speaker at international conferences and has received accolades for her contribution to the water sector, including Media Leadership of the Year from the AI Leem Water and Energy Congress, two World Water Leadership Awards, a Top 50 Listing for the most impactful leaders in water and water management, and a Women Super Achiever Award.

Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney, and a Master of Science in Water Science, Policy and Management from the University of Oxford.