



SPEAKER KIT · KEYNOTE, WORKSHOP, BOARD SESSION

Dr. Nelson Jatel

I help leaders see the hidden networks behind their decisions, in water, in governance, and anywhere people and power connect.

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WHAT AUDIENCES LEAVE WITH

Not just a talk. Depending on the format, a room can leave with a map of its own decision network, a read on where influence is concentrated, and a short list of the relationships worth strengthening before they are tested. Specific, evidence-led, and built for the people in the room.

SIGNATURE TALKS

What Does Your Network Actually Look Like?

A clear map of the influence inside a board or organisation, and why it rarely matches the org chart.

The Hidden Architecture of Water Governance

Social network analysis applied to who actually decides, drawn from a fifty-year study of one region.

Tracing the Signal

How to find what matters in a noisy organisation, and tell a real pattern from a convenient story.

Weak Ties, Strong Decisions

How the informal connections no policy accounts for drive or stall the formal outcome.

FORMATS

Keynote (30 to 60 minutes)

Half-day workshop

Board or leadership working session

CREDENTIALS

Doctorate of Social Science, Royal Roads University

Professional Agrologist (P.Ag. #2862)

Adjunct Professor, UBC Okanagan

20+ years in water governance and
senior project management

SHORT BIO

Dr. Nelson Jatel is a water-governance leader, social network analyst, and keynote speaker based in Kelowna, British Columbia. He applies network science to how organisations actually decide, helping boards and audiences see the hidden relationships that shape governance. He holds a Doctorate of Social Science and is a Professional Agrologist.

WHERE I HAVE SPOKEN

Canadian Water Resources Association · Winnipeg 2026 UBC Okanagan
Environmental Flows Conference

It all feels like noise, until you trace the signal.