

# AWS SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM

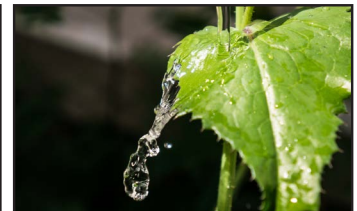


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GAINING PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION TO THE AWS STANDARD FOR TRAINERS, CONSULTANTS AND AUDITORS

An AWS accredited training program for sustainability & water management professionals & specialist service providers presented by WMEP.



**Specialist Training in the AWS Standard.** This training program is a one-day course for people seeking accreditation as AWS accredited auditors, consultants and trainers. It will review the case study examined in the Advanced Training Program from an auditor’s perspective, examine the requirements of the AWS verification processes and examine the value proposition for water stewardship compliance and the business case for water stewardship.

**The Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS).** AWS is a multi-stakeholder organization dedicated to enhancing water stewardship capacity and guiding, incentivizing and differentiating responsible water use. AWS employs three mutually-reinforcing programs to drive improved water stewardship: a standards and verification system, membership in a multi-stakeholder association and training. Together, these programs are designed to build capacity and provide a forum through which knowledge on water stewardship can be generated, accessed and shared, helping us address our collective water challenges. At the heart of all three programs is the stakeholder-endorsed AWS Standard.

**The AWS Standard.** The International Water Stewardship Standard (the “AWS Standard”) is designed to support, recognize and reward collaborative efforts to manage shared water challenges while providing a strategic framework for companies to better manage water resources and associated costs and risks.

The AWS Standard drives transparency and credibility through a stakeholder-endorsed framework built around five outcomes of water stewardship:

1. Good Water Governance
2. Important Water-Related Areas
3. Good Water Quality Status
4. Sustainable Water Balance
5. Good Water, Sanitation & Health (WASH)

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The AWS Specialist Training Program will:

- ▶ Equip specialist service providers with a deeper knowledge of the application of the water stewardship system to water using sites
- ▶ Provide potential specialist service providers with an understanding of the AWS verification system and its requirements
- ▶ Provide potential specialist service providers with an understanding of the AWS accreditation program and its requirements
- ▶ Support specialist service providers in developing a business case to market their services to business and organizations likely to engage with water stewardship

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Organizations and individuals interested in providing specialist services to water-using sites as AWS-accredited auditors, consultants or trainers.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

This is a one-day program that uses online material and documents emailed to participants. Participants are expected to contribute to small group discussion as the class works through components of the course. At the conclusion of the course, participants will undertake an examination. Those who pass will be eligible to provide an expression of interest in becoming an accredited auditor, consultant or trainer (unless previously submitted). Satisfactory completion of this course is a prerequisite to AWS accreditation.

## CONTENT

The course reviews the case study examined during the Advanced Training in the AWS Standard Program and introduces the AWS evaluation matrix. Participants are asked to evaluate the case study as auditors undertaking a pre-certification evaluation. The course looks more closely at the requirements of the AWS verification system, requirements for accreditation and requirements for auditors. Key documents are reviewed. The course concludes by looking at the value propositions for businesses to engage in the water stewardship and some key issues around marketing water stewardship to clients.

## PREREQUISITES

Participants must complete the Foundations of Water Stewardship and Advanced Training in the AWS Standard Programs before undertaking this course.



## ACCREDITATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This program is based on implementation of the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard, a standard owned by the International Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS). This course is accredited and recognized by AWS as meeting the Level 3 requirements for professionals seeking accreditation as an AWS-accredited auditor, consultant or trainer.

## COST AND REGISTRATION | 9/12/19

Cost per participant is \$400. This includes course material, lunch and refreshments. Travel and accommodation costs are not included. AWS Foundation Training and Advanced Training are prerequisites to this course.

**REGISTRATION** [WMEP.org/AWS-Water-Standard](http://WMEP.org/AWS-Water-Standard)

**VENUE** WMEP Madison Office

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