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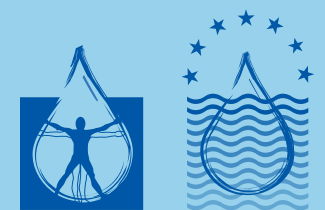
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Annual Report

ENABLING
SYSTEMIC CHANGE

2021



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Foreword

2021 - another year shadowed by the pandemic, but a year of hope with the rollout of vaccines and, above all, our shared commitment to pursue our mission. In this "bizarre world" that has become uncertain, we are determined to maintain our approach and decisively committed to implement our 21-25 strategy.

While postponements and cancellations threatened the success of several activities, we found new and innovative ways to pursue our work. We increased the number of online activities, multiplied the preparations for the post-Covid recovery, and developed new projects for coming years. We took advantage of the postponement of the World Water Forum in Dakar to 2022 to rethink our participation through a well-articulated and robust approach. Regarding our youth activities, we organized an online assembly of the World Youth Parliament for Water and completely rebuilt - virtually - its electoral process. Our reflection also led us to imagine new ways of strengthening the capacities of young people, empowering them to lead concrete actions for the sustainable present and future of our planet and societies.

Despite limited travel, we have succeeded in maintaining strong and ongoing relationships with our project partners and local stakeholders, such as in Moldova and Peru. We have even strengthened our presence in West Africa and Central Asia with the launch of new projects.

The obstacles were and remain significant everywhere: we have had to overcome the challenges imposed by the crisis to pursue our activities. That said, it was also a question of moving forward and preparing ourselves for the challenges that await us and that will result in major, sometimes radical, transformations.

We are well aware of the efforts deployed by our teams as well as the sacrifices made to face the challenges of the past year. That said, we are also proud to say that the overall review of this "bizarre year" is positive. We have capitalized on our results and capacities and are ready to face the next year with determination, commitment and courage.



ANTONELLA CAGNOLATI | President



SARAH DOUSSE | Executive Director



Founded in 1991, the ISW-SWE is a bold, accessible and committed organization, which accelerates societal transformation and fosters cooperation.

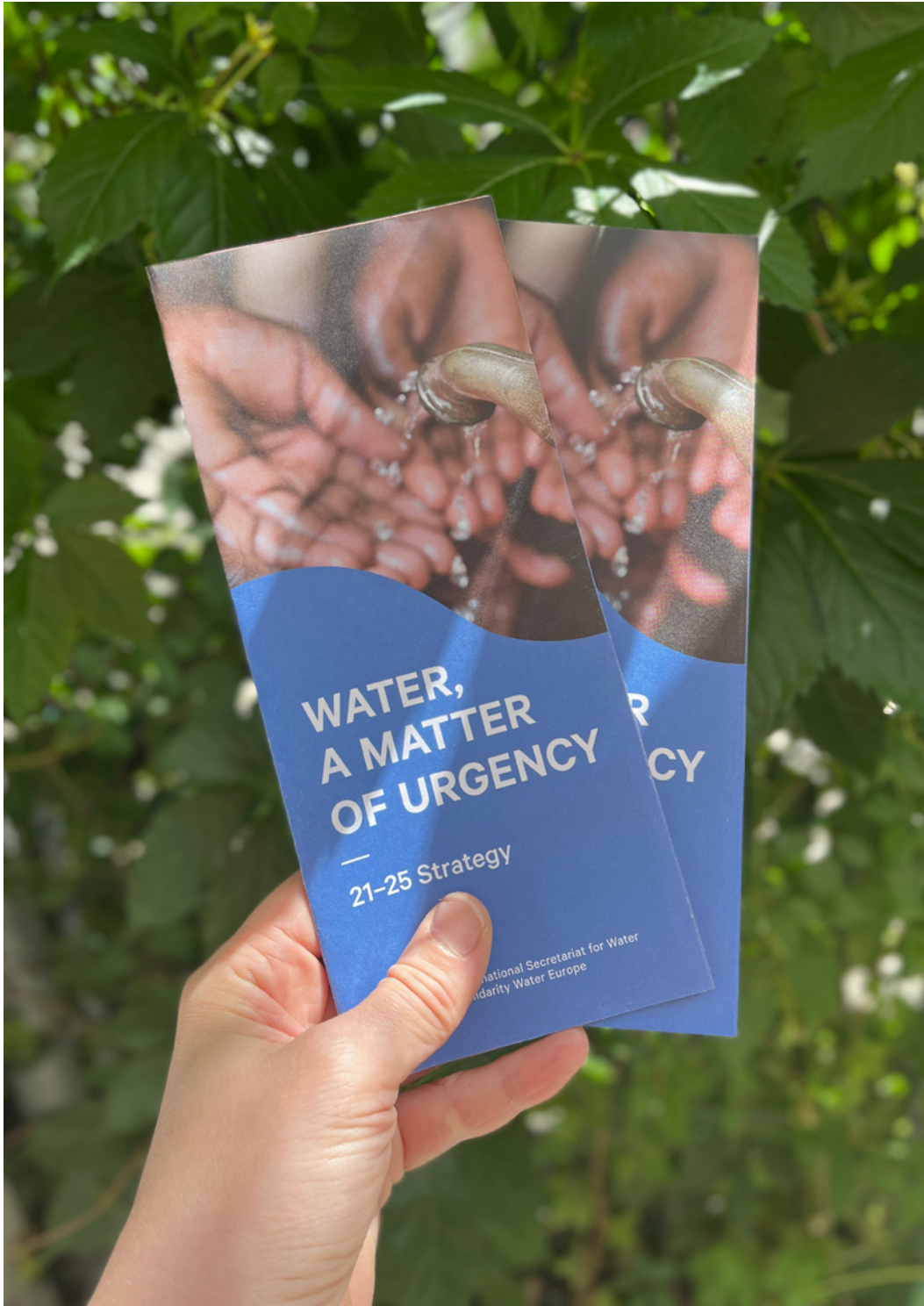
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We follow a flexible implementation principle: to be where it counts, in a spirit of localization of aid, with the objective of influencing change to support the transformations that our world and our societies need.

A STRONG IDENTITY
AND VALUES

- **Openness**
- **Complementarity**
- **Audacity**
- **Commitment**

characterize our actions.



Convinced that water is the prerequisite for all development, the ISW-SWE aims to be a connector-facilitator which, through its agility and boldness, contributes to systemic change for an equitable and sustainable management of natural resources.

2021 marks the implementation of our institutional strategy, which is intended to be a structuring framework on which our teams and partners can rely to carry out their mission.

This strategy does not break away from the ISW-SWE approach, but rather confirms and amplifies the action we are carrying according to flexible models, with the aim of implementing locally driven solutions and responding to the demands of a complex world.

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3 interconnected areas of intervention

Regardless of the nature of our actions, we implement a similar approach which revolves around three key concepts: facilitate action and connect actors of change, explore innovative ideas, and accelerate implementation to meet pressing challenges.

 **WATER GENERATION**

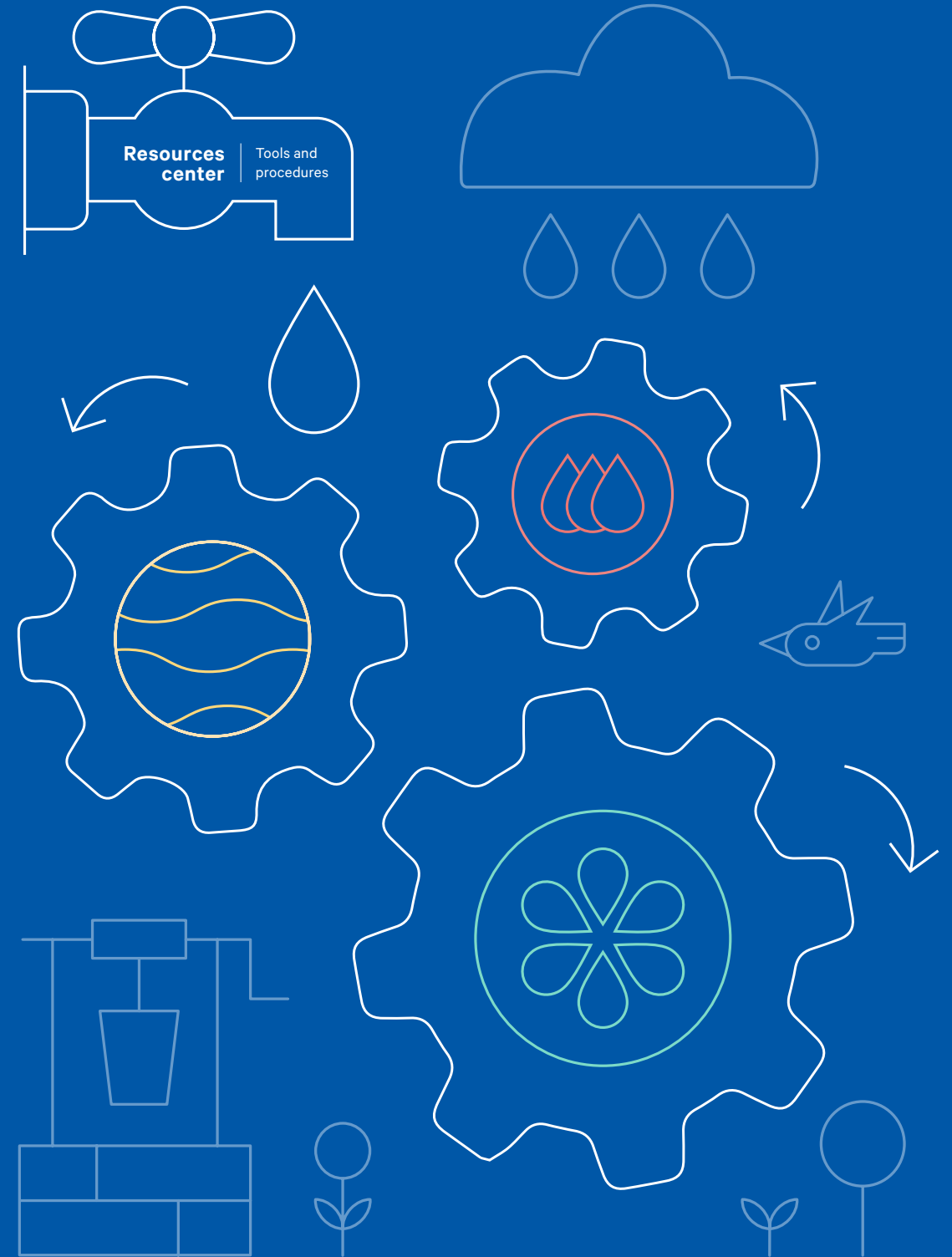
Support young actors of change, strengthen their capacity to implement innovative local projects and their commitment in decision-making spheres. Our goal is to be the global reference of "youth for water".

 **ACTION FOR WATER**

Develop, test and validate, in countries with the most serious water problems, innovative models of water governance, often decentralized, developed with the participation of local stakeholders.

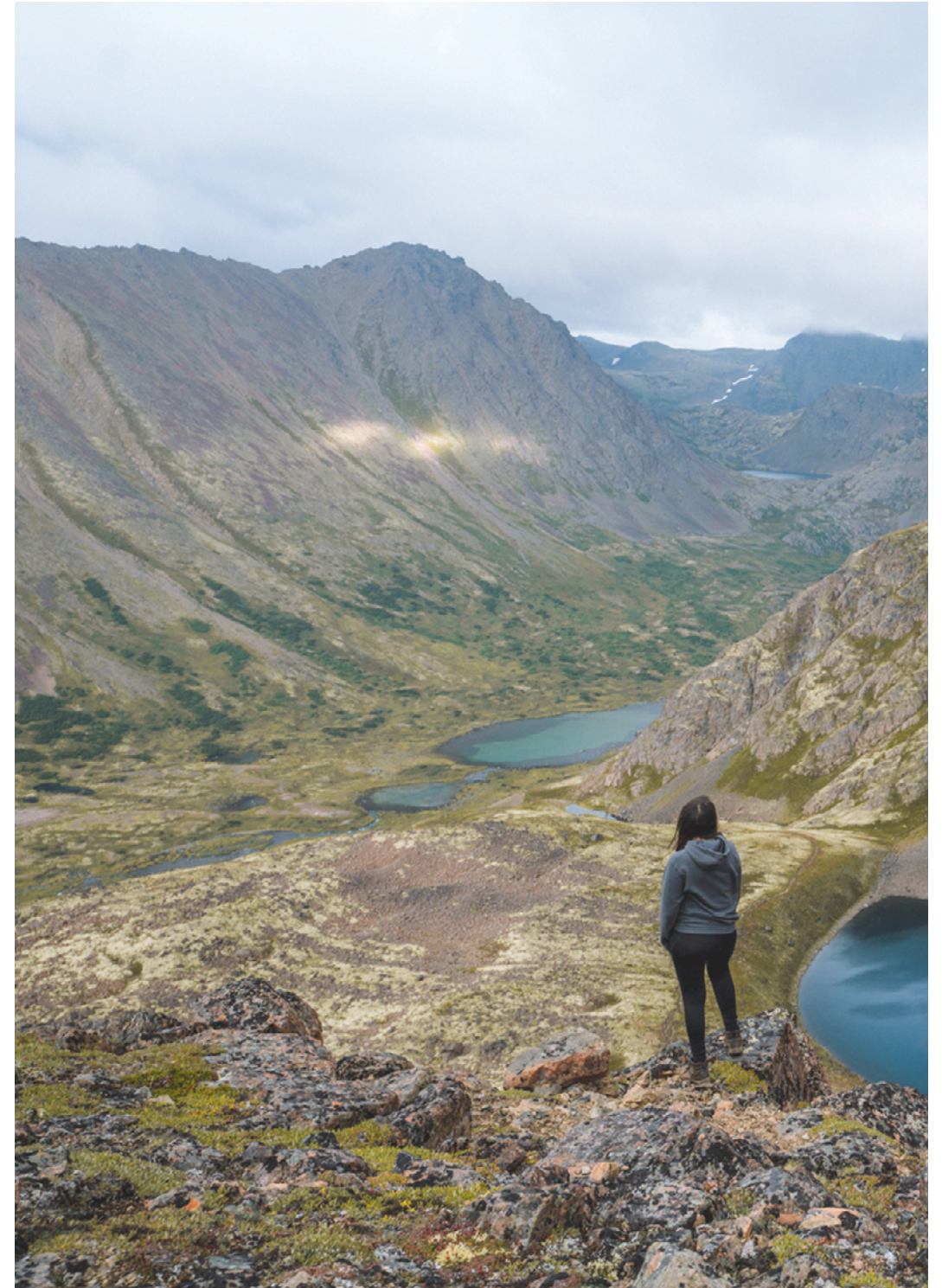
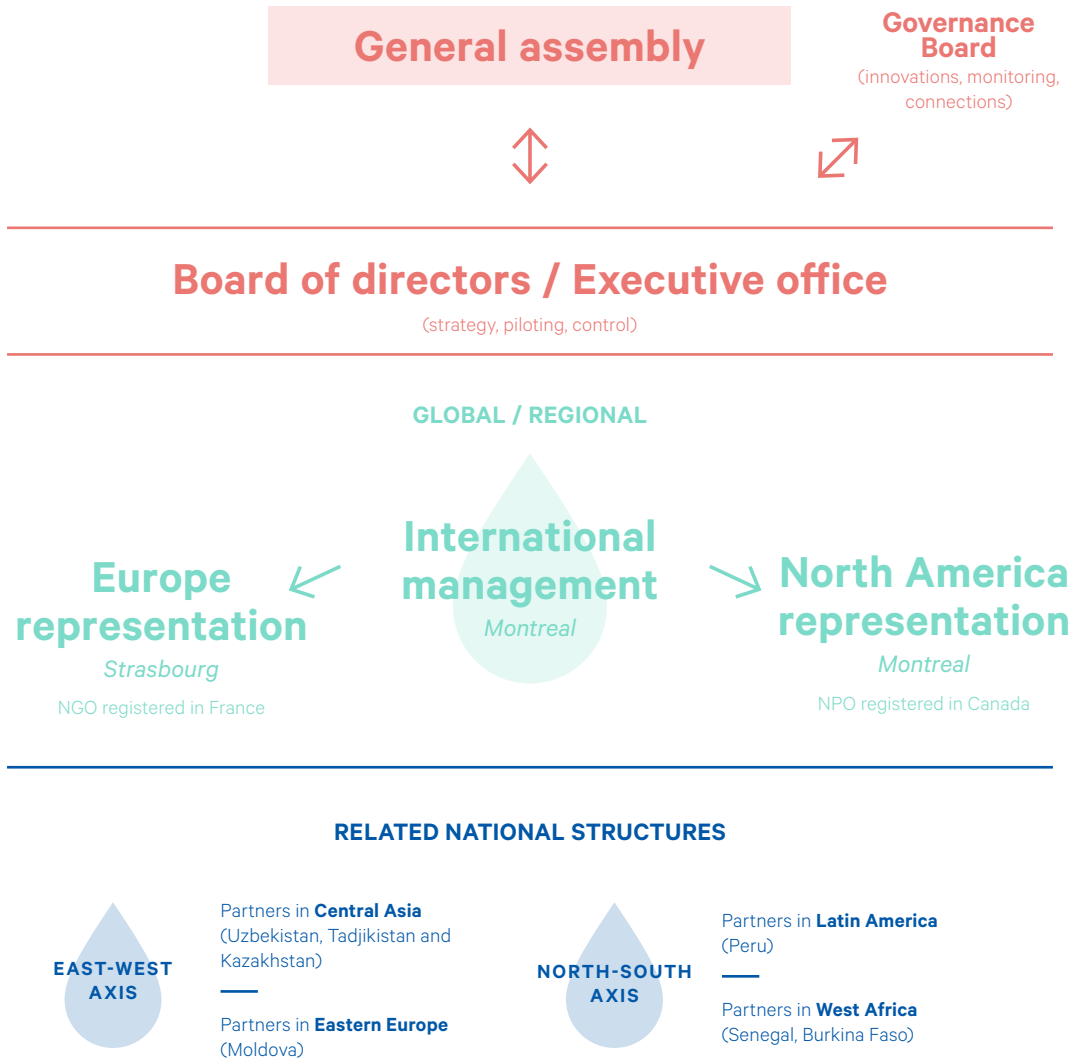
 **WATER FOR CHANGE**

Set up an influence model which connects our areas of intervention, to accelerate systemic change. We mobilize 2 channels of influence: civil society advocacy and dissemination of innovative experiences.



Our Organization

The International Secretariat for Water has an international management based in Montreal (Canada) and two permanent representations in Montreal (ISW-Canada) and Strasbourg (Solidarity Water Europe). Interventions in Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and West Africa mobilize national representations or partners who share our vision and mission.



Board of directors

The ISW-SWE Board of Directors is composed of distinguished individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to the cause of water, and who generously give their time to advance our mission.

Board members and
Executive committee



**ANTONELLA
CAGNOLATI** | President



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GRONDIN** | Vice-
president



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Youth Seat



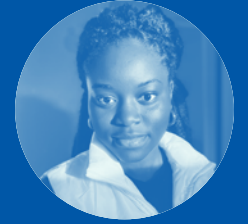
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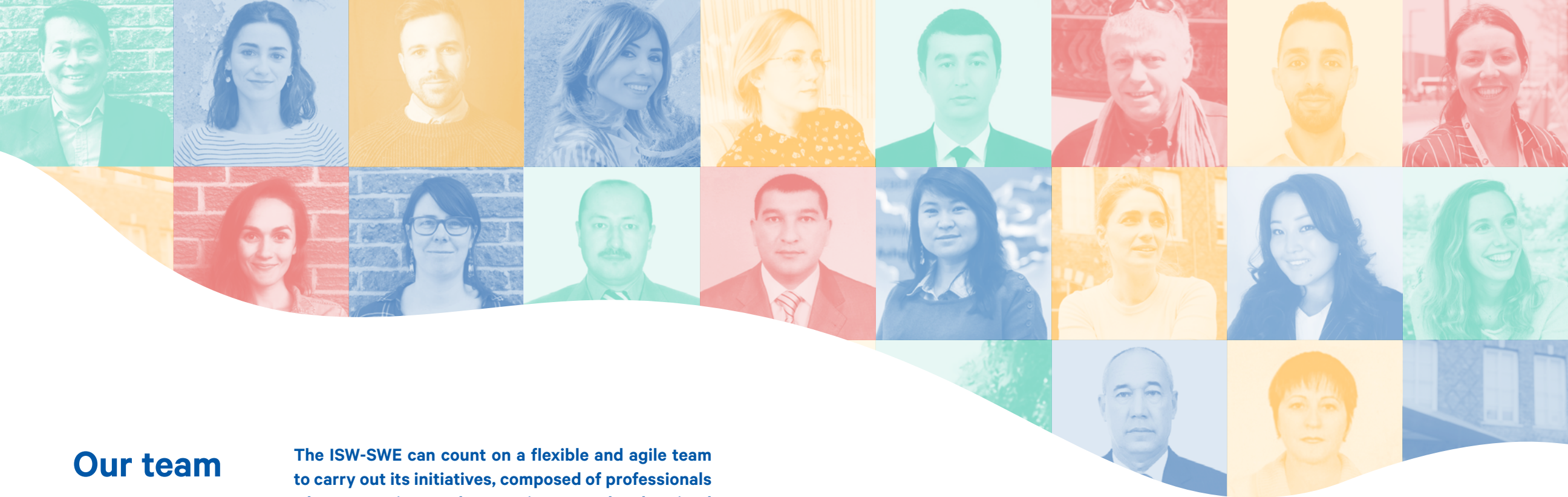
**Olivier
Thibault**



**Luc
Vescovi**



**Elisabeth
Wild**



Our team

The ISW-SWE can count on a flexible and agile team to carry out its initiatives, composed of professionals who are passionate about environmental and societal issues.

Sarah Dousse
Executive director

CANADA
-
Vladimir Arana
Laurie Fourneaux
Sophie Gonthier
Radouane Lamqaddam
Mathieu Pagé
Elysa Vaillancourt

FRANCE
-
Anne-Catherine Mercuri
Laura Sauques

MOLDOVA
-
Svetlana Duca

CENTRAL ASIA
-
Makhfirat Abdullaeva
Cholpon Aitakhunova
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Hussein Falzulloev
Rahhbar Homidova

Dumitru Mamaliga
Umed Negmatov
Olivier Normand
Nekbakhtl Orzu
Habib Tursunov

Shukhrat Igamberdiev
Tatyana Tsogoeva
Ram Mani Sharma
Lyazzat Syrlybayeva

Dynamics for global transforma- tions

The water crisis is global and interconnected with many other societal issues, such as climate change, health, peace and food security. Civil society must commit to a global awakening of States to this crisis.

In 2021, the ISW-SWE ensured that the water sector has a strong and audible voice among citizens, civil society - including youth - and decision makers.

The ISW-SWE has empowered civil society and youth to take collective positions on major so-

cial issues, particularly in the preparatory process of the World Water Forum, which will be held in March 2022 in Dakar (Senegal). The World Water Forum, which is organized every 3 years, provides a unique platform to bring forward the priorities identified by civil society and youth.



Civil society on the move

In 2021, the ISW-SWE organized an international mobilization - through the Butterfly Effect coalition - to raise the voice of civil society organizations for water. Civil society is a force for positive and ambitious societal transformations.

This process - aiming to bring out concrete political demands - mobilized +200 civil society representatives from the water sector throughout 5 continents and led to the identification of 5 priorities.

- Stronger political will
- Strengthened water governance
- Actively involved citizens and civil society
- Strong and transparent financial commitments
- A renewed multilateral framework




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WHY SUCH A PROCESS ?

- The **Dakar World Water Forum** (March 2022) and the **United Nations Water Conference** (March 2023) are within reach. These events are unique opportunities to advance the cause of water; civil society must push back the boundaries. We must act now!
- The 5 policy priorities present clear statements that the +140 members of the "Butterfly Effect" coalition have committed to carry at all levels.



 **The Butterfly Effect demonstrates smart strategies to encourage convergence of efforts and create a high impact in terms of amplifying civil society voices. FANSA will intensify its efforts to engage youth in its advocacy processes at the national and sub-national levels.**

DR. SNEHALATHA MEKALA | Regional Coordinator, Fresh water Action Network: South Asia (FANSA) - Member of the BE

+ 200 REPRESENTATIVES

of civil society mobilized

+ 50 CONTRIBUTIONS

during the online consultation

+ 6 REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

online and on 5 continents

+ 5 POLITICAL DEMANDS

carried by +140 NGOs.

Water generation in action

Youth is at the heart of ISW-SWE's action. ISW-SWE aims to foster the recognition of youth as a key stakeholder in water governance, to support the development of a strong and influential youth movement, and to ensure that the political demands and solutions proposed by youth are heard and translated into action.

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RENÉ BAYILI | President of the Youth Parliament for Water of Burkina Faso

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Youth Parliaments for Water MOBILIZED

The Youth Parliaments for Water - initiated by our organization - are formed of young people and young professionals who are committed to water, to a sustainable planet and to inclusive and cohesive societies. To this day, there are more than 40 Youth Parliaments for Water in several different countries, regions, and watersheds.

In 2021, the ISW-SWE proposed an innovative virtual **GLOBAL youth mobilization for water**. By proposing this new formula the **World Youth Parliament for Water's General Assembly**, the ISW-SWE has positioned itself as a dynamic and responsive actor - as evidenced by the official recognition of the event by the World Water Forum organizers.

With 600 registered participants and over 30 partner organizations, the Online General Assembly was a major step in preparing youth engagement for the 2022 World Water Forum in Dakar (Senegal). With over 35 interactive sessions and 100 panelists, young parliamentarians were able to learn, share and be inspired by peers and pro-

fessionals in the water sector: Josh Newton provided perspectives on global water governance, the Her20 organization provided key elements to develop women's leadership, the Geneva Water Hub led a discussion regarding cross-border cooperation, and the NASA demonstrated how they are contributing to sustainable water management based on satellite Earth observations.

Prior to this Virtual Assembly, we also completely rebuilt the electoral process of the World Youth Parliament for Water. Finally, and after a vibrant election campaign, the presidency, vice-presidency, and regional focal points were renewed.



Young people are able to add creative perspectives and solutions to protecting water and emphasize the urgency of this problem as we've witnessed, and experienced water-related atrocities increase in our lifetime.

CAROLINA
TORNESI-MACKINNON

President of the World Youth
Parliament for Water

+ 600
PARTICIPANTS

registered from +50
countries.

+ 195 000
PEOPLE

reached on social
networks.

+ 100
SPEAKERS

and +30 partners
mobilized.



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And also...

In 2021, civil society representatives - including youth and young professionals from our networks - participated in various water governance platforms and mechanisms. Whether at the local, regional, or global level, we facilitated the integration of civil society representatives in decision-making spheres, reminding all of us that the discourse must be followed by action.

We actively contributed to the Glasgow COP26, the Stockholm World Water Week (virtual) and the preparatory meeting for the World Water Forum in Dakar.



Focus on the 2nd World Water Forum Stakeholder Meeting.

Dakar, October 2021

The ISW-SWE, the Association of Young Water and Sanitation Professionals of Senegal (AJPEAS), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Executive Secretariat of the 9th World Water Forum joined forces and invited young people from all over the world to participate in the Youth Pre-Conference of the 2nd World Water Forum Stakeholders' Meeting.

The first virtual part gathered more than 80 young people, who were able to share their vision of a Youth Space at the World Water Forum 2022. This space created by and for young people, and piloted by the ISW, aims to be a place where ideas, solutions and committed people converge. During the second day in Dakar, a group of 25 young people from Senegal and abroad prepared the presence of young people at the World Water Forum.

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Since my period of engagement with WYPW, I have developed remarkable skills in youth engagement, mobilization, resource development, and contribution to water policy. I have also remarkably expanded my knowledge on global water sustainability. I had the privilege of interacting with dozens of youths from different backgrounds (virtually and in person), and realized that the impact of water on youth is not regionally exclusive.

AFOLAYAN
SAMUEL JUWON

Leader of the WYPW
Chapters working group





Local youth actions for global transformations

For the ISW-SWE, it is essential that young people be able to act and put their innovative ideas into practice. As such, we facilitate the implementation of field projects and position ourselves as the "guarantor" of their projects, ensuring a quality standard.

In 2021, to respond to the aspirations of young people for water, we launched a global call for solutions, through the "Youth for Water & Climate" platform; a platform supported by various partners, including the Global Water Partnership.

Finally, our jury selected 9 solutions developed by young people from 9 countries, which received a financial support of 5 000 CAD\$ in addition to technical support.

+ 200 SOLUTIONS were submitted by youth and young entrepreneurs from +70 countries, of which +50% are women

The jury was made up of inspiring personalities



Thierry Vatin (General Director, Artois-Picardie Water Agency), Sonja Behmel (Board of Directors, ISW-SWE and CEO of WaterShed Monitoring), Gideon Commey (Finalist, World Youth takes action 1st edition), Hycinth Banseka (Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership), Lyazzat Syrlybayeva (Regional Co-Coordinator, Central Asia Youth for Water), Joyce Mendez (Co-Founder, Paraguayan Youth Network for Water) and Brianna Huber (Executive Director, Her20).



Sri Lanka

BINDU – DROPS

+ 20
HOUSEHOLDS

connected to a reliable water supply system.



+ 2
RAINWATERS

harvesting tanks installed.

Benin

USAV WASH CAMP

+ 30
LOCAL YOUTH-LED
ORGANIZATIONS

participated in the WASH CAMP to build their capacity to manage water-related challenges in their region.

Tanzania

A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR A BETTER EDUCATION

+ 20
WOMEN

trained in the recycling sector.



+ 1 TOILET
+ 1 SANITARY BLOCK

built in an elementary school from eco-bricks.

Colombia

PROYECTO MADRE TIERRA

+ 20
YOUNG INDIGENOUS
WOMEN

trained in leadership, water protection and ecological restoration.



+ 1200
TREES

of endemic species planted in the La Praderato nature reserve.

Cameroon

ENSURING ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER RESOURCES

+ 1700
PEOPLE

sensitized to the sustainable use of community water sources.

Venezuela

A POTABLE HOGAR

+ 100
FAMILIES

from vulnerable communities were trained and mentored in the construction and marketing of biological sand filters.

Kazakhstan

KAZAKHSTAN'S WATER LEADERS

+ 100
STUDENTS

from high school gained awareness of water issues.



+ 30
STUDENTS

from university informed about the water business.

Uzbekistan

CLEAN WATER

+ 500
HOUSEHOLDS

received a series of training activities on the importance of drinking clean water.



+ 500
WATER FILTERS

for free distributed to training beneficiaries.

Nigeria

SOLUTIONS WASH

+ 1
ADVOCACY PAPER

published based on field survey and research presented to local authorities. WASH Solutions to Improve Access to Basic Obstetric Services for Pregnant Women in Rural Communities in Imo State.

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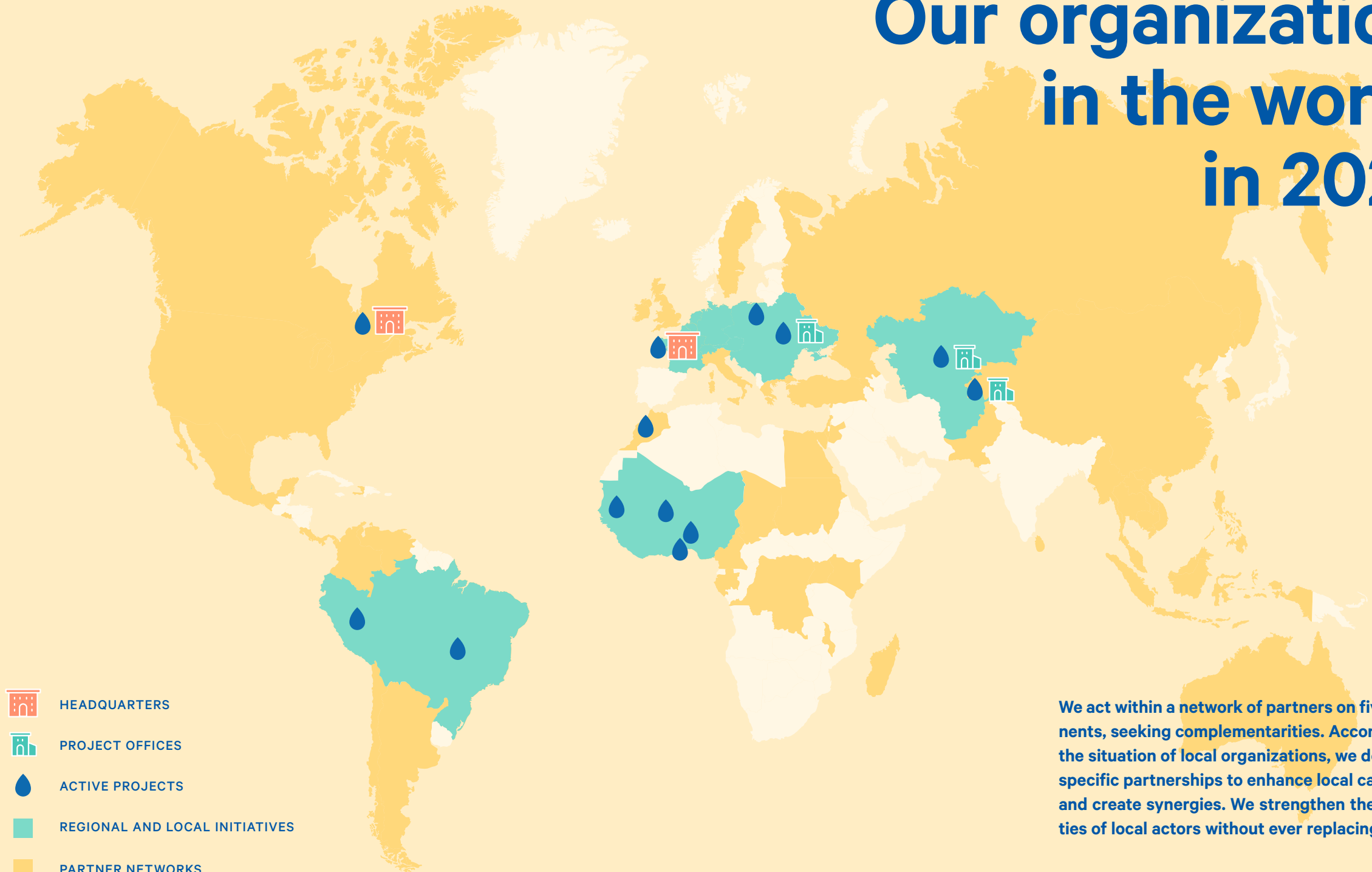
I am excited about the opportunity to have a transformative impact by addressing the underlying factors of service delivery gaps experienced daily by pregnant women when using their primary health care facilities.

HOSSANA
CHINONYEREM-OLERU

Nigeria



Our organization in the world in 2021



We act within a network of partners on five continents, seeking complementarities. According to the situation of local organizations, we develop specific partnerships to enhance local capacities and create synergies. We strengthen the capacities of local actors without ever replacing them.

Regional Action for Change



Central Asia

Present in the region since 1998, we are implementing innovative and decentralized water governance models that are always developed with the participation of local stakeholders. Our local solu-

tions are implemented in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, and we contribute to the resolution of regional issues, notably through the facilitation of a network of youth and young professionals.



Tadjikistan

The CoWaSS project - Comprehensive Water and Sanitation Project in Rural Areas of Sughd Region - implemented in partnership with Helvetas and CAICO - and financed by the Swiss cooperation -started its activities in 2021 following the preparation of the project document developed in 2020.

Despite the slowdown of activities in 2020 due to the Covid crisis, we built a real and solid partnership with the district authorities and, from there, developed partnerships with the village authorities and the population.

Much of the year was spent developing water use management plans with a focus on WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene). Starting with existing data on water resources in the two selected districts of Jabor Rasulov and Konibodom, Sughd province, in northern Tajikistan, two working groups composed of representatives of technical services and the population gathered all the information on the situation: access to drinking water, existing and potential water sources, status of sanitation and health practices, level of water-borne diseases, etc. After six months of intensive work, the working groups obtained a detailed picture of the situation in their district and defined an action plan.



Hygiene promotion is an integral part of all water supply and sanitation activities.

M. RAHMATOV SAIFULLO | Deputy Head of Education
Department of Sughd Province

This strategy is phased and includes the search for funding sources, based on real and accessible information. This data collection exercise and co-creation process is essential to pave the way for improving the water, sanitation and hygiene situation, which in many places is very poor. In the two districts selected as pilots, 62% of the rural population, or more than 173,000 people, do not have access to safe water. Over the next few years, the International Secretariat for Water will assist the district authorities in ensuring access to safe drinking water and sanitation for all inhabitants of these two districts.

As part of the joint activities of the project, the Regional Department of Education and the Center for Healthy Living conducted a series of activities to mark Global Handwashing Day. A total of 923 schools (more than 400,000 children) and part of the population of Sughd were educated on the importance of regular handwashing with soap as one of the simple and effective ways to prevent diseases and stay healthy.

**+ 900
SCHOOLS**

reached by our handwashing awareness activities.

**+ 400 000
CHILDREN**

reached

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Uzbekistan

In Uzbekistan, ISW has been an active member of a World Bank loan-funded project to help villages in the rural areas of the Ferghana Valley identify and prioritize their infrastructure needs and access loans funded by the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank.

Water plays a key role in this project as a basic necessity that is sorely lacking in these rural areas that are largely deprived of access to clean water.

The project aims to support **sixty-four villages in nine different districts**, including the Uzbek enclave of Sogh.

Activities began in mid-2021 and first involved training the team of 33 facilitators who began working with the villages and identifying with their people what infrastructure they would like to fund.

They developed village development plans that were consolidated at the district level to find synergies and optimize the use of available funds. **Water was identified as a key priority in over 40% of the villages.** The approach built by ISW in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, based on decentralized management of drinking water and sanitation, is the model used as a reference for all villages that have chosen water and sanitation as a key priority.

In addition to this project, Taraqqiyot, the local NGO created with the initial support of ISW in Uzbekistan, oversee a project funded by the Ministry of Communal Services. The aim is to expand, under the funding of the Government of Uzbekistan, the decentralized and community-based approach piloted by ISW between 2001 and 2018, creating synergies between different funding sources by applying a unified approach with flexible modalities. This project aims to strongly contribute to solving the urgent issue of access to safe drinking water for rural populations in an area vulnerable to climate change.

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64
VILLAGES

in 9 different
districts

33
FACILITATORS

formed

WATER
IDENTIFIED

as a priority by + 40%
of villages



ISW has implemented a long-term project for about two decades in rural areas of Uzbekistan. The biggest shift is that the government has adopted the proposed model of ISW for participatory community-managed water supply practices and now has a will to integrate it to big scale infrastructure modernization activities on the bases of the partnership of Government – Public service supplier and communities.



SHAMSHOD
YUNUSOV

Manager of program
development and cooperation,
Yuksalish

Youth Empowerment in Central Asia

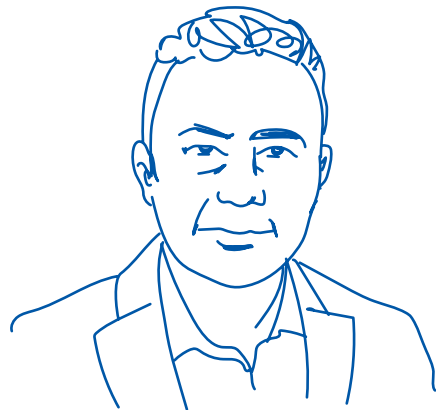
ISW supports the development of a strong, connected, and active youth water movement in Central Asia, through the support for the Central Asia Youth 4 Water (CAY4W) network. Building the capacity of youth in the region, providing opportunities, and establishing an intergenerational dialogue to exchange knowledge and experiences are some of the areas of our work.

In 2021, we mobilized an increasing number of youths from all 5 countries in the region primarily through increased resources for virtual youth engagement, an improved social media development strategy, and an expanded scope of activities on climate change and global environmental issues.

The first **transboundary dialogue** for the youth in the **Chu-Talas River Basin** was organized by the ISW and its local partners. Built around the themes of sharing, valuing, and understanding water, this dialogue brought together more than 30 par-

ticipants online. It was an opportunity to use the Blue Peace Youth Calculation inspired by the Blue Peace Index developed by the Economist Intelligence Unit to calculate the cooperation index in the Chu-Talas transboundary basin.

This project is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and is an integral part of the Central Asia Blue Peace.



MOHAMMAD
NAJIM NASIMI

National Coordinator for
Afghanistan, CAY4W

 **The CAY4W Network in Afghanistan brought inspiration to youths through water contests, seminars, workshops, field visits, and social media programs to connect them to water areas. The network supported students' innovative ideas, youth-led research projects, and provided a space for open discussion on water topics, especially on IWRM with the ministry of water and energy, decision-makers, and other experts.**

+ 3 000
LOCAL YOUTH

engaged

+ 45
LEARNING
EVENTS

held

+ 88 %
INCREASE

in reach
on social media



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West Africa

Togo, Benin and Burkina Faso

In 2021, we were one of 15 organizations selected under the Quebec government's International Climate Cooperation Program (ICCP). This funding will allow us to implement phase 2 (2021-2023) of YourFutureYourClimate (TFTC) - a project that will help build the capacity of local populations in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Togo to develop economic activities that are resilient to water and climate related challenges.

This second phase, launched in May 2021, involves **6 trainings; 9 awareness activities in the communities; 6 meetings with local authorities and 4 youth associations supported.** This project was labeled during the 9th World Water Forum. TFTC's approach has also been used on international platforms, notably at COP 26, as part of the Climate Pavilion of the International Organization of the Francophonie.



MAXIME
TEBLEKOU

GWP
West Africa

In the past, water could no longer be found at the head of the Mekrou (commune of Kouande in Benin) once the rains were over, but today, even three months after the rains, water is present and the populations benefit from it and can carry out their socio-economic activities thanks to the TFTC project and the action of the youth.

500 YOUTH AND WOMEN

trained on agroecological practices and the importance of ecosystem restoration

PROJECT LABELLED

by the 9th World Water Forum

8 ASSOCIATIONS

strengthened by improved practices and new income



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Phase 2 Local Projects (2021-2023)

IN TOGO

YourFutureYourClimate supports young entrepreneurs in their transition to sustainable agriculture through agroecological practices. The project also supports youth associations in the establishment of a unit of organic fertilizers and pesticides for marketing.

IN BENIN

the project contributes to improve the sustainable management of natural and water resources in the Tchoutchoubou micro-basin through the establishment of a mango orchard and the transformation of solid waste into compost for resale.

IN BURKINA FASO

the project promotes good practices in sustainable land management, climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation to contribute to the financial empowerment of youth associations in the area.



Americas



“Independent analysis of a country's water policies is essential. This cannot be done without civil society organizations - which ensure a participatory and democratic analysis.”

MARCELO ENCALADA | Director of LatinWASH

Peru

In Peru, the ISW advocated for new water finance strategies that could accelerate the implementation of SDG 6 in the country. One ISW proposal focused on the immediate use of financial resources obtained through tariffs for ecosystem services and the transfer of unused public resources into a combined public-private fund for water and sanitation projects.

These efforts have been conducted with the National Blue Book Committee and several local public organizations and universities. Some policymakers also see the acceleration of SDG 6 as an oppor-

tunity to reduce COVID's vulnerabilities. However, the new government, which took office in July 2021, faces strong opposition, which puts the country's political stability at stake.

2 MEETINGS

of the National Blue Book Committee

2 WORK PLANNING

meetings with the Andean community of Choccoro

3 PRESENTATIONS

of policy proposals to Peruvian authorities

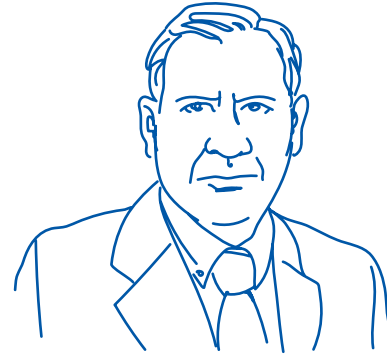


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Bolivia

ISW-SWE developed its partnership with Latin Wash, and COLSAR (Latin American Network of Community Water and Sanitation Organizations), Habitat for Humanity, PROCOSI, Water for People, ABIS (Bolivian Association of Sanitary Engineers), Bolivian Private University and other national partners, to carry out a Blue Book process in Bolivia.

The agreement proposed at the end of 2021 has drawn the attention of the Bolivian government, cooperation agencies present in Bolivia, and some 40 Bolivian NGOs and networks. The process continues in 2022.



“ A Blue Book for Bolivia will allow to consolidate the efforts of the different actors of the sector to reach directly those who have the least resources. **”**

**RONALD
BALDIVIESO**

President of the Bolivian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering



Mexico

ISW-SWE advised the state government of Hidalgo to strengthen its work on water resilience to climate change. This collaboration attracted the interest of CAF (Latin American Development Bank), which offered the government of Hidalgo support to promote water resilience and vulnerability reduction processes.

1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

to the State Government of Hidalgo (Mexico) to develop water resilience policy and the reduction of water vulnerabilities related to political change.



“ I appreciate ISW's approach to build strong partnerships and focus on human capital and talent - certainly an added value to solve the environment, water and climate change problems in the State of Hidalgo. **”**

**CARLOS
GIL**

Director of Environment and Climate Change of the State of Hidalgo, Mexico

The Mohawks of Akwesasne

Within the framework of a project financed by the Quebec government's *Secrétariat à la jeunesse*, 5 community projects were implemented by the Mohawk Youth (Akwasasronon) in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA).

The pollinator protection project aims to have a direct impact on the reproduction of native flora, the shoreline erosion protection project aims to prevent flooding in several areas of the community, the water quality monitoring project aims to prevent human and crop pollution, while the pro-

ject to promote youth participation and share traditional knowledge has increased local awareness of water and biodiversity issues. In addition, MCA developed a Mohawk-language advocacy guide to strengthen Akwasasronon participation in decision-making processes.



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100 +
PEOPLE

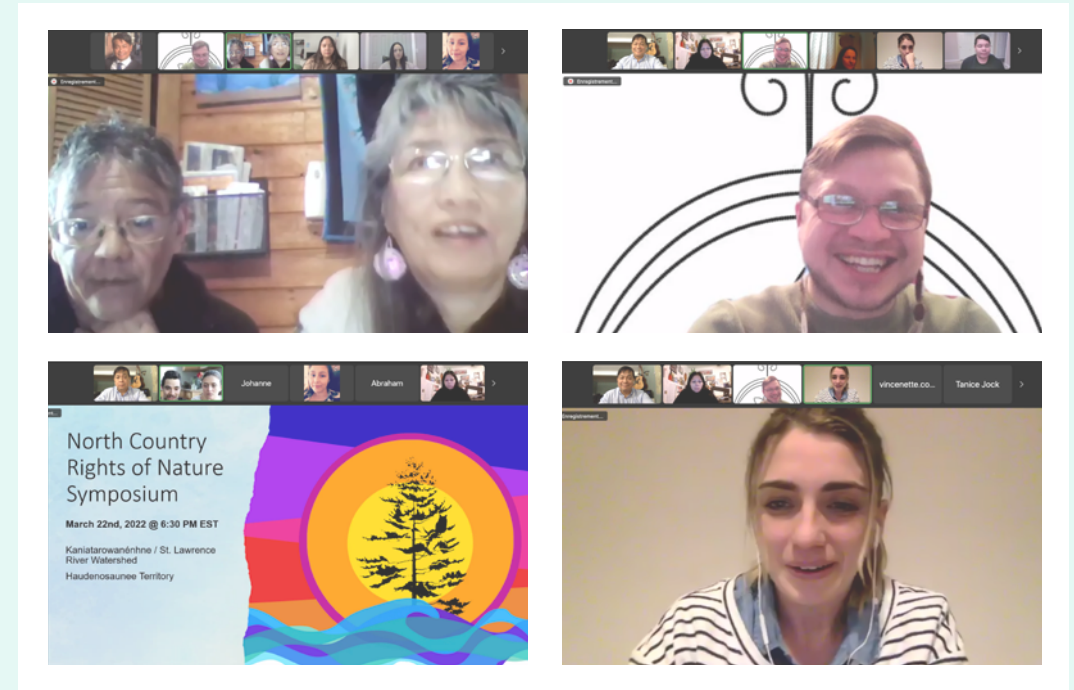
from Akwesasne participated in intergenerational meetings

10
PROJECTS

developed by Akwesasne youth (Akwasasronon)

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PROJECTS

implemented by Akwesasne youth (Akwasasronon)



22 AKWESASNE
YOUTH LEADERS

trained on environmental management

ABRAHAM FRANCIS

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne



 *The ISW team understands the obstacles our community faces. The ISW sees me and my community as more than just a project to be implemented.*

Europe

Moldova

We have been active in Moldova for several years with our partners (Rhine-Meuse Water Agency, Artois Picardy Water Agency, GESCOD, SDEA, etc.), and we are committed to ensure sustainable access to water and sanitation for the villages in the Nirnova basin. It is through the implementation of governance tools and the mobilization of water stakeholders at all levels that we are working towards sustainable water management on a human scale, as well as towards quality services in a more inclusive and participatory local institutional context.

The past year has confirmed our strategic position as a key actor working in favor of the implementation of intermunicipality in the country. Through the "Association of Mayors of the Nirnova Basin", we have led a global reflection on development involving all the elected representatives of the Nirnova Basin and rising to the national institutional level, and touching on concrete issues at the heart of the concerns of local actors (tariffs, choice of operator, appropriation of the master plan, etc.).

Beyond this work on governance, we have also been active in local development projects. For example, in the village of Vinatori, known for the

good quality of its groundwater, we have identified 16 water catchment points used by the population that will benefit from protection measures, thus securing the resource. The work will be completed in 2022.

2021 was also the year in which the process of developing the Nirnova River Basin Water and Sanitation Master Plan was finalized. This planning document covers 16 municipalities in the basin and provides decision-makers with a clear overview of the local water and sanitation landscape, as well as concrete proposals to address major local development issues.

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We thus confirm our position at the forefront of the Moldovan institutional landscape evolution as well as our commitment to the strategic actors involved

in this process to further support intercommunality, whether local, national or international.

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION MASTER PLAN THAT BENEFIT FROM INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE PLANNING:

20
LOCAL
PUBLIC
authorities

2
REGIONAL
and 4 small water
operators

44 000
INHABITANTS

VINATORI WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION PROJECT:

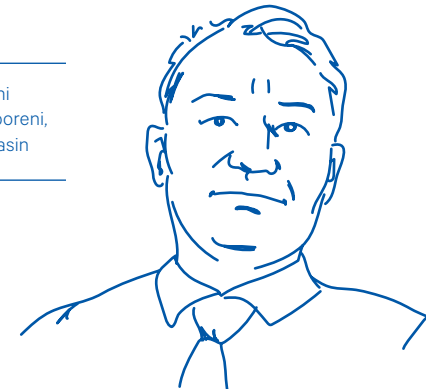
2 SANITARY
PROTECTION
zones constructed

30 WATER
SOURCES
rehabilitated
and protected

1 200
INHABITANTS
benefiting from improved
health protection

VLADIMIR
BODEAN

mayor of Siscani
commune, Nisporeni,
Nirnova river basin



Through the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sanitation in the Nirnova River Basin, all 31 communities in the basin will benefit from the strategic planning of the water and services sector. We will do our best to implement it.

European Youth Parliament for Water

For more than 20 years, the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) has aimed to empower young people as actors of change in the water sector, and to strengthen their capacity to act, based on active citizenship and solidarity. This approach has allowed to reach a significant number of young people who, organized in a network, can act, and contribute to influence water-related decisions throughout Europe.

This year has been rich in events for the EYPW, which not only took advantage of the numerous opportunities offered by virtual events, but also benefited from a strong recovery of face-to-face activities. The young people have thus been able to position themselves in about thirty events, including the "Water Innovation Europe", the "Amsterdam World Water Week" and the COP 26 in Glasgow.

2021 has also allowed the EYPW to weave new partnerships, particularly in the framework of the launch of a youth work axis within the Global Alliance for Water Quality. Represented by its president, Mrs. Hasmik Barseghyan, the EYPW was strongly positioned within the COP26 in Glasgow. This COP was an opportunity for the European Youth Parliament for Water and the ISW-SWE to put forward their positions on water and climate issues and to promote their commitment through sessions, videos, presentations, and debates.



HASMIK BARSEGHYAN | President of the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW)

By investing more in youth water education and multi-disciplinary studies, we generate more knowledge and will achieve the goal of active citizenship and collective action.

**+ 8
NEW**

impact
partnerships

**+ 30
EVENTS**

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**+ 18%
VISIBILITY**

on social networks

New professional development program for European youth

A new three-year European program has been launched by ISW-SWE in 2021, co-financed by the Erasmus+ program and implemented in collaboration with Cewas, the Global Water Partnership, Global Water Partnership-Hungary, Global Water Partnership-Central and Eastern Europe and Good Planet Belgium.

This program includes the establishment of an interactive community of practice, a full curriculum (4 modules and over 30 factsheets on professional and entrepreneurial development in the field of water and climate), a mentoring guide and a roadmap to enable replicability of the approach.

The first edition of this 8-month program will start in January 2022 and will bring together 20 young professionals living in Europe in 2 five-day workshops.



I joined this program because I believe it will provide me with valuable skills and help me strengthen my professional identity and, in this way, support my journey to become a water professional.

NEEA NIEMINEN

25, environmental engineering student at KTH Royal Institute of Technology



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Communication for change

The ISW-SWE mobilizes audiences that reflect its mission and helps to spread the word and highlight the committed citizens who contribute to a better world.

+ 100 000

visits to the
websites



+ 300 000

Number of people
reached by our content

+ 5 000

number of people who
receive our newsletters

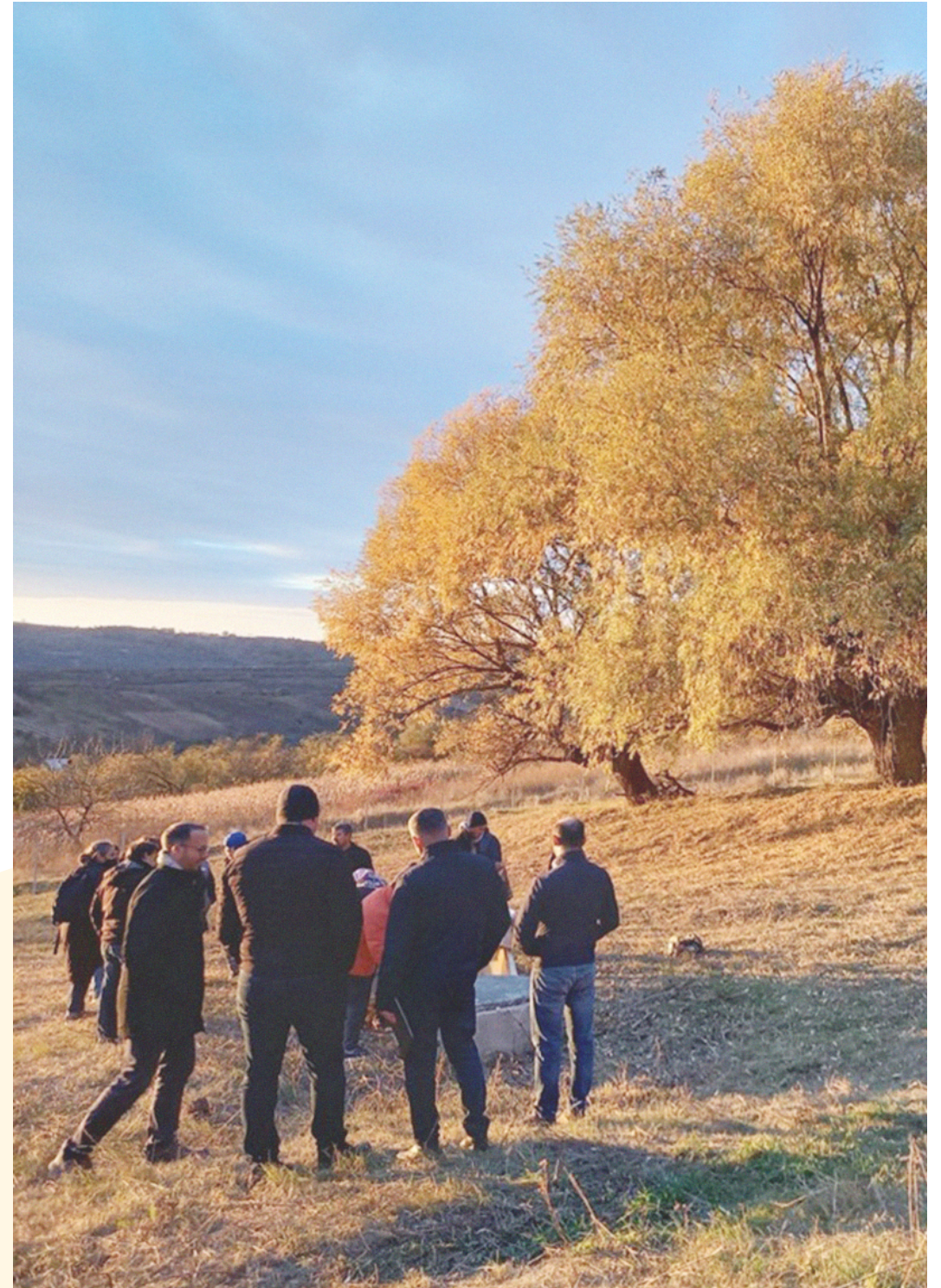
+ 40 000

subscribers to our
social networks

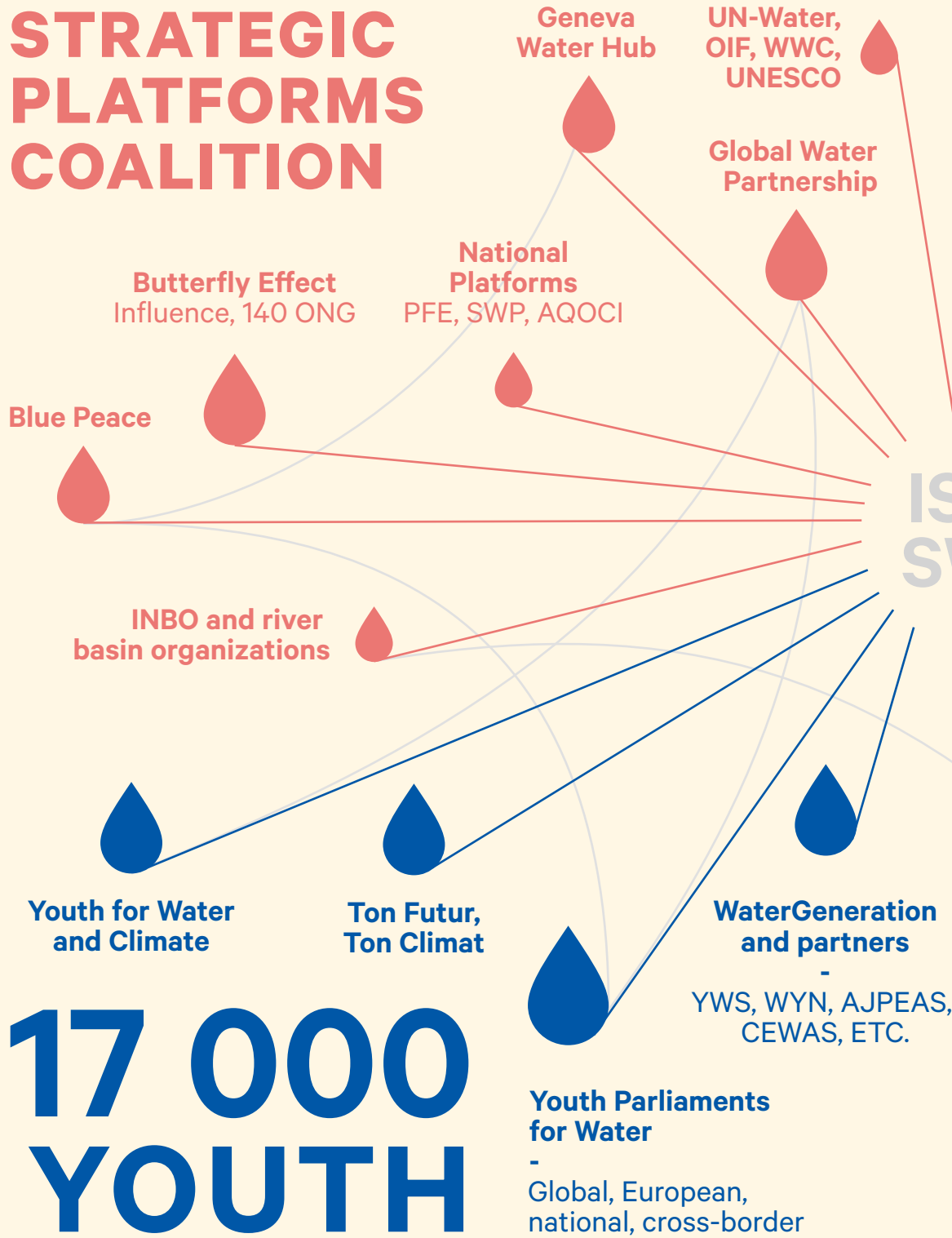
Our network, our strength

We mobilize youth in more than 80 countries, are connected to influential civil society organizations, and have access to decision makers at all levels.

In 2021, we strengthened existing relationships, while building connections in related sectors to engage with new ideas.



STRATEGIC PLATFORMS COALITION



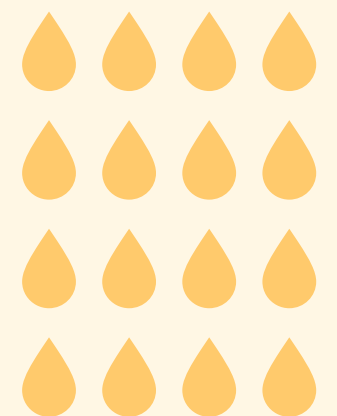
17 000 YOUTH

18 FINANCIAL PARTNERS



22 000 CITIZENS

Projects partners | Peru, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, West Africa



Financial report

IN 2021, THE COMBINED BUDGET OF THE ISW-SWE AMOUNTED TO NEARLY 1,450,869 EUROS OR 2,100,191 CANADIAN DOLLARS.

During 2021, we strengthened cooperation with our long-standing partners such as the Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development (SDC), the French Water Agencies and the Government of Quebec, and developed new partnerships, notably with the European Union and the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

→ In-kind contributions from our project partners continue to be recognized in our financial statements, allowing for a more accurate measurement of the indirect contribution made by our partners in achieving our mission. In 2021, the in-kind contribution received by ISW-SWE was nearly 83,003 euros or 120,150 Canadian dollars.

→ All the offices of the ISW-SWE are subject to an annual accounting and financial audit that meets international auditing standards and ensures the conformity and regularity of the organization's accounts. The financial statements of the ISW-SWE offices are consolidated in a common audit, allowing for a comprehensive understanding of the resources committed by the organization.

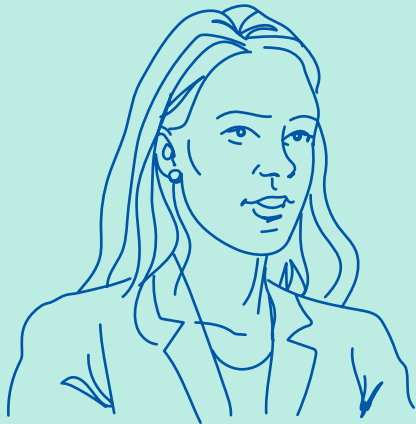


The financial statements of the International Secretariat for Water (Canada) were audited by the auditors of Petrie Raymond. The financial statements of Solidarity Water Europe (France) were audited by the auditor Laurence Schwob.

Financial Partners

Thank you to our financial partners who make our actions possible!





“ You see, water is not just about security or equal access for all, water is the very thing we are all connected to. Water is a vehicle to connect cultures, to show our support for one another, and an opportunity to bring peace. **”**

LINDSEY ALDACO-MANNER | former WYPW President (2018-2021)


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Would you like to work with us for a more sustainable and equitable world?

Do you want to stay informed about the major water-related issues and the answers we provide?

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