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WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year that just went by has been an important one for our movement. New currents have arisen, and the way has been cleared for our initiatives to develop.

Current events in 2017, as with this year, show our world in difficulty: societies trying to define themselves, the rise in intolerance, open or latent conflict, racism, and the forgetting of democracy. The arrival of many new migrants who fled their country or region because of war, political crisis or their very survival poses a challenge that the international community of democracy and solidarity must wake itself up to.

Where is water in all this? More than ever, water can and must be the lever to transmit the values on which democratic and just societies are founded. By assuring the most vulnerable have the right to access water and sanitation, we open the door to dignity, health and comfort, but also to governance, to local development and citizen participation, to cooperation, and to a future.

Youth are the future of the water sector. Raising their awareness, motivating and instilling a sense of responsibility in them will make them actors in the present, who do more than just carry the torch of those who passed before them.

But the challenges of equitably and sustainably managing this resource should move to the forefront, with the pressure of climate change, agricultural practices and environmental catastrophe. All of these factors combined compel us to be engaged on all levels with a concerted effort from all stateholders to converge on our common objectives. Solidarity Water Europe and the International Secretariat for Water are both fully conscious of this fact, and for that reason I rejoice.

The young participants of the 14th European Youth Parliament for Water worked for a week on the theme of Water and Peace, and they realized that, beyond just being a cause of war, water must above all be a vector for dialogue.

Sharing water and the conservation efforts that this entails must facilitate dialogue, knowledge of others in the name of preserving this vital resource, and moving towards a community of progress, development and cooperation. The engagement shown by youth, the awakening of a real consciousness within them, and the willpower to commit on this path are encouraging results that show the way for the rest of us.

2017 also brought our movement WaterGeneration, our five-year youth strategy. This platform and instrument allows us to accompany, encourage and help young people have their voices heard, enrich their process of reflection, and facilitate their interactions with each other and with stakeholders.

We are conscious of the important challenges that are before us. But we are also aware of our drive to bring our energy, savoir faire and vision to work for collective action for water.



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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Water ecosystems are inherently complex and can change rapidly. When factoring socio-economic and environmental issues, solutions to guarantee our future must constantly be adapted to new challenges.

The International Secretariat for Water-Solidarity Water Europe movement and their partners are uniquely positioned to develop ideas and drive action for water infrastructure, governance, mobilization and engagement.

Who are we? We create ideas and projects that refresh stagnant approaches and deliver sustainable results. We are a connector for people and movements with talent and potential, no matter how close or far they may be to the corridors of power. Our agility and adaptability means that we can implement high quality projects

around the world, while still maintaining direct personal relationships with the people who benefit from our actions.

Every year is pivotal in its own right, but 2017 took us in a new direction, as we began several new projects and collaborations. We have expanded our network of partners and diversified our revenue streams. We've been selected by the Quebec Green Fund for a new initiative in West Africa, and launched new projects with the Global Water Partnership and AgroParisTech, among others. We also expanded our communication footprint with a more engaging, frequent presence online and on social media. We expanded our partnership with the Geneva Water Hub, to drive public engagement on the pressing issue of Water and Peace.

In the almost three decades since its

founding, ISW-SWE has acquired a reputation for innovative youth programs. We continue to increase our capacity to produce motivated young leaders ready to assume their rightful place as stakeholders. We built on this work with the launch of WaterGeneration, our five-year global youth strategy.

Global access to water has improved significantly since our movement was founded, but much still needs to be done. We exist to advocate and amplify the voices of the people who have the least, and to do this we commit to disrupt, to use our position and strengths to connect with stakeholders and the public.

Benefiting from a strong foundation of partnerships and collaborations, we will work to create a movement that causes actors to re-evaluate what "business as usual" means.



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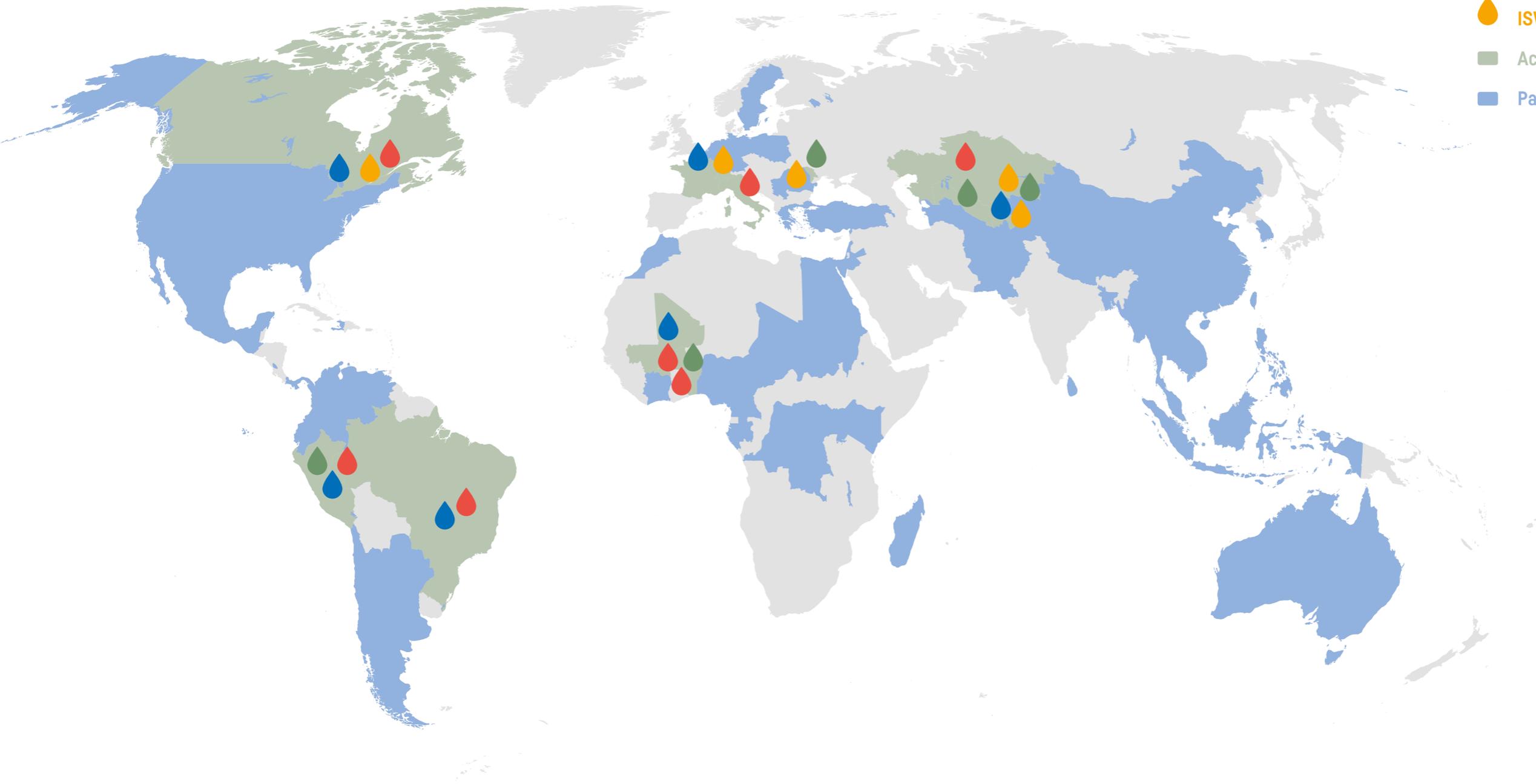
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ABOUT US

We envision a world where everyone has access to a safe, sustainable source of water and sanitation.

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Since its foundation over 25 years ago, the ISW-SWE movement has strived to create a better planet, where people can live in dignity free from the tyranny of thirst and unsanitary conditions.

In pursuit of this goal, we work from local to international levels, with a growing network of partners on all five continents. Whether we are building infrastructure, coordi-

nating governance or inspiring young water leaders, we operate with flexibility, adaptability and creativity. We mobilize, connect and support stakeholders who may otherwise be excluded from decisions that affect them. And we work to build an inclusive movement for better, more sustainable provision of water and sanitation. Access to water is a right, and for a right to have meaning, it must be defined, and it must above all be defended. Our team's actions in Montreal, Strasbourg and in the field are guided and motivated by this maxim.

WHAT WE DO

Field Projects

We strive to provide high-quality, sustainable water supply and sanitation infrastructure for communities that need it most. Our projects are models of participatory governance and management, drawing on our multi-decade experience in transboundary hotspots in water-insecure areas.

Advocacy & Awareness

We work to influence decision makers and the public on key water issues. When we see an opportunity to amplify the voices of the disadvantaged, we ensure that their knowledge and expertise are a vital part of practical and political solutions.

Youth

We mobilize and support youth around the world with the courage and spirit to stand up for water in their communities and internationally. Our global networks and initiatives allow them to unlock their capacities as agents of change and adapt to complex new challenges, while speaking with a strong voice.

MISSION

Based on the evolution of knowledge, partnerships and creativity, we develop initiatives that mobilize advocates for universal access to water and sanitation, while taking a long-term approach to resource preservation. We and our partners build bridges and enable dialogue between all stakeholders – governments, civil society, academia and the private sector. Much of our work is concentrated in small rural and semi-urban communities. We aim to contribute to better water management, using watersheds as our reference framework.

VALUES

Openness

We involve all stakeholders in the actions that affect them, regardless of their social, economic or material circumstances.

Dedication

Members dedicate their efforts to the movement's mission, helping it achieve its objectives.

Sharing

We share experiences and best practices so all stakeholders can enrich their knowledge and skill sets.

Commitment

Our members are committed to the movement's intentions, values and mission.

Emotional intelligence

Our actions are guided by an intuitive understanding of each person's needs, enabling constructive dialogue and giving depth and perspective to our actions.

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PERU

Andean communities at the heart of water infrastructure and governance.

We have been active in Peru since 2014, working primarily in communities located in the headwater regions, where major water sources originate. Isolated at high altitudes, these communities are becoming impoverished as younger residents seek new opportunities in the city. In addition to infrastructure and governance, we also undertake institutional synergy initiatives, such as the Blue Book, to foster improved management.

Five years in, our work in the Cachi river basin continues with the help of our partners. In 2017, the team broke ground on Project Waripercca. The project will deliver running water supply and an ECOSAN-based sanitation system to the community's 150 families. Located at the source of the Cachi 4,000 metres above sea level, the fragile ecosystem's difficult, rocky terrain had long been an impediment to adequate infrastructure. By the end of 2017, approximately 8 km of the main distribution line had been completed. The toilets reuse 100% of excreta and grey water.

Our Peruvian projects integrate with GOSSA, an adaptable participatory management framework for river basins. GOSSA integrates water supply and sanitation management into basin and watershed-level governance. In practice, once a system is constructed, the community can manage services, maintain infrastructure, and preserve headwaters. A single water management body, elected by the community and operating in a participatory manner, administers water supply, sanitation and the watershed head. The team created a participatory management plan for the head of the Cachi River basin. GOSSA has only been tried in Peru, but could be scaled up and replicated in any Latin American country.

2017 also saw significant advances in the ISW's institutional synergy efforts. ISW drove adoption of the OECD Principles on Water Governance in the Rimac basin, home to the capital of Lima. Peruvian lawmakers' adoption of an ecosystem services levy will charge downstream users for the water they

consume, with a portion of the funds allocated to headwater communities such as Waripercca. In cooperation with the Blue Book Committee, the ISW continues to coordinate the United Nations Green Fund in Peru.

1100
citizens
reached

4 000 m
above
sea level



TAJIKISTAN

Sustainable access to water and sanitation thanks to effective local governance.

The villages of Tajikistan's Ferghana Valley have long gone without adequate water infrastructure. Over the last 10 years, the Regional Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project, coordinated by ISW, has constructed water supply and sanitation networks in the region, providing hygienic and safe systems for the first time in many years. A participatory and consultative process includes local communities in decision making and management, and local water operators have increased their maintenance and management capacities. 2017 saw significant advances on all of those fronts, with new construction completed by a maturing network of local actors. The project aims to anchor development in the Tajikistan context, in order to develop a model for other projects in the country. The project, which began in the Tajik part of the Ferghana valley in 2007, has been extended until the end of 2018 and will reach 70,000 citizens.

In 2017 the sanitation element of the project has expanded, in cooperation with local private contractors. Inadequate sanitation at schools affects women and girls disproportionately:

girls tend to avoid unhygienic toilets, leading to serious health concerns. The Ministry of Education approved our request to construct toilets at village schools.

Improving gender balance and representation within a participatory framework is a key goal of the project. Gender-balanced initiative groups headed by local representatives participate in project implementation, tender procedures, and decision-making processes.

Water tariffs are managed and collected locally, and the collection rates are high. A full cost-recovery approach ensures that the tariff covers the amortisation of the investment so that the systems are paid for in a set amount of time. Over 80% of households covered in Phase I (2007 – 2013) now have access to private connections. Follow up activities such as awareness raising on law in public bodies, and contracts between consumers and operators, continue.

Beyond the villages, the team is also implementing a comprehensive training program on safe water practices. With

support from the Ministries of Health and Education, teachers and nurses have been trained throughout the Tajik part of the Ferghana Valley to educate children and the general public about water and hygiene.

80%
households
with private
connections

28 000
citizens
reached



UZBEKISTAN

Engaging citizens and local actors: the key to making drinking water available to everyone

In Uzbekistan, less than half the national population has access to improved drinking water. In rural areas, water is pumped through antiquated Soviet-era infrastructure for an average of just 8 hours per day, with high rates of water loss and contamination. Tanker truck operators serve the residents with an expensive, poor-quality product. The ISW's project in Uzbekistan enhances access to safe drinking water with construction of water infrastructure, decentralised governance, and better hygiene and sanitation practices. Targeting selected villages in the Ferghana Valley and Syrdarya province, the project will foster improved living and health conditions for 135,000 people by mid-2018.

Second, the project strives to integrate the new model of decentralised governance into the Uzbek water supply and sanitation agenda. The basins where the project is being implemented is a trinational region shared with Tajikistan, in a time of great change. Uzbekistan experienced a change of

government in 2017, and the country is going through significant changes, becoming more open to the outside world. In this context, the proposed model of decentralized governance, using semi-autonomous drinking water organizations, has great potential for advancement. The project's current phase is scheduled to wind down near the end of the 2018 calendar year, with responsibilities transferred to local authorities. This phase of the project cost approximately \$6 million USD, with the bulk of financing provided by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Water supply systems constructed in previous years are in the process of being turned over to local drinking water associations. A major challenge in 2017 was integrating of these associations into a productive working relationship with Uzbekistan's Ministry of Housing and Communal Services. Water utilities, most of whom have yet to adopt computers, continue to

struggle with limited capacity and incomplete statistics. As the project prepares to close, the process of capacity building continues.

64 000
citizens
reached

36
supply
networks
installed



MOLDOVA

Infrastructure and a new governance framework for the Nirnova basin communities.

Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Eastern Europe. In underserved rural communities, water and sanitation is far from meeting basic standards.

Solidarity Water Europe has been active in Moldova since 2006 and especially in the Nirnova river basin, where several ECOSAN toilets were successfully installed in 2016. Based on these previous assessments, SWE launched a new project in October 2016 to expand its range of action. Over 24 months, Phase I will provide access to water and sanitation to 31 villages in the Nirnova basin, while also implementing a sustainable governance framework for integrated water resource management. Implementation of year 1 of the project began in October 2016, and has delivered many concrete results since then.

In order to be able to undertake a coherent and relevant Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) development action, a necessary first step was to perform a technical and institutional assessment.

This document gives a complete and clear overview of the water resources available on the territory as well as the WSS infrastructure and projects currently undertaken in the basin.

Moreover, it provides a multi-level analysis of the institutional background of the Moldovan WSS sector, its political and administrative framework and the relevant actors. Plus, making the most of the results of the assessment, numerous concrete actions have been proposed for the short and medium term. Implementation of some of these actions will occur during Year 2. The assessment has been translated into English and Romanian to facilitate its broader distribution, and was presented to the partners and steering committee.

Finally, a huge step forward has been made in the field of governance. The Mayor's Platform met for the first time. The platform aims to promote communication between French and Moldovan elected officials on

inter-community WSS management, and to explore the model's practical applications in Moldova. The overall objective is to create a joint water committee, that will harness local energies and will eventually be capable of developing WSS projects in the basin itself.

31
villages

40 000
citizens
reached



WEST AFRICA

Connecting water issues and climate change with three pilot projects.

Fragile water ecosystems are especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change, which is significantly impacting precarious countries in sub-Saharan Africa. In collaboration with partners, we are implementing three microprojects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve climate change adaptation. In cooperation with the Global Water Partnership, Your Future, Your Climate secured funding from the Green Fund of the Government of Quebec, receiving \$343,000 CAD.

Your Future, Your Climate targets populations in Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin, and is fully scalable to similar contexts elsewhere. The three pilot projects are managed and led by young professionals in partnership with local organizations.

1. BURKINA FASO: With the support of the Country Water Partnership (PNE), the team is designing and building solar-powered drip irrigation systems.

2. TOGO: In Danyi-Apéyémé-Todomé, a youth association is setting up a sheepfold, purchasing composting and agro-ecological gardening supplies, and installing ECOSAN toilets.

3. BENIN: This country's project contributes to the restoration of the Mékrou basin ecosystem. The project will strengthen environmental education and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, while applying climate-resilient agricultural practices.

These projects are not only conserving ecosystems affected by climate change and anthropogenic pressures, but are also improving the food security of vulnerable populations in the region. During the project lifetime, project partners will offer training sessions and activities to raise awareness among the public and local authorities on climate issues affecting their region.

The ISW has partnered with the Global Water Partnership West Africa, the Country Water Partnerships of

Burkina Faso and Benin, and the NGO Eau Vive Togo to implement the three parts of the project. The Your Future, Your Climate platform launched officially in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on November 28, 2017. Youth shared their messages on water and climate and built linkages for action.

3
countries:

Burkina Faso
Togo
Benin



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BLUE PASSPORT

River basins know no borders, and neither should we.

Much of the world's basin regions cross international boundaries. In spite of often-competing interests, the imperative to manage and defend these regions remains the same everywhere. Unlike a regular passport, a Blue Passport bearer is not denoted by nationality, but a basin region. They are a tool to generate dialogue between actors at different levels to work together on common basin-level challenges. This helps foster understanding that we are all citizens of a basin facing common challenges, and must join our efforts to protect the region. Blue Passports have been issued to over 7,000 people, covering 47 river basins since the launch of the initiative.

In 2017, Blue Passport holders in Peru gathered to follow-up the decisions

collectively made in the Cachi River Public Consultation that was held March 2016 in Ayacucho. The Blue Passport holders in Ayacucho, with the help of ISW-SWE and partners, presented the authorities with the decisions approved during the consultation. Notably, indigenous groups expressed their desire to create a community organization to protect headwater territories and to obtain funds from a new ecosystem services levy, to be invested in rural water supply and sanitation projects in the Basin.

The Regional Government of Ayacucho, the Municipality of Huamanga in Ayacucho and San Cristobal University endorsed the results of 2016's consultation. These results have been

communicated to the members of the Blue Book National Committee (see page 18), which includes government ministries, universities and civil society organizations. The families of the community of Cuchoquesera, located on top of the Cachi River basin, have actively participated in the Blue Passport initiative. In 2017, the nearby community of Wariperqa joined.

After successfully validating the Blue Passport approach in multi-stakeholder public consultations in Peru, we are ready to scale up and replicate this approach in other basins. We developed a methodological guide for these consultations, and have advanced discussions with key basin organizations around the world, in anticipation of future efforts.



8
river basins

440
new
Blue Passport
holders

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

A international network of civil society organizations with far-reaching effects.

The Butterfly Effect is a worldwide network of over 130 local and international civil society organizations and NGOs, working together to advocate for civil society's voice in the water sector.

Since its formation in 2010 at the occasion of the 6th World Water Forum, the network has been recognized as the sector's pre-eminent network of civil society groups, with the capacity to both obtain access to decision makers that others cannot, and to apply

pressure for inclusive, participatory negotiation. Representing members from five continents spanning the global North and South, the Butterfly Effect promotes sustainable local solutions that can benefit communities' access to water and sanitation and water resources management. The secretariat of the network is coordinated by the ISW and Action Against Hunger, with the support of Coalition-Eau.

2017 was an exciting year full of change

for The Butterfly Effect, which began the year by electing new organizations to its Steering Committee, and adding 22 new organizations as members.

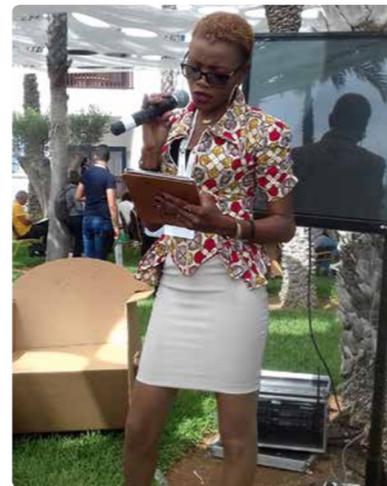
To prepare for the 8th World Water Forum in March 2018, the Butterfly Effect participated in the Forum's preparatory meetings. It was selected as part of the Theme People Coordination Team, and influenced the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation meeting in Brazil in April 2017. The network's

Forum involvement is an extension of its founding principles, as it was originally created to ensure strong civil society representation at the 6th World Water Forum in 2010.

Determined to continue to elevate these voices, the Butterfly Effect consulted its members through three Working Groups. In addition, the network's members held intervention at the two negotiation sessions of the Forum's Political Process, where the Ministerial Declaration is drafted.

In consultation with members, the Butterfly Effect developed influential messages and recommendations for

the water and climate agenda. 2017 saw a presence at the Stockholm World Water Week, the Climate Chance Summit in Morocco and COP23 in Bonn. At the latter event, the network intervened at the day dedicated for water and climate, with a consistent presence throughout. The network continues to advocate for innovative solutions and the recognition of the efforts of civil society for the implementation of the SDGs, advancing the human rights to water and sanitation, and the fight against climate change.



Breaking communication barriers

Trilingual website and newsletter every 3 months in English, French, Spanish

Key messages of the network also translated into Portuguese for Brazilian audiences for the 8th World Water Forum.



A citizen-based approach to monitor a country water environment.

The Blue Books are a critical overview and guide to the complex water environments in various countries, all while taking the views of users, inhabitants and elected officials into account. They can be used to obtain a more complete picture of the real levels of access to water and sanitation that goes beyond official statistics and perspectives. For practitioners working in the field and organizations preparing projects, the Blue Books provide valuable data and analysis to help actors improve their knowledge, capacities and effectiveness. This creates opportunities for actors to strengthen water policies.

The international steering committee, which oversees the strategic development of the Blue Book brand, met twice in 2017 to plan new Blue Books and capitalize on valuable experience acquired globally.

In 2017, we published the Mali second edition in both French and English, and the international steering committee is currently working to prepare the ground

for Blue Books in Moldova and Togo. Eight Blue Books have been published about six different countries since the project began in 2003, involving over 160 partners. 9,000 printed copies have been distributed with over 4,800 downloads from ISW website. Each Blue Book is developed in a participatory fashion by a diverse group of water and sanitation stakeholders in each country. They are committed citizens from government, private enterprise and civil society. As water managers, planners and consumers, they provide a wide range of viewpoints and a method to cross-check each other's data, ensuring accuracy and presenting a range of viewpoints and opinions. They measure citizen participation in water management, water usage conflicts, climate change adaptation and success of mixed financing models, among others. The ISW coordinates these efforts, advocating for sustainable water policies, boosting peoples' participation, and ensuring that goals and targets are reached and followed up on.

2nd
edition of
the Blue Book
Mali

> 40 000
global
readers

Les principes clés du Livre Bleu

Indépendance : Le Livre Bleu ne reflète pas le point de vue exclusif d'un acteur, d'un groupe d'acteurs ou d'un lobby. Son mode d'élaboration, de validation et de financement est fondé sur des observations indépendantes, autours du terrain que sur la forme.

Directivité : Le Livre Bleu est élaboré avec la plus grande objectivité possible, en utilisant des éléments d'information appartenant au domaine public ou indépendamment validés, et en s'appuyant sur des enquêtes réalisées auprès des usagers avec la plus grande rigueur, pour refléter et assurer leur prise de parole et position.

Participation : Le Livre Bleu est réalisé de manière participative et consensuelle. Sa production est supervisée par le Comité National du Livre Bleu composé de personnes reconnues à la fois pour leur compétence et leur indépendance de pensée.

Représentativité : Le Livre Bleu n'est pas réservé à un groupe de spécialistes indépendants travaillant en vase clos. Chaque Comité du Livre Bleu est ouvert à toutes les sensibilités et cherche à représenter l'ensemble des acteurs de la communauté.

La Livre Bleu vise à identifier les principales forces vives de la société civile afin de favoriser l'accès à l'eau et à l'assainissement de même que les forces d'inertie ou contraignantes à gérer ou contourner, cette connaissance sociologique permet d'apprécier les possibilités d'évolution, et en particulier les modes d'organisation et de partenariat que pourront utiliser les usagers pour assurer la pérennité de l'utilisation des infrastructures.

Suivi-évaluation : Le Livre Bleu participe au suivi-évaluation du secteur en analysant, à intervalle régulier, les avancées d'un certain nombre de paramètres identifiés comme prioritaires. Dans l'idéal, le Livre Bleu est publié tous les 3 à 4 ans.

Vision à long terme : Le Livre Bleu a pour ambition de porter sur le secteur un regard neuf, dégage de toute considération idéologique, il propose une vision pour l'avenir, en dénichant les chantiers jugés les plus importants pour non seulement atteindre les OMD, mais surtout assurer que l'accès à l'eau et à l'assainissement sera équitable et pérenne pour tous.

Valeur ajoutée : Le Livre Bleu est un outil complémentaire de propositions d'actions, d'aide à la décision, et de suivi. Il ne cherche pas à se substituer aux initiatives lancées par les autres partenaires du secteur, et se focalise sur des aspects qui sont parfois négligés, comme par exemple le droit à l'eau, la décentralisation, les inégalités dans l'accès, et les mécanismes de financement.

Il est le « porte-parole » de la vision et de la position des usagers et des acteurs du domaine. Il est efficace, par ailleurs, une opportunité pour le montage de portefeuilles de projets dans l'objectif de répondre aux besoins les plus urgents et à ses exigences des porteurs extérieurs.

L'histoire du Livre Bleu

L'histoire du Livre Bleu a officiellement commencé en mars 2003, lors d'une réunion de « l'Assemblée Mondiale des Savoirs de l'Eau » organisée à la Réunion de Cluses de l'Eau lors de la Foire Mondiale de l'Eau à Paris. Depuis lors, l'initiative a grandi, grâce au rôle d'animateur joué par le SIE, et le Livre Bleu a trouvé un écho auprès d'un large public.

Le Livre Bleu, un concept en évolution

Depuis les Livres Bleus du Burkina Faso, du Mali et du Niger, son concept a évolué. Il aborde les questions de droit à l'eau et à l'assainissement, et tient compte du niveau de gouvernance existant. La réalité économique et les financements disponibles sont également pris en compte. Le Livre Bleu a permis à des collectivités locales de passer à l'action comme au Niger. La production de nouveaux Livres Bleus est en cours, au Bénin, au Sénégal, au Pérou et en Moldovaie.

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Driving governance evolution with a participatory approach

Highlights from the Blue Book Peru:

May



Blue Book National Committee meets to follow up on recommendations, the Environmental Vice Minister proposed the idea to identify actionable concrete projects.

June



Blue Book National Committee begins the process to pilot test OECD water governance indicators in the Rimac basin.

July



Peru experiences a change of government. Three ministries renew their Blue Book involvement. The Latin American Development Bank offers technical support for project implementation.

September



OECD water governance indicators approved by state and civil society participants, with the support of the Committee.

October



Blue Book Assembly held to identify projects that reflect the Blue Book approach.

November



Projects preparation workshops drive concrete application of Blue Book principles.

ENGAGING NEW AUDIENCES

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#WaterGeneration campaign brings the youth movement for water to a new audience

ISW-SWE projects mentioned by

28

national and regional media outlets

Empowering new audiences on water, peace and security challenges

15 500

views of our video content

Regular newsletters distributed to

4 500

decision makers, influencers and youth

Contributed to launch of Blue Peace movement on water cooperation

550 000 people reached by ISW-related content on social media

Advocacy aids

produced for youth initiatives and The Butterfly Effect civil society coalition

Targeted content produced in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese

CELEBRATING WORLD WATER DAY

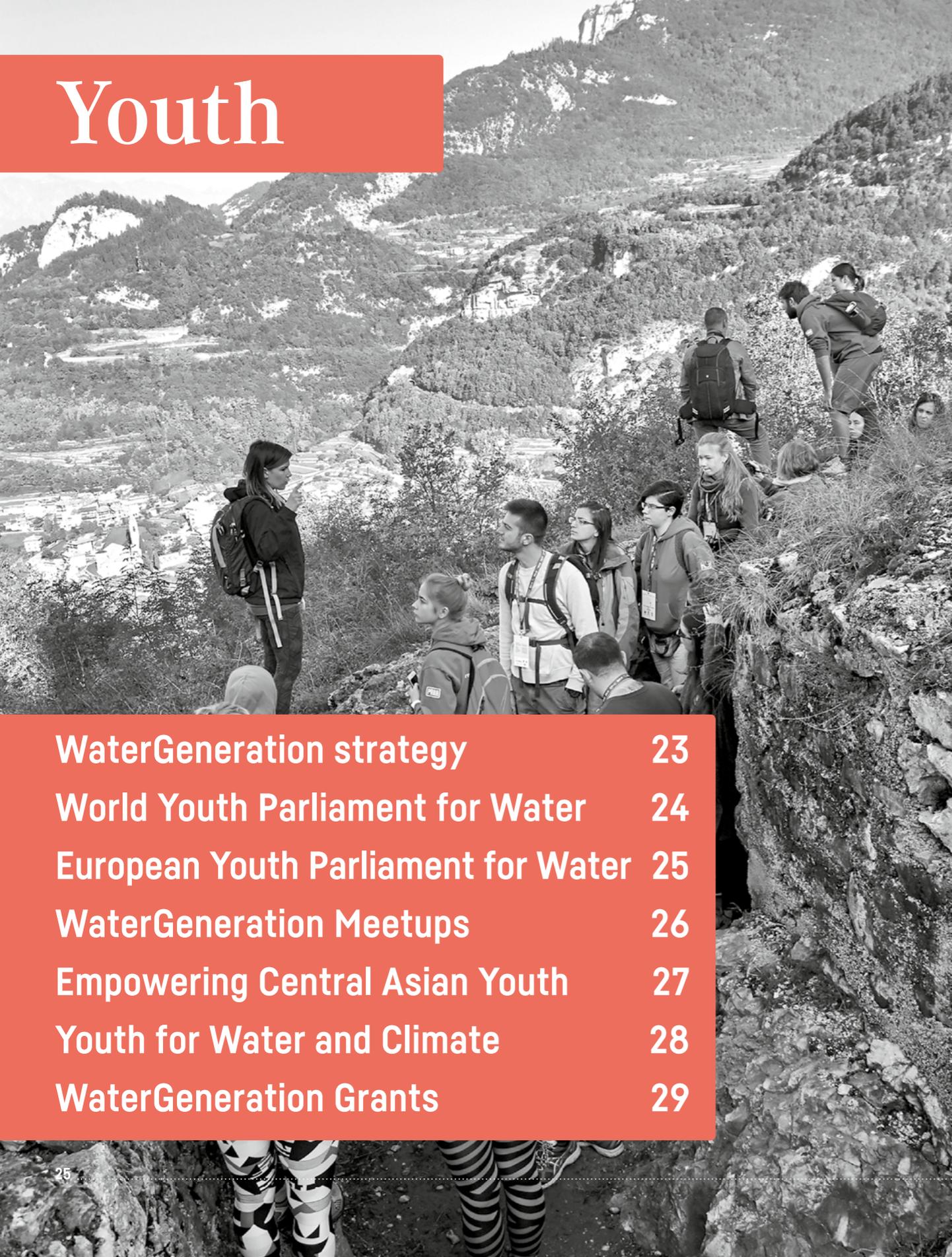
On March 22, 2017, Solidarity Water Europe celebrated World Water Day in Strasbourg, with activities shining the spotlight on Youth, Water and Peace.

Leading up to the day, we collaborated with high school students at the Lycée Jean Monnet for three workshops and training sessions on Water and Peace.

Strasbourg City Hall hosted the participants for a round table and Q&A with the public, local youth, experts including François Münger, director of the Geneva Water Hub and ISW-SWE president, Antonella Cagnolati.

On World Water Day, Solidarity Water Europe and students took to Place Kleber in central Strasbourg for a public awareness campaign. Clad in distinctive white T-shirts, the students approached the public for discussions, to answer questions, and distribute materials from a stand installed in the square.

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WATERGENERATION STRATEGY

Our five-year strategy to mobilize, connect and support young water leaders.

Young people are heavily and directly affected by water issues, and when it comes to the prospect of a sustainable future, they have the most to lose. It is only essential and fair that they have a say in this matter immediately.

We are inspired by the youth movement for water. This is the idea of a movement built around the large-scale, dynamic and connected mobilization of young people. The number of youth and water stakeholders has grown in recent years, expanding the size of this youth movement for water. This movement is still young, but it has vast untapped potential. We believe that supporting the youth movement for water will benefit young people. It will build their capacities, and help them expand their scope of influence, networks and opportunities for action. The #Water-Generation strategy, which was devel-

oped through a participatory process, reflects this conviction.

#WaterGeneration helps ISW-SWE cement its relationship with youth and clarify the role we want to play as facilitators for the a global youth movement for water. We want this movement to be “glocal”, capable of taking action anywhere from the local to the global level. It will be connected, diverse and active in all countries, especially in those with the most severe water problems. The youth movement for water will influence decision-makers on water issues and help young people become committed citizens working to build more sustainable societies. Over the next five years through to 2022, we will work to strengthen the collective voice of youth, inspire them with creative workshops, tools and events, and help them influence decision makers.

participatory
development
including:

95
interviews

47
partners



WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

Global youth network strengthens ties with a strong international and local presence.

The World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)'s passionate global network ensures that youth are recognized as legitimate water stakeholders with tangible effects on outcomes, while taking local actions in over 80 countries. The goal of the Parliaments is to strengthen capacities for successful local youth projects, while influencing decision makers and ensuring youth voices are heard on the international level. In 2017, the network saw a significant expansion of international partnerships while also accelerating the creation of local, regional and basin-level Youth Parliaments for Water, which now number thirty-five.

In the leadup to the 8th World Water Forum, the WYPW advocated for better inclusion of youth and civil society in the Forum processes and in the sessions. Former president Asma Bachikh took part in the Citizens' Forum commission. Network members played a key part in the thematic process, coordinating the theme Capacity, as well as Water, cultural diversity, justice and equity, among others. At Stockholm World Water Week, they organized a

panel on scaling up youth-led solutions at the Young Professionals booth. At the 16th World Water Congress in Cancun, Mexico, WYPW received a mandate to coordinate youth engagement at the event.

The network has long been recognized by key actors, including UN-Water, UNESCO and SIWI, as a vector of youth involvement. The network represents youth at the annual meeting of the Global Water Partnership steering committee. In their last year of their mandate, the 2015 Board expanded international partner networks, accelerating the creation of regional and national Parliaments, including Afghanistan and Nepal, among others.

On the local level, the WYPW network is a support system for young leaders who want to implement projects, while learning from best practices elsewhere. The members worked tirelessly in their local communities to implement concrete projects. The Togo Youth Parliament for Water organized Climate Saturdays, three months of awareness activities. In Pakistan, the local chapter organized a panel on youth's role in

wastewater management. The WYPW and the 30+ chapters around the world together count over 6,000 members in all the world's major regions.

85
countries
represented

>30
independent
national /
regional
parliaments



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

In Italy, a collective commitment to water and peace.

For over 20 years, Solidarity Water Europe has brought young people together for a week of discussion on a water-related issue.

The 14th edition of the Parliament took place from October 1 - 7, 2017 in Rovereto, Italy, bringing together 70 participants from 14 European countries and their neighbours. The goal of this week was to offer youth the opportunity to broaden their water knowledge, while increasing their awareness of the vital role of civil society and youth in building a society of dialogue and cooperation. The majority of the world's hydrographic basins are shared between countries and susceptible to future water conflicts, inspiring this year's theme of Water and Peace. With theme-based workshops, field visits, working groups and collective discussions, the participants ranging from 17 to 27 years old explored the many diverse aspects of the theme.

The culmination of the week's activities was the drafting of a Collective Commitment, created by youth and

for youth and reflecting their future engagements on water and peace. The document will guide the youth as they develop their concrete local projects throughout 2018. Four delegations from the Parliament received grants from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation to support their implementation (read more on page 29). The members also elected a new Board, consisting of president Viktor Macé (France), and vice-presidents Arvesa Ljolluni (Kosovo) and Ellen Vervaeke (Belgium).

The board's role is to represent participants and share the message of collective commitment, especially at major water and youth events.

70
participants

14
European
countries
&
their
neighbours



WATERGENERATION MEETUPS

Building a movement for youth voices on four continents.

We believe that youth are change-makers. But to translate this drive into tangible improvements, they must work together and strengthen their capacities for knowledge and partnership.

In 2017, the ISW organized four #WaterGeneration Meetups, to develop local partnerships and lay the groundwork for effective political influence. The workshop-style events helped the young leaders prepare effective messages, while strengthening local and regional mobilization. They also served to identify new members for the World Youth Parliament for Water and its regional networks. Thanks to enhanced skills and increased connections, youth are already impacting their communities with a variety of imaginative, effective concrete projects.

In Central Asia, we organized meetups in Astana, Kazakhstan and Dushanbe, Tajikistan. In Astana, we saw a community of engaged youth develop many initiatives for water and peace (see facing page). These included a board game about transboundary

challenges; launching a youth parliament for water in Afghanistan, and successfully advocating for youth representation at Kazakhstan's regional basin councils.

In West Africa, the meetup in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso united participants from 20 countries, who teamed up to propose concrete projects. A jury made up of ISW and partners selected three of them to receive grants, which were distributed by the ISW. The projects are now in development. In Quebec City, Canada, we partnered with Laval University and local networks for a capacity-building workshop connecting water governance challenges in North America to the global context, while increasing North American youth engagement.

All four meetups were key milestones on the road to the 8th World Water Forum. The focus on message preparation enhanced the potential impact of youth voices, and the pool of young participants allowed the World Youth Parliament for Water to expand its network further.



200
youth
empowered

16
projects
developed

EMPOWERING CENTRAL ASIAN YOUTH

Making waves and transforming processes around the region.

For decision making processes to change, youth need to be included not merely to satisfy a diversity criteria, but as legitimate stakeholders whose inputs are valued. In Central Asia, ISW has helped drive a lot of progress in a relatively short time. In 2017, we mobilized fragmented groupings of youth from around the region to build a regionally-focused movement for influence and action that works across borders. As 2017 comes to a close, youth in the six Central Asian republics are influencing decision makers, speaking with a strong voice at major events, and becoming increasingly visible in the political arena.

In June, youth gathered for the Central Asian Youth Initiative at Expo2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The week-long workshop included dialogue with experts, discussions and debates. The Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs also launched the Blue Peace movement for Central Asia. In the spirit of this movement, young participants drafted a Youth Vision for Water for Central Asia. The Vision puts forth a world where the region cooperates

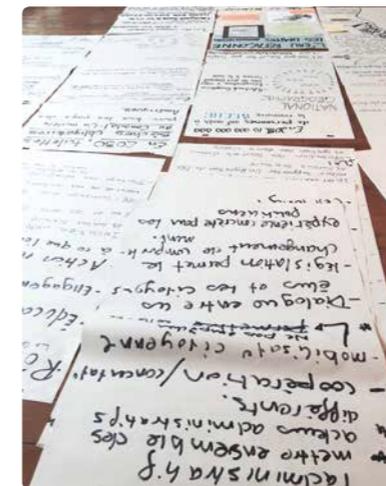
as one to solve water issues, and state authorities commit to supporting youth engagement and implementing suggestions for improving decision-making processes. The document was translated into Russian and delivered to delegations of officials for each of the five Central Asian states present, plus Afghanistan. The delegations each committed to increasing youth engagement. Bota Sharipova and Aminjon Abdulloev, two of the participants, provided a tangible demonstration of these aspirations when they spoke at the High-Level Panel for Water and Peace in Geneva in September 2017.

In October, two participants succeeded in securing youth representation for the future meetings of Kazakhstan's eight regional basin councils. As the Aral Sea crisis intensifies, this milestone ensures that youth voices will be heard by the organizations that will play a key part in relief efforts. Transboundary cooperation is a vital concern for the Central Asian republics, as they strive to modernize their processes and take a region's eye view with water challenges, in a complex geopolitical

atmosphere. The success of the Central Asian Youth movement has shown that youth are not merely passive occupants of the place assigned to them, but assuming positions of leadership and driving the cooperation agenda.

6
countries

> 400
youth
join
movement



YOUTH FOR WATER AND CLIMATE

An online hub matching innovative youth projects with expert support.

Youth for Water and Climate (YWC) is an online platform designed to support talented youth who see the water and climate issues in their community as an entrepreneurial challenge. YWC matches young project leaders with organizations and individuals providing technical and financial support, in collaboration with the Global Water Partnership, AgroParisTech and youth networks. The platform is a space for dialogue and exchange built around a participatory, multi-stakeholder approach. Youth with a vision and goals may often end up on the periphery of an outside organization. Instead, the platform allows them to see their ideas – informed by their deep roots in the community and aided by experienced professionals – come to life. High potential ideas become high quality projects. Like ISW's other activities, these projects all have the potential to be scaled up and replicated.

For supporters, YWC provides a frictionless experience for browsing, learning about and supporting projects. All entries are vetted for quality by the YWC team, and feature

a crowdfunding-style project page that details resources needed, funding levels, and individuals/families reached. Organizations or individuals can browse projects by region, hear the stories of project creators, and help youth build capacity through collaboration. Projects are selected based on their fit with the SDGs and the most pressing water and climate challenges. Supporters can choose the projects that best fit their engagement strategy and interests, while targeting specific SDGs of their choice.

By providing a space for partnership and bringing innovative youth ideas to fruition, YWC will change the way senior decision makers see young water leaders. The platform was presented at major events around the world in 2017, including COP23 in Bonn, Germany, Stockholm World Water Week, and the Climate Chance Summit. A joint ISW-GWP team developed the website as part of an inclusive process, synthesizing the feedback of over 200 stakeholders. The platform is backed by a declaration of principles signed

by 100 organizations and individuals who have joined as members, and directed by a consortium coordinated by ISW, GWP and partners.

> 100
signatories
to the
YWC
declaration

\$375 000
pledged
to date



WATERGENERATION GRANTS

Community-focused youth projects, ready to be scaled up.

K'aslem Y'ah – Home Rainwater Harvesting Systems

Marly Julajuj Coj Guatemala



When Marly saw that her community of Panimaquin in the Guatemalan highlands was stricken with water scarcity, despite abundant rainfall, she knew something had to be done. Her project is constructing water harvesting and distribution systems for ten families, as well as a larger cistern for Panimaquin's elementary school, benefiting over 150 people. Her team is also educating residents how to maintain their systems, and on hygienic food preparation and livestock practices.

My School Is Not A Trash Can

Zinsou Nounagnon Dakoz Daunou, Rebecca Lawani, et al Benin



Urban waste management in Benin is lacking and open refuse is common in many areas where children congregate. For a group of young leaders from the Benin Youth Parliament for Water, change starts with cleaning up attitudes. Visiting primary and secondary schools around the country, they are educating students about waste management practices and how to improve their living conditions. They then get to work cleaning up their school and others in the region.

Civic Journalists for Water and Peace

Nare Hayrapetyan, Hrazdan Civil Youth Centre Armenia



Exposing corporate and institutional water crimes takes dedicated work, and in countries with limited press freedoms, these stories may never see the light of day. This project is creating a network of civic journalists to disseminate knowledge and raise awareness about water crimes. Training sessions are designed to counter "learned helplessness" when witnessing water crimes, equipping participants with capacity and agency.

We believe that projects at a small scale can have the biggest impact

Young leaders with an intimate connection to their communities have the knowledge and dedication to drive effective high-quality projects. #WaterGeneration Grants from ISW-SWE help them harness their creativity and initiative to create success stories that are a model for water sector actors big and small.



Participants of the first Central Asian Youth Workshop, held at Expo2017 Astana in June. Pictured: Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs Didier Burkhalter, Presence Switzerland head Nicolas Bideau, ISW-SWE Executive Director Sarah Dousse.

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Mansur Fayzrakhmanov	Driver
Yorkin Muhitdinov	Driver



Khujand, Tajikistan

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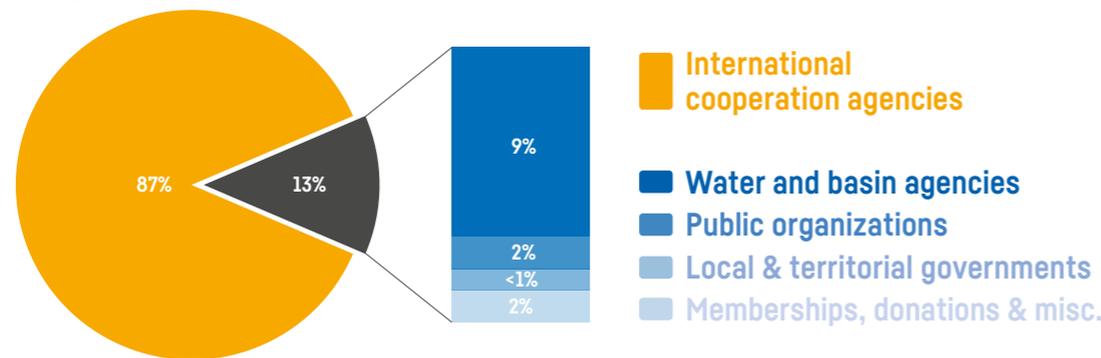
The Board of Directors named Sarah Dousse as the permanent executive director for the International Secretariat for Water and Solidarity Water Europe in May 2017. The five-member Executive Board is appointed by the Board of Director to exercise operational oversight. ISW and SWE are legally independent but share the same executive director.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

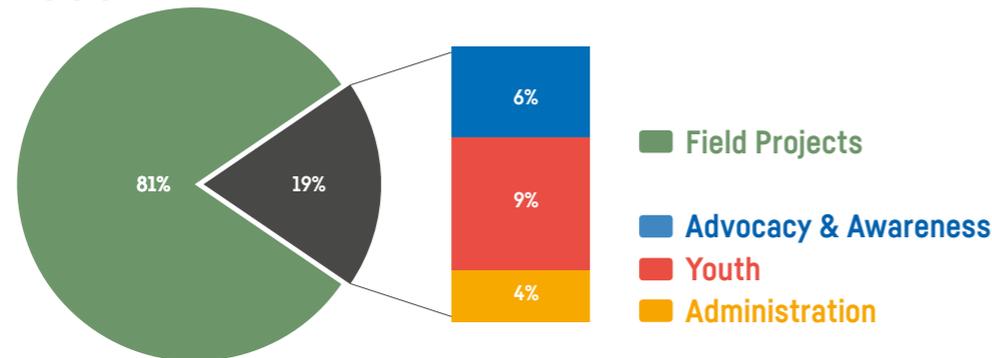
In 2017, the combined budget of ISW-SWE increased to approximately €2 million (\$3 million CAD). A significant portion of the increase has been earmarked to expand advocacy and youth areas of action, which have benefited from a 62% increase in investment. This is due mainly to increased contributions from our primary partners, including the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and French water agencies.

Our multi-year efforts to expand local partnerships began to bear fruit in 2017. SWE gained the support of the Grand Est territory and the City of Strasbourg renewed its support. Our financial diversification strategy has allowed new partnerships to flourish, among them various ministries of the government of Québec [MDDELCC, MRI, MESS], Presence Switzerland and the Global Water Partnership.

Revenue



Expenses



ISW ends 2017 with a surplus of \$ 18,250 CAD. Total income was \$ 2,823,725 CAD. For SWE 2017 closed with a slight surplus of € 1,838 Euros for an income of € 238,214 Euros. The two organization's financials were audited and certified by their respective auditors: Petrie Raymond for ISW, and Laurence Schwob for SWE.

Full financial information is available on demand at info@sie-isw.org

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- Autonomous Province of Trento
- Bangladesh Model Youth Parliament
- Bremen Overseas Research & Development Association [BORDA]
- Business and Professional Women
- CAF – Latin American Development Bank
- Center for Disease Control
- CEWAS
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- CICOS
- City of Strasbourg
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- College of Engineers of Peru
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- Community of Milpa Alta
- Community of Vallagarina
- CONAGUA
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- Dolomiti Energy
- Eau de Paris
- Eau Vive
- Eau Vive – Direction Togo
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- Members of Youth Parliaments for Water
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- Municipalities of the Nirnova Basin
- Municipality of Chuschi
- Municipality of Huamanga
- Municipality of Rovereto
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- National School for Water and Environmental Engineering of Strasbourg [ENGEES]
- National Water Authority – Peru [ANA]
- National Water Partnership – Benin
- National Water Partnership – Burkina Faso
- Nile Basin Discourse
- Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse [OFQJ]
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