

ACTING FOR
WATER IN A
CHANGING WORLD

YOUNG GENERATIONS
AND COMMUNITIES AT
THE HEART OF SOLUTIONS



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FOREWORD

To our partners, members, and our entire community,

2025 was a year of mobilization, consolidation, and adaptation in a world undergoing profound change. As security crises, geopolitical tensions, and the effects of climate disruption continue to transform our societies and increase pressure on water resources, the need to act collectively has never been stronger.

Faced with these challenges, the International Secretariat for Water – Solidarity Water Europe (ISW-SWE) has pursued its mission with determination: helping to strengthen access to water and sanitation, preserve water resources, promote inclusive and sustainable water governance, and make this essential resource a true vector of solidarity, cooperation, and peace.

In this constantly evolving context, we are convinced that solutions emerge from territories, communities, and those who work daily to preserve water resources. Young generations occupy a central place in this dynamic: as bearers of innovation, engagement, and new approaches, they are helping to transform the way we think about and act for water.

In 2025, our actions were structured around several strategic priorities:

Supporting communities and strengthening local capacities

We continued our support to local authorities, civil society organizations, networks, and citizen initiatives in Latin America, Eastern Europe, North America, West Africa, and Central Asia. Through these collaborations, we helped strengthen local capacities and foster solutions adapted to the realities of each territory, grounded in participation, cooperation, and sustainable water management.

Making young generations partners in transformation

With the support of our partners — notably the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Artois-Picardie Water Agency, the European Union, and the Government of Quebec — our youth program continued its ambition to recognize young generations as full partners in water governance. By fostering their engagement, creativity, and participation in decision-making processes, while supporting their capacity to act, we help build more inclusive and sustainable responses at the local, national, and international levels.

Strengthening cooperation and the voice of civil society in decision-making spaces

Ahead of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, co-chaired by Senegal and the United Arab Emirates, ISW-SWE continued its role as a catalyst for dialogue between international institutions, governments, local authorities, youth, and civil society. Our goal remains to foster better alignment between international commitments and their implementation, so that decisions made at the global level translate into concrete, inclusive, and lasting solutions to water-related challenges.

In this context, our organization laid the groundwork for a structuring flagship initiative in support of youth participation in international water policy. Developed in partnership with UNESCO's Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP), this initiative aims to create the first institutional framework dedicated to youth participation within the United Nations system in the field of water. It is one of the key drivers toward lasting recognition of young people as full

stakeholders in global water, environmental, and sustainable development governance.

2025 was also marked by the renewed importance of partnerships. In a context of markedly reduced resources for cooperation and the environment, as well as a weakening of multilateralism, ISW-SWE strengthened its alliances and mobilized its networks to support essential initiatives, encourage innovation, and promote more equitable water management.

This activity report reflects the commitment of the ISW-SWE teams, our partners, and all the communities that contribute every day to advancing the cause of water. We warmly thank everyone — individuals, organizations, and institutions — who make these actions possible.

Together, let us continue to act for water and to build, alongside young generations and communities, the solutions needed to meet the challenges of a changing world.

The Direction and Presidency of the International Secretariat for Water



Antonella Cagnolati

President, ISW-SWE



Sarah Dousse

Executive Director, ISW-SWE

OUR ORGANISATION AT A GLANCE

The International Secretariat for Water – Solidarity Water Europe (ISW-SWE) operates at all levels, from local to global, by connecting rural communities, civil society organisations, youth, public institutions and the private sector. It works to initiate, facilitate and contribute to systemic transformations in favour of sustainable water governance, whilst strengthening the empowerment of those involved in water management and protection.

The ISW’s headquarters are in Montreal (Canada), where it is registered as an international non-governmental organisation that has been active since 1991. In Europe, Solidarity Water Europe (SWE), an NGO incorporated under Alsatian law and founded in 1998, operates under joint management to coordinate European activities.

The organisation has project offices in various regions of the world, notably in Central Asia with the International Secretariat for Water-Tajikistan (an NGO established in 2007), as well as in Moldova, where activities have been hosted in partnership with the Moldovan Water Agency since 2006.

Initiatives in Latin America and Africa are carried out through partnerships with local and regional organisations, enabling interventions to be tailored to local contexts and priorities, whilst ensuring that local actors already in place are never replaced.

OUR VISION

A world where water is recognised as a common good, managed fairly and equitably, and used as a lever for cooperation, peace and justice between generations and regions.

A STRONG IDENTITY AND SET OF VALUES

OPENNESS

We promote cooperation, dialogue and the development of shared objectives that are meaningful and foster convergence.

BOLDNESS

Innovation, creativity and experimentation are at the heart of our work. We explore new avenues and help to bring about original solutions.

COMPLEMENTARITY

We act as a catalyst for partnerships between a diverse range of stakeholders, regardless of their geographical location, expertise or approaches, following a ‘by, for and with’ approach.

COMMITMENT

We act with conviction and responsibility, fully committed to the effective and transparent implementation of our mission.

Gender equality and intergenerational cooperation are cross-cutting principles that guide all our actions.

We accelerate systemic transformations by using water as a lever to:

- Break down the silos between global challenges – water, climate, food security, education, peace and the environment
- Restore water as a common good, managed in an integrated (IWRM) and inclusive manner at the basin level
- Defend and strengthen the human rights to water and sanitation
- Make water a lever for peace, democracy and development
- Empower civil society, youth, women and local stakeholders
- Implement integrated, decentralised solutions rooted in river basins

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.



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.



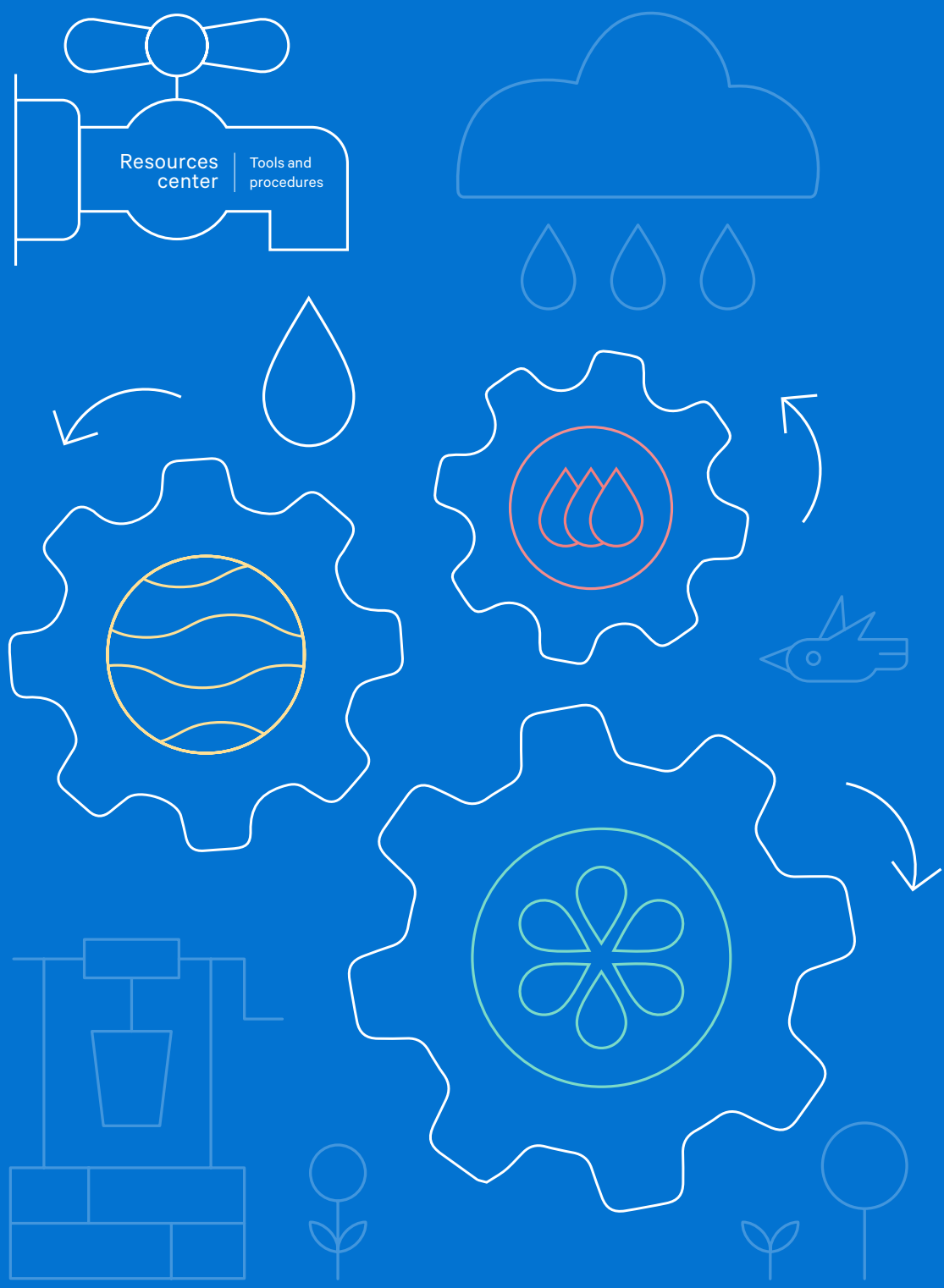
WATER GENERATION

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



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 ORGANISATION



Regional and national programs are executed through a network of partners across Africa, Central Asia, the Americas, and Europe. Adhering to the principle of subsidiarity, ISW emphasizes

co-construction and capacity building among partners to guarantee contextualized, coherent, and sustainable initiatives.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ISW-SWE Board of Directors is made up of deeply committed members who actively contribute to advancing our organisation’s mission through their expertise and experience.

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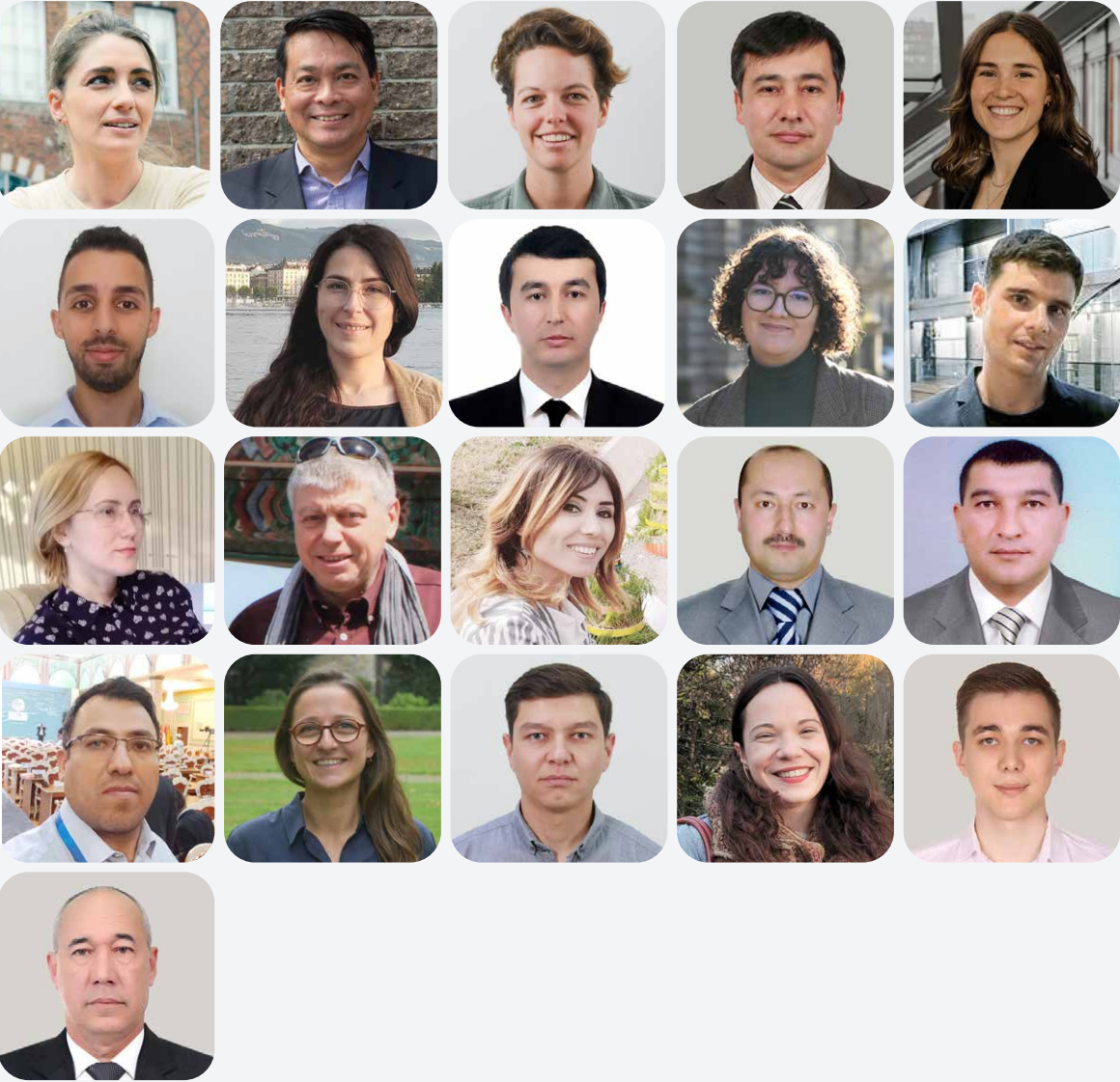
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TEAM MEMBERS



ISW-SWE can count on a flexible, agile and committed team. The team is made up of professionals who are passionate about environmental, societal and water governance issues, bringing together complementary areas of expertise to further the organisation’s mission. This list reflects the composition of the ISW-SWE team as at 1 March 2026.

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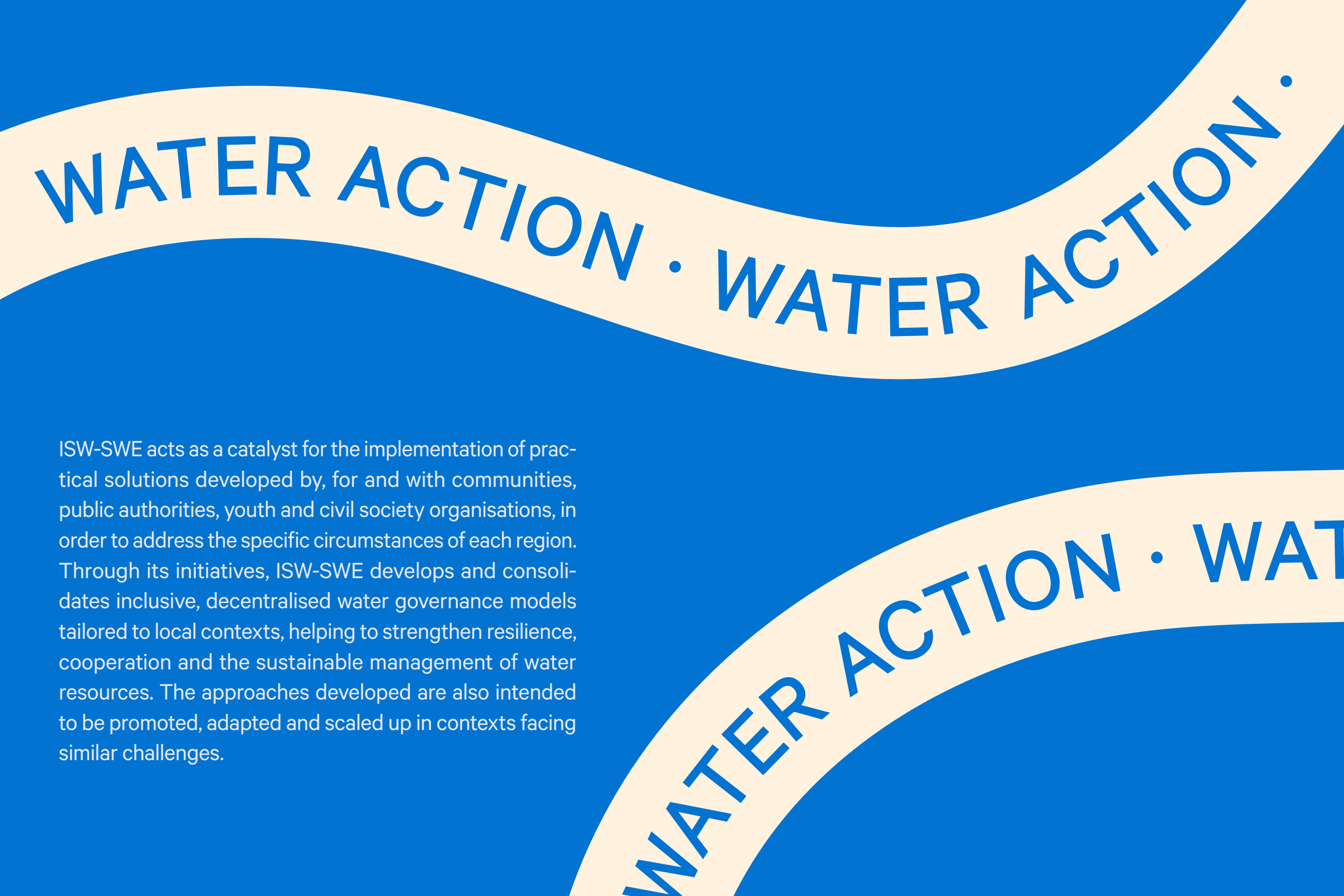
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WATER ACTION • WATER ACTION •

ISW-SWE acts as a catalyst for the implementation of practical solutions developed by, for and with communities, public authorities, youth and civil society organisations, in order to address the specific circumstances of each region. Through its initiatives, ISW-SWE develops and consolidates inclusive, decentralised water governance models tailored to local contexts, helping to strengthen resilience, cooperation and the sustainable management of water resources. The approaches developed are also intended to be promoted, adapted and scaled up in contexts facing similar challenges.

WATER ACTION • WATER ACTION •

Ghana



1MYAC – Urban Sanitation Awareness Project, Ghana, by Elizabeth Hagan

Peru



Canada



Tadjikistan



Pakistan



1MYAC - Water filtration project in Pakistan, by Saliqa Amin

Senegal



Young green entrepreneurs - Training in irrigation and horticulture in Podor, Senegal

Moldova



Nirnova Inter-municipal association, board representatives meeting

CENTRAL ASIA



Central Asia is currently strengthening its role as a strategic bridge between Asia and Europe, notably through the development of the ‘Middle Corridor’. In this context, the issue of water is becoming a major challenge for stability, regional cooperation and the energy transition. However, the region faces growing challenges. The accelerated melting of the Tian Shan and Altai glaciers threatens the main sources feeding its rivers, whilst growing pressures over the sharing of water resources are exacerbating tensions between riparian countries. Against this sensitive backdrop, ISW-SWE is working to strengthen the resilience of local communities, promote cross-border cooperation and support collaborative governance of water resources, which is essential for the region’s stability and sustainable development.

TAJIKISTAN

LOCAL WATER GOVERNANCE AND THE RESILIENCE OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

Since the late 1990s, ISW has been active in Central Asia to address the lack of, or poor condition of, infrastructure in rural areas, where the majority of the population still lives.

In partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Comprehensive Water and Sanitation Project in Rural Areas of the Sughd Region (CoWaSS project), the first phase of which will conclude in early 2026, is developing sustainable solutions combining infrastructure, integrated water resources management, local capacity-building and cross-border cooperation, with the aim of replacing emergency measures with sustainable and replicable systems.

In 2025, the project reached a significant milestone with the completion of drinking water supply systems benefiting nearly 60,000 people, as well as the construction and rehabilitation of sanitation facilities in schools for more than 24,000 pupils and students. Beyond infrastructure, the project also addresses local governance, notably through the adoption of Water, Sanitation

and Hygiene (WASH) plans at district level and support for the creation of an independent water services regulator.

The model developed by the ISW is based on empowering local managers and ensuring the sustainable financial management of water services. Thanks to a pricing structure designed to cover operating costs, several local organisations are now able to ensure the long-term sustainability of the infrastructure themselves.

The project is also pioneering innovations in the field of ecological sanitation and the circular economy. In particular, infrastructure utilising vertical constructed wetlands and biological treatment methods has been installed at the Dehmoy psychiatric hospital, which has now become a model site for the region. The results achieved are now attracting interest from other Central Asian countries, notably Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, where certain approaches are currently being replicated.

The project also focuses on raising awareness among younger generations. By integrating modules on hygiene and water management into school curricula in collaboration with the Ministries of Health and Education, more than 270,000 young people in Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have been made aware of the challenges relating to water and sanitation.

At the same time, ISW-Tajikistan is supporting regional authorities in strengthening cooperation on shared resources.

Through a twinning programme funded by the European Commission and supported by the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO), the Syr Darya Basin Authority is now engaging with African basin organisations to share experiences on planning, governance and climate adaptation. By facilitating this dialogue, ISW-Tajikistan is strengthening the operational capacities of the Tajik basin organisation and promoting the transfer of expertise between continents.



Construction site for biological treatment infrastructure at Dehmoy Hospital, Tajikistan

24,000

schoolchildren and students have access to improved sanitation facilities

1

international cooperation program between river basins has been set up

2

Water-Sanitation-Hygiene plans adopted at district level

60,000

people have improved access to drinking water

1

river basin authority and 1 national regulator have received support

1

hospital has become a regional pilot site

270,000

youth are aware of water and hygiene issues in Central Asia



Akmal Akbarov

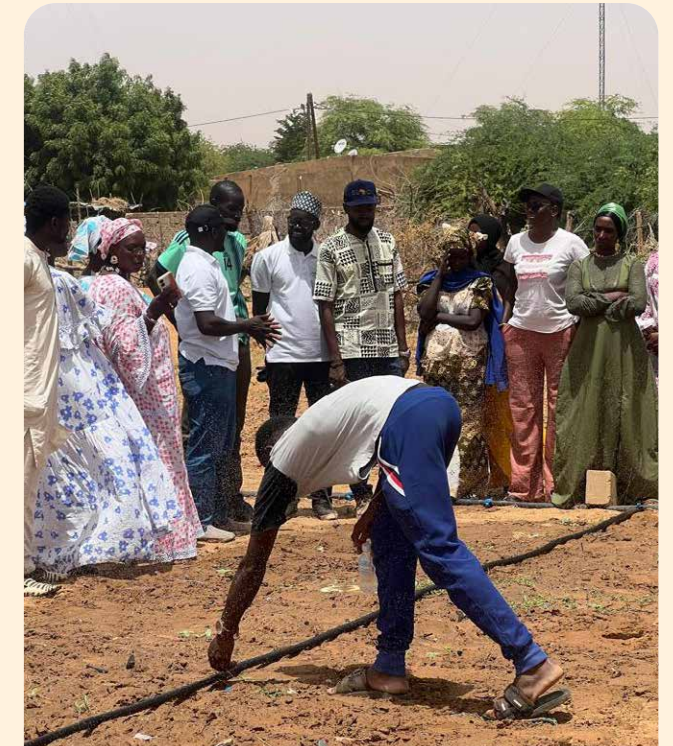
 The refurbishment of the Dehmoy hospital system and the introduction of innovative treatments are not merely technical advances; it is a wastewater management model now ready to be replicated across the region.

Senior Engineer, CoWaSS Project, Jabor Rasulov District

WEST AFRICA



Against a regional backdrop characterised by geopolitical and security shifts, water remains a powerful catalyst for dialogue, cooperation and stability in West Africa. River basin organisations play a vital role in ensuring coordinated management of water resources and strengthening the resilience of local areas. In particular, the region faces growing challenges relating to food, energy and water security. Strengthening integrated approaches linking water, energy and food – supported in particular at regional level – aims to build the resilience of communities and preserve socio-economic balance. In this context, ISW-SWE supports regional cooperation initiatives by promoting local capacity-building, water governance mechanisms and forums for dialogue between stakeholders. Through its activities, the organisation helps to make water a vehicle for sustainable cooperation, resilience and shared development.



Irrigation training in Podor, Senegal



Youth mobility under the JEV programme in Quebec, Canada

30

training courses on technical and entrepreneurial skills delivered

10

young entrepreneurs trained in Quebec

300

youth engaged during the Entrepreneurship Days

105

businesses supported, including 54 led by women

1

establishment of the JEV cooperative



Hawaou Françoise Diallo



The JEV project was a real turning point: it enabled me to structure my business and strengthen my leadership skills so that I, in turn, could support women's groups in formalising sustainable entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship and Transition Adviser



SENEGAL

YOUTH, AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE SENEGAL RIVER BASIN

In the department of Podor, in northern Senegal, the “Jeunes entrepreneurs.es vert.es (JEV)” project (Young green entrepreneurs for a prosperous and resilient Senegalese community) supports the emergence of a new generation of entrepreneurs committed to agroecology, climate resilience and the sustainable management of water resources. Led by ISW in partnership with IPAR and the École des entrepreneurs du Québec, with the support of the Government of Quebec, the project aims to strengthen the economic and social capacities of youth and women in a region severely affected by climate challenges and pressure on natural resources.

By 2025, 105 businesses – more than half of which were led by women – had benefited from technical and entrepreneurial support. Training programmes covering agroecology, irrigation, livestock farming, food processing and entrepreneurial development helped to strengthen local skills and promote more sustainable economic models.

The project also fostered international exchanges between Senegal and Quebec. Ten young Senegalese entrepreneurs took part in a week-long training course in Montreal thanks to support from the Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (LOJIQ), strengthening ties between partners and facilitating the sharing of expertise on sustainable entrepreneurship.

At regional level, the Entrepreneurship Promotion Days in Saint-Louis, supported by the Senegalese government's General Delegation for Rapid Entrepreneurship (DER), brought together nearly 300 young people to discuss issues relating to employment, innovation and the ecological transition.

The success of this approach rests largely on its strong local roots and the grassroots work carried out with local stakeholders. In collaboration with IPAR, a transparent mechanism for distributing agroecological transition kits has been put in place to provide practical support to young entrepreneurs in developing their businesses.

The year 2025 was also marked by the creation of the JEV Cooperative by the beneficiaries themselves. This initiative demonstrates their desire to pool resources, strengthen their autonomy and ensure the project's achievements are sustained. The ‘JEV clubs’ and the cooperative now serve as spaces for solidarity, training and local innovation.

In the run-up to the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, co-organised by Senegal, several young entrepreneurs from the project will also share the experiences developed in Podor at international forums on youth, water and climate resilience.

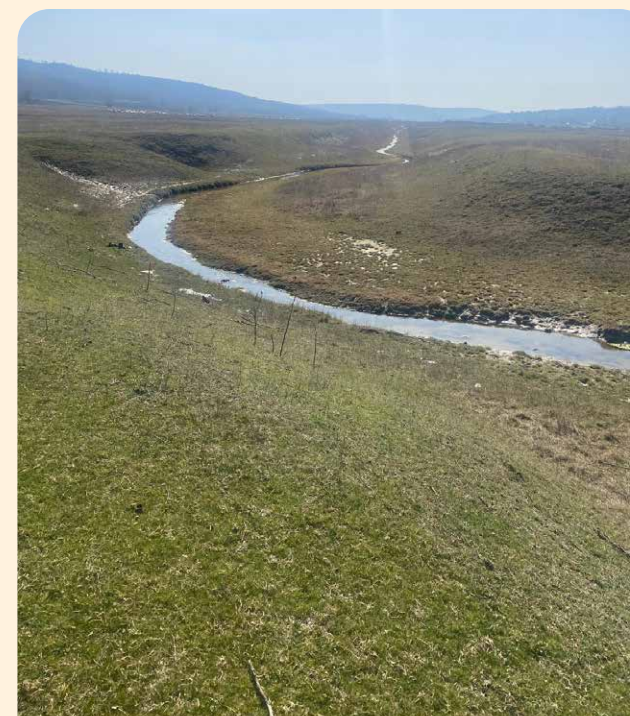
EUROPE



In Europe, water management is increasingly part of a strategy to ensure security and adapt to the effects of climate change, which are now affecting the availability and quality of water resources for a significant proportion of the population. This trend has helped to place water resilience at the heart of the European Union's political priorities, notably through initiatives such as the 'Water resilience strategy'. The year 2025 is marked by an acceleration in innovative solutions, particularly in the field of reusing treated wastewater, against a backdrop where the European continent is warming at a faster rate than the global average. This development reflects a growing recognition of water as a strategic resource, essential to the security and sovereignty of territories. Against this backdrop, ISW-SWE is supporting the European transition by fostering the development of innovative solutions, encouraging the sharing of experiences and helping to promote a more inclusive, integrated and resilient approach to water governance.



Event with the Moldovan State Chancellery and French inter-municipal cooperation experts



Watercourse in the Nirnova basin, Moldova

MOLDOVA
STRENGTHENED GOVERNANCE IN THE NIRNOVA BASIN

Active in Moldova since 2006, Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) is supporting the development of water governance across the Nirnova watershed, based on an approach of sustainable project management and inter-municipal cooperation, in close partnership with the Artois Picardie Water Agency. By bringing together 30 municipalities in the Nisporeni and Hîncești districts, the project aims to establish a long-term, integrated management system for water and sanitation services.

In 2025, a major milestone was reached with the consolidation of the Inter-municipal Development Association (ADI), bringing together around 30,000 residents around a shared territorial vision. This shift from fragmented management to a catchment-based approach significantly strengthens the capacities of local authorities, which are now better equipped to plan investments, establish a future regional operator and

comply with European environmental standards.

This process also helps to strengthen the country's institutional alignment with the requirements of the European Union, as part of its path towards integration. The project is supported by the Artois-Picardie Water Agency and the Syndicat des Eaux du Pays de Saint-Omer, which has helped to secure the technical and financial foundations necessary for preparing future infrastructure investments.

The project's impact is based on the interplay between technical expertise, water planning and institutional dialogue. The objective for 2026 is to transform this planning momentum into concrete achievements, ensuring a sustainable, resilient and accessible water service for all citizens in the catchment area.



30
municipalities united under an inter-municipal governance structure

1
gradual establishment of 1 regional water operator

30,000+
residents concerned

1
Inter-municipal Development Association (ADI) established and operational

Vasile Marcuta

✱ This project has strengthened cooperation between local authorities and laid the foundations for inter-municipal water governance in the Nirnova watershed area.

Director of the Nirnova Basin
Inter-municipal Development Association (ADI)



THE AMERICAS



The American continent is facing an increasing polarisation of water conditions, exacerbated by the intensification of extreme weather events: droughts and falling groundwater levels in the north, and El Niño-related hydrological disturbances in the south. This shared vulnerability places water management at the heart of public policy, ushering in a transition towards ecosystem protection and resilience.

The year 2025 was thus marked by the modernisation of trans-boundary agreements and the strengthening of cooperation around strategic river basins. At the same time, the integration of traditional knowledge and the sovereignty of indigenous peoples is now emerging as a key driver of sustainable governance.

ISW-SWE supports this transition by facilitating dialogue between stakeholders, public institutions and technical partners. By linking these local dynamics to regional and international decision-making forums, the organisation helps to build models of resilience that are inclusive, equitable and rooted in local realities.

PERUVIAN ANDES IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEM

In 2025, the Condorpaccha project completed the installation of sanitation infrastructure, complementing the access to drinking water already established the previous year. This progress was achieved against a complex national backdrop, marked by political upheaval and significant cuts to public investment in water infrastructure in Peru.

The project now provides a concrete solution to the needs of 62 families – around 340 people – who previously relied on precarious sanitation arrangements. Each household now has a fully equipped bathroom comprising a shower and toilet, connected to an individual wastewater treatment system. These facilities have been designed to be compatible with a future connection to a municipal network, thereby ensuring the sustainability of the investment.

Beyond the infrastructure itself, the project has helped to strengthen local water

governance through collaboration between the municipality of Vinchos, Wings of Hope and the Ministry of the Environment. The active involvement of the communities played a decisive role in ensuring ownership of the systems and the sustainable improvement of living conditions. This project forms part of our cooperation with the Seine-Normandy Water Agency and the Caux Nord-Est Inter-municipal Water and Sanitation Authority.

Margarita Cuba Barrios



Condorpaccha Community, Peru

340

people now
have improved
access to water
and sanitation

62

families have
been fitted with
wastewater
treatment
systems

✱ As a member of the Condorpaccha community, I would like to thank the organisation for installing our sanitation facilities. It gets very cold here and we lacked adequate facilities. Now, having a hot shower and modern toilets makes all the difference. My children can now go to school in better hygienic conditions and their health has improved significantly. I am deeply grateful for this support.

NORTH AMERICA
PRESERVING INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY IN AKWESASNE

For several years, ISW has been working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in North America to strengthen community-led environmental leadership and engage Indigenous youth on issues relating to water conservation and biodiversity protection.

The project ‘Preserving Akwesasne’s Biodiversity for the Future’ (2023–2025), supported by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, marked a major step forward in the transition towards more inclusive and intergenerational environmental governance. In particular, it enabled the creation and consolidation of a structured Youth Council, with the official appointment of youth representatives to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, establishing the first sustainable framework for intergenerational representation in several decades.

The project also supported the implementation of 20 environmental micro-projects led by young people aged between 16 and 30, in areas such as food forests, seed banks and environmental data management. Each initiative, which received dedicated funding, helped to strengthen youth’s technical capacities and autonomy in managing environmental projects.

In total, 113 community members were trained, including a group of youth directly involved in designing and implementing the initiatives. Momentum was further boosted by the organisation of 14 community events and the dissemination of 176 awareness-raising messages, helping to place the issues of biodiversity and water resilience at the heart of local social dialogue.

This initiative demonstrates that recognising the role of youth and valuing Indigenous knowledge can bring about sustainable structural changes in environmental governance and natural resource management.

In 2026, the priority will be to consolidate these institutional achievements in order to further strengthen the protection of water resources and the ecological resilience of the territory.

200,000 CAD

raised for the initiative

1

Youth Council established and integrated into decision-making bodies

20

micro-projects on environmental issues led by youth

113

people trained



Curtis Lazore



✱ Akwesasne is one of Canada’s largest First Nations communities, with a population of around 20,000 members living on the reserve. This initiative has proved rewarding in many ways, particularly in terms of passing on our oral tradition as Onkwehon:weh (Original People)

Head of Environmental Assessment,
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

1 MILLION YOUTH ACTIONS CHALLENGE (1MYAC) – TURNING YOUTH’S ENGAGEMENT INTO LOCAL SOLUTIONS

An initiative of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), implemented in partnership with ISW-SWE, 1MYAC mobilises young people aged 10 to 30 around the world to turn the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 6, 12, 13 and 15) into concrete solutions at local level.

In 2025, the initiative saw significant growth, with 149,851 actions recorded – an increase of more than 68,000 contributions in a single year. This momentum was driven by key mobilisation events, notably Water Week, during which the partnership with the Martinique Water Authority (ODEM) alone resulted in nearly 10,000 actions being recorded.

The third call for projects also demonstrated technical maturity: 192 projects from 55 countries were submitted, double the number from the previous edition. Among these, six projects led by youth (50 per cent of whom were women) received financial and technical support totalling 30,000 CAD, enabling them to transform innovative ideas into concrete social and environmental initiatives.



SACA Project in Nigeria: development of a school guide by Jumoke Omodeni



Coastal mangrove restoration project in Kenya, by Shanariha Evans

These initiatives illustrate the diversity and creativity of youth engagement:

Green Ability Project II
by Hannah Omokhaye (Nigeria)



Floods, droughts and heatwaves are increasingly threatening communities in Nigeria. One observation is that youth with disabilities are often excluded from disaster preparedness schemes. Hannah’s project enables these youth to become key players in climate resilience, through an inclusive train-the-trainer model.

Eco-journalism and Sustainable Action in Janbasqala
by Fazilat Kariyeva (Uzbekistan)



In Karakalpakstan, where the Aral Sea crisis has left communities facing water shortages and pollution, Fazilat’s team combines technologies for access to drinking water with youth environmental journalism, empowering students to tell their stories and advocate for change.

The Fight for Sea Turtle Conservation
by Simrah Mobin (Pakistan)



Simrah and her group of young volunteers are using artificial intelligence and youth mobilisation to protect green turtle nesting sites along the Karachi coast. This project brings together students, scientists and local authorities to ensure the long-term survival of marine biodiversity.

Vetiver for Resilience: Protecting Fifinda from Disasters through Nature
by Junior Barrière Homsî (Cameroon)



Every rainy season, the village of Fifinda faces flooding and soil erosion. Junior Barrière’s project promotes nature-based solutions by using vetiver to stabilise the soil, restore ecosystems and train young ‘Vetiver Ambassadors’ to promote resilience and environmental protection.

Climate-Resilient Toilets: Safe Sanitation, Safe Future
by Annisa Dewantari (Indonesia)



In the flood-prone city of Bandar Lampung, Annisa’s project improves community sanitation by building flood-resistant toilets and raising awareness about hygiene and climate adaptation. This youth-led initiative directly enhances the health and dignity of hundreds of residents.

Ñawi Yaku
by Lizet Mejía (Peru)



High-altitude Andean ecosystems are essential to water security in Peru — but they are rapidly disappearing. Lizet’s team is working with local communities to restore wetlands and queñual forests, combining traditional knowledge, youth participation and artistic expression to strengthen ecological and cultural resilience.



Naswirah Nalukwago

✱ Thanks to 1MYAC’s catalytic funding and visibility, I was able to transform our agricultural waste recycling project into a registered organisation, Basstuu Innovations, operating in the Nakivale refugee camp. Today, I employ five people and we are developing solar cooking solutions for displaced communities.

Programme Manager, Uganda

6

projects receiving financial support
(30,000 CAD in total)

192

projects submitted from 55
countries

6

winners of the “We are
water” photo competition
with the SDC

149,851

youth initiatives
recorded (including
+68,000 in 2025)

10,000

initiatives in one week
through the partnership
with ODEM

WATER GENERATION • WATER GENERATION

Through its 'Water Generation' programme, ISW-SWE supports young generations working in the sector by strengthening their technical, organisational and political capacities. This approach aims to enable them to design and lead innovative projects, whilst consolidating their role within water-related governance and decision-making bodies. By establishing sustainable mechanisms for engagement, ISW-SWE helps to institutionalise youth participation in decision-making at local, regional and international levels. The aim of this priority area is to foster a generation of leaders capable of influencing water policies and proposing solutions tailored to contemporary challenges. Through this initiative, ISW-SWE also intends to strengthen its position as the leading global platform for youth engagement in the water sector.

WATER GENERATION

THE GLOBAL YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR WATER – A GLOBAL STRATEGY TO GIVE YOUTH A COLLECTIVE VOICE



The Global Youth Movement for Water (GYMW), launched at the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar in 2022, builds on more than a decade of international youth mobilisation around water issues. It now brings together more than 370 youth organisations, professional networks and institutional partners committed to strengthening youth's participation in water governance at all levels.

In 2025, a decisive milestone was reached with the development of a Water Youth Strategy, co-drafted at UNESCO headquarters by 60 representatives from 40 youth organisations, including networks facilitated by ISW.

The strategy is based on three key pillars: capacity-building for young people, expanded access to opportunities, and the institutionalisation of their participation in governance processes. It translates youth's priorities into common objectives and a shared vision to strengthen their role in water policy.

Building on this framework, the Global Youth Movement for Water, in collaboration with the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY), has mobilised 150 organisations across 55 countries to prepare for youth participation in the 2026 United Nations Water Conference. Among them, more than 60 organisations took part in a series of webinars aimed at jointly developing advocacy messages alongside civil society organizations ahead of the six interactive dialogues. This process helps to shape a collective and coordinated youth voice in international negotiating forums.

Beyond coordination, the GYMW is gradually transforming youth engagement, shifting from symbolic participation to a structured, visible and sustainable contribution to water governance processes.

370+

organisations united within the Global Youth Movement for Water

150

organisations mobilised across 55 countries for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference

6

interactive dialogues targeted through coordinated youth advocacy

60

representatives from 40 youth organisations involved in co-creation

1

unified movement representing the voice of more than 30 per cent of the world's population.

Marisa Boller

✱ The Water Youth Strategy gives all youth organisations a collective voice, bringing together our previously fragmented advocacy efforts under a single strategy – which gives us, as youth, a stronger voice. It clearly sets out our key priorities – the issues we, as young people, wish to highlight and to which we can commit, not only as individuals but also as a coalition of youth networks. It is a document we can always refer to when negotiating or advocating for our needs and priorities.

Swiss Water Partnership Youth



Abou Amani



✱ The Water Youth Strategy marks an important milestone in the recognition of youth as stakeholders in governance. UNESCO is committed to supporting its implementation.

Director of the Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO

✱ For the Water Youth Network, our partnership with ISW is a long-standing and meaningful collaboration, characterised by ongoing cooperation and a shared goal since 2022. Over the years, this relationship has developed through multiple platforms and initiatives, reflecting a strong alignment in our commitment to promoting youth engagement in the water sector.

In 2025, this collaboration continued to deepen through several key actions, aimed at ensuring meaningful and inclusive youth participation and consolidating their long-term commitment. We look forward to continuing our joint efforts to amplify youth's voices and drive meaningful change in the water sector.

Water Youth Network / MGCY

Maitreyi Koduganti



YOUTH PARLIAMENTS FOR WATER – CITIZEN DIPLOMACY IN ACTION



For over 20 years, ISW-SWE has been catalysing the networks of Youth Parliaments for Water at global, European and regional levels, as well as their national and cross-border chapters. These forums serve as genuine laboratories of participatory democracy, where youth elected representatives develop skills in negotiation, advocacy and cooperation in order to promote the issue of water as a lever for peace and shared governance.

WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

In 2025, the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW), present in 80 countries through 56 chapters, confirmed its role as a bridge between youth's concerns and decision-making bodies. The strengthening of regional structures has notably led to the emergence of a Regional Parliament for Latin America and the Caribbean, bringing together more than 200 members across 9 countries, which has presented a youth strategy to high-level policy-makers in the region.

At the global level, youth have continued the advocacy work undertaken as part of the Bandung Water Spirit Summit, launched at the 2024 World Water Forum. This initiative aims to promote, at the highest political level, water as a vehicle for dialogue, cooperation and peace, whilst denouncing the increasingly frequent attacks on water infrastructure, which jeopardise access to water for millions of people around the world. These messages were conveyed, in

particular, during the sessions of the United Nations Group of Friends on Water and Peace in Geneva, at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Protocol on Water and Health in Budapest, and during the meetings of the High-Level Expert and Leadership Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP), held in New York, Stockholm and Bangkok.

In Guatemala, the Parliament's contributions directly informed the drafting of the first national water law, illustrating the tangible impact of this form of citizen diplomacy. In Indonesia, the momentum generated by the Balinese Parliament continued through high-level events bringing together financial institutions, UN agencies and regional stakeholders, thereby strengthening the recognition of youth in multilateral processes relating to water and disasters.



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

In Europe, the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) combines citizen science, grassroots action and institutional advocacy. In partnership with the European Commission and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, members took part in collecting and analysing data on pollution in European rivers, with the comprehensive findings benefiting all 60 parliamentarians.

At the same time, the network trained 100 young people on various forms of pollution and collected 8.5 tonnes of waste from watercourses through initiatives such as the PET Cup, organised by the Global Water Partnership Hungary.

The network also strengthened its institutional role by contributing to consultations on the European Water Resilience Strategy, where it presented its direct recommendations. The voice of youth has resonated in global processes through participation in the “Drops of the Future” programme on regional cooperation, the organisation of a side event on glacier conservation at UNESCO, and a second such event at the United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, as well as at the meeting of the UNECE Water and Health Protocol. This growing influence bears witness to the emergence of a structured form of citizen diplomacy, confirming the legitimacy of youth in these diplomatic forums.



CENTRAL ASIAN YOUTH NETWORK FOR WATER

The Central Asian Youth Network for Water (CAY4W), which brings together nearly 900 members across six countries, is gradually establishing itself as a key player in regional water governance. Through the Drops of the Future workshop series, organised in partnership with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the youth members developed a shared vision, which was presented at the World Food Forum in Rome.

The network’s growing influence has also been reflected in its regular participation in key regional and international forums. At the International Conference on Glacier Conservation in Dushanbe, this legitimacy was formalised through the structural

integration of its members into the advisory board. Youth now play an active role there in facilitating intergenerational dialogues on water security and climate challenges.

These advances demonstrate the emergence of a structured form of citizen diplomacy, in which youth are no longer merely consulted, but recognised as full participants in water governance. Through their ability to put forward proposals, mobilise their peers and contribute to decision-making processes, they are playing an increasingly active role in the development of public policy and in multilateral discussions, in the run-up to the 2028 United Nations Water Conference in Tajikistan.



200+

youth mobilised
in Latin America
and the Caribbean

900

active members in
the Central Asian
network (CAY4W)

+10

international
processes influenced
by youth networks

80

countries covered and 56
chapters of the World Youth
Parliament for Water

8.5

tonnes of waste
collected from
European rivers

100

young experts
trained as part of
the EYPW

Magdalena Zivanovic

✳ The honour of being chosen
to chair the European Youth
Parliament for Water has given me an
unparalleled experience. The EYPW
has strengthened my determination to
continue protecting water.

President of the 16th EYPW



Santiago Gomez Molina

✳ The Latin American and Caribbean
Regional Parliament has become a
driving force for sustainability in our work.
The international community recognises our
potential to organise the efforts of young
professionals in tackling water challenges.

World Youth Parliament for Water (Latin America
and the Caribbean chapter)



Emira Seidenalieva

✳ In 2025, my participation in Yntymak
Week enabled me to strengthen my
ability to coordinate initiatives and to
better understand the impact of youth
engagement on regional cooperation.

Central Asia Youth for Water network (CAY4W)



YOUTH FOR WATER AND CLIMATE (YWC) PROGRAMME – TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WATER PROFESSIONALS



Led by a consortium of seven strategic partners, the Youth for Water and Climate (YWC) programme has, since 2018, been transforming youth’s commitment into professional expertise in the water and climate sectors. It is now a leading initiative for the integration and skills development of young professionals across Europe.

In 2025, 80 young people from seven European countries took part in an inten-

sive eight-month programme, structured to meet the emerging needs of the labour market in the water sector. The programme combines theoretical training, practical application and professional immersion.

Participants undertook four specialised modules, received personalised mentoring and became part of an active community of young professionals and sector experts. Two international mobilities, in Budapest

and Strasbourg, enabled them to apply their learning to real-world operational contexts and to strengthen their technical and soft skills.

Supported by the European Union and implemented in partnership with the Global Water Partnership Hungary (GWP Hungary), the programme fosters the convergence of academic knowledge, innovation and practical field experience, whilst strengthening links between youth, institutions and stakeholders.

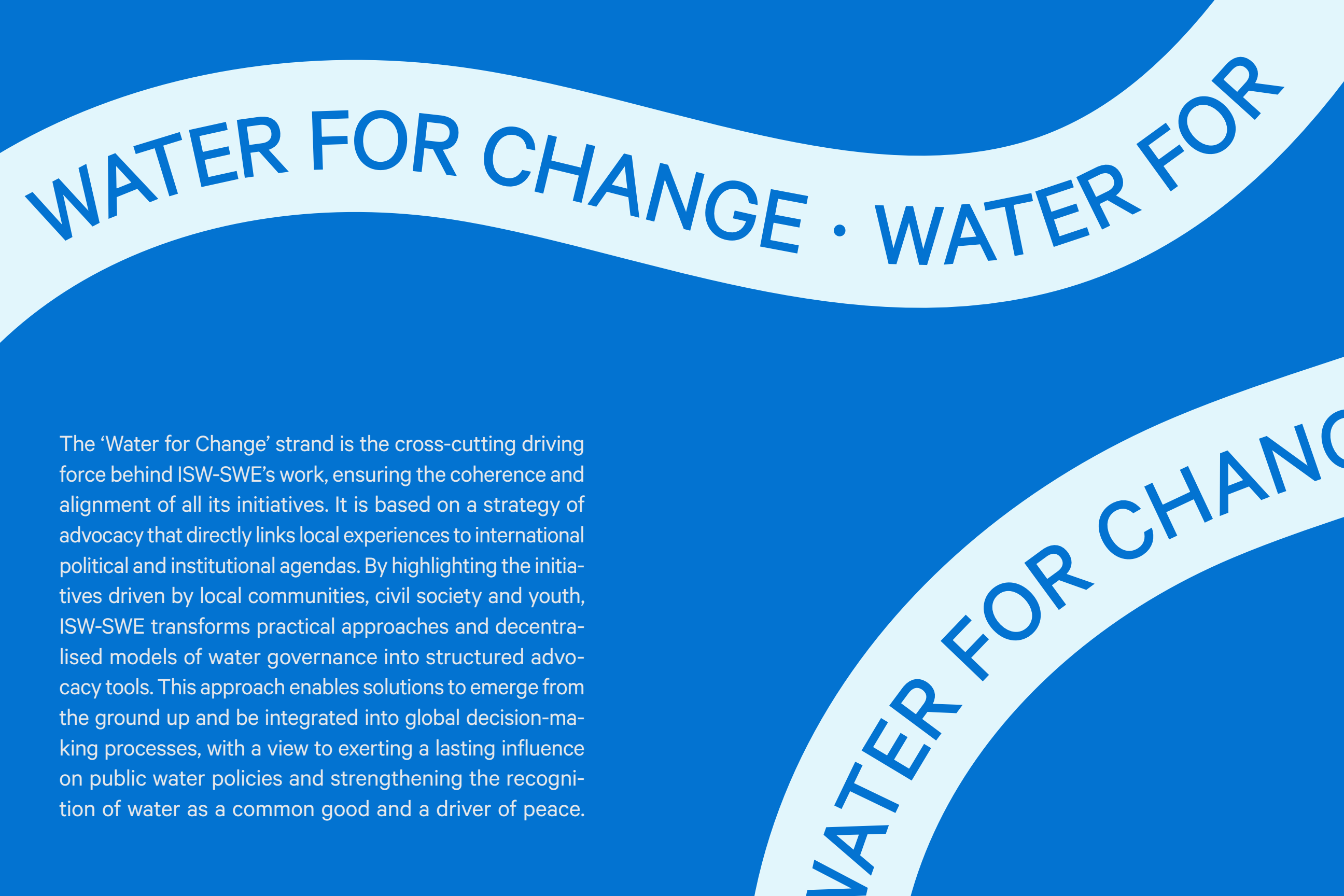
In response to rapid developments in the water sector and changes in the labour market, the programme plans to expand its curriculum in 2026 to focus on emerging skills, with a view to preparing a new generation of professionals capable of actively contributing to water and climate resilience in Europe.



Ulysse Pavard

✱ The Youth for Water and Climate (YWC) programme is a powerful tool for achieving more cooperative and sustainable water governance... taking part in it was a wonderful opportunity for me to flourish as a professional, an activist and a citizen.

YWC Participant



WATER FOR CHANGE · WATER FOR

The ‘Water for Change’ strand is the cross-cutting driving force behind ISW-SWE’s work, ensuring the coherence and alignment of all its initiatives. It is based on a strategy of advocacy that directly links local experiences to international political and institutional agendas. By highlighting the initiatives driven by local communities, civil society and youth, ISW-SWE transforms practical approaches and decentralised models of water governance into structured advocacy tools. This approach enables solutions to emerge from the ground up and be integrated into global decision-making processes, with a view to exerting a lasting influence on public water policies and strengthening the recognition of water as a common good and a driver of peace.

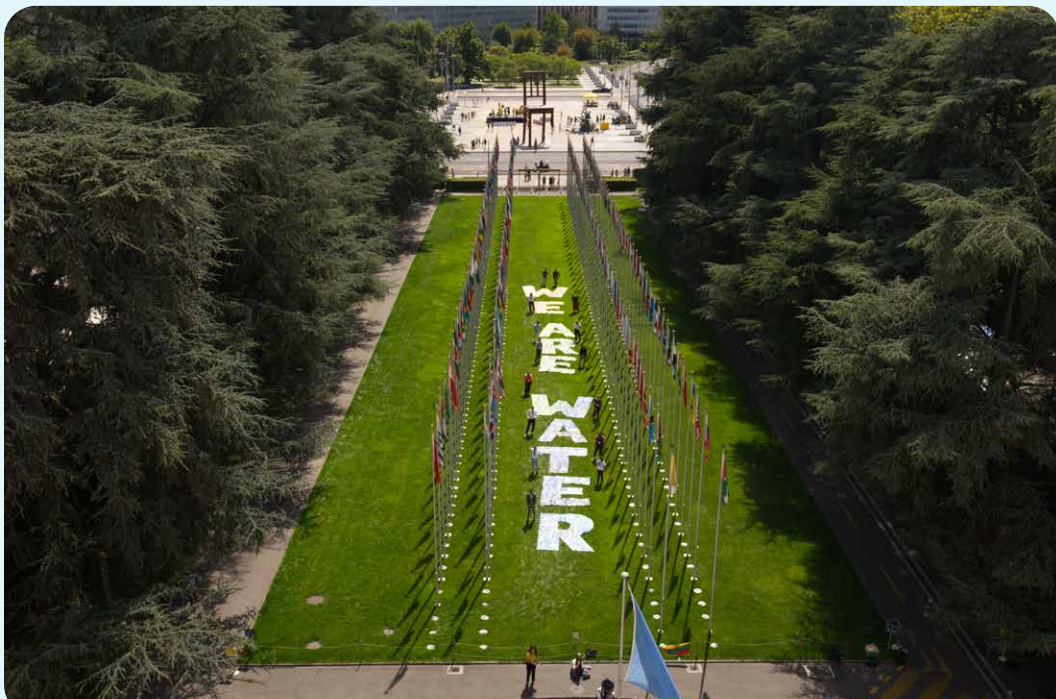
WATER FOR CHANGE

ADVOCACY TO INFORM DECISION-MAKING

Launched at the 2024 World Water Forum, the 'We Are Water' campaign established itself in 2025 as the main expression of 'art. vocacy' within the ISW programme and the 1MYAC initiative. It transforms collected

plastic waste into art installations and giant letters, turning visual art into a tool for advocacy and influence in support of public water policies.





'We Are Water' campaign stops at the Palais des Nations in Geneva during plastic treaty negotiations

A year of influence for strengthened global water governance

Supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), this innovative approach marked two key milestones in 2025. In Martinique, a performance staged in the heart of the Étang des Salines mangrove forest (a Ramsar site of international importance) helped raise awareness of the links between fresh water, salt water and plastic pollution, in collaboration with the local water authority.

In Geneva, an installation was presented at the Palais des Nations on the sidelines of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution. This visual and

symbolic intervention helped to reinforce the advocacy message by highlighting the direct impact of plastics on water resources and ecosystems.

Linked to the launch of the Youth Plastics Action Network (YPAN) platform, in collaboration with the UNEP Major Group for Children and Youth (UNECP CYMG), this initiative illustrates ISW's ability to combine art, civic engagement and political influence. It affirms a core belief: water is the vital link between ecosystems, societies and political decisions.

In 2025, ISW-SWE consolidated its role as a bridge between on-the-ground realities and multilateral bodies. By simultaneously organising the participation of youth and civil society, our organisation transforms local expertise into concrete proposals capable of influencing public water policies at all levels of governance.

As the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, co-organised by Senegal and the United Arab Emirates approaches, this drive for strategic mobilisation aims to ensure that citizens' voices are effectively

integrated into international decision-making processes.

ISW's membership as an official partner of UN-Water strengthens this institutional position and enables direct participation in the UN mechanism's biannual meetings. This close relationship has been consolidated through high-level exchanges, notably with the United Nations Special Envoy for Water, Retno Marsudi, reinforcing ISW's presence within global water governance forums.

‘TOWARDS 2026’ WEBINAR SERIES: STRUCTURING CITIZEN ADVOCACY

As part of the preparations for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, ISW-SWE coordinated a series of webinars aimed at strengthening the advocacy capacities of civil society and youth. In collaboration with the Global Youth Movement for Water and the Butterfly Effect NGO coalition, more than 150 representatives from over 50 countries were supported in understanding UN mechanisms and international negotiating forums.

This initiative helped to formulate common positions ahead of key preparatory events, notably the high-level preparatory meeting (Dakar, January 2026), contributing to the emergence of a collective, coherent and coordinated voice for civil society.

Johannes Rueck



Coordinator of the German WASH Network

✱ Thanks to the series of webinars organised by ISW-SWE in the run-up to the high-level meeting in Dakar, I was able to see how structured and inclusive processes enable diverse perspectives to be translated into common advocacy messages, thereby providing a genuine model for the stakeholder consultation process in Dakar. Youth actively shaped the discussions, helping to define forward-looking and sustainable outcomes. This collaboration demonstrated how voices, from the local to the global level, can unite around common priorities – and why this approach is essential to ensuring an inclusive, credible and impactful conference.



30

advocacy messages formulated (i.e. 5 key messages for each of the 6 interactive dialogues)

+150

participants from +55 countries

+10

high-level speakers, including the co-hosts of the Conference

3

webinars

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN MINISTERIAL SUMMIT ON WATER

Initiated by the Government of Peru, facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), supported by the Inter-American Development Bank and co-organised with strategic support from the ISW, the Latin American and Caribbean Water Summit was held in Lima on 27 and 28 May 2025.

This event marked a significant step forward for regional water governance with the adoption of a joint strategic roadmap by 34 countries, following a dialogue between states and non-state actors. This document, structured around seven regional priorities such as catchment-based management and information sharing, was officially handed over to the co-hosts of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference

during a ministerial round table attended by, amongst others, Brazil, Chile, Barbados and the United Arab Emirates.

In the run-up to the summit, ISW drew on its nine years of ongoing cooperation with Peru (notably through water and sanitation projects in the Andes and the Blue Book initiative) to facilitate an official meeting between regional youth networks and the Peruvian Prime Minister at the Government Palace. This meeting enabled the direct integration of youth’s recommendations into national policy-making processes. By combining citizen mobilisation, technical consultation and institutional diplomacy, ISW has succeeded in placing regional water issues on the global agenda.



Dr Juan Carlos Castro



Former Minister of the Environment of Peru and Coordinator of the Latin America and Caribbean Water Summit

✱ By establishing a clear and consensual roadmap, Latin America and the Caribbean are positioning themselves as a leading region. In the run-up to the 2026 UN Conference, this experience will set a precedent for multilateral governance, promoting a global agenda that prioritises human rights to water and equitable access. The involvement of youth and civil society is fundamental to ensuring inclusive and sustainable management in the face of climate uncertainty. We must support the development of young leaders through mentoring, but above all ensure their direct representation in decision-making bodies, notably through youth advisory councils.

Summit chaired by Diana Boluarte, Head of State of Peru

34 countries represented by ministers, deputy ministers and diplomatic delegations

Adoption of a joint roadmap centred on 7 key priorities

9 years of collaboration with Peru

2 days of diplomatic summit

1 official youth meeting held in parallel at the highest levels of government

SENEGAL - BLUE BOOK II:
A SOCIAL PACT FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO WATER

Fifteen years after the first edition, Blue Book II marks a major milestone in setting out a new roadmap for universal access to water in Senegal. Led by the Platform of Civil Society Organisations for Water and Sanitation in Senegal (POSCEAS) and ISW, this reference process is based on a wide-ranging public consultation involving around 3,000 people across the country, with a view to aligning national reforms with local realities.

The Blue Book II proposes a framework structured around four priority areas: reforming the governance of the water sector, securing funding, empowering local authorities and strengthening institutional accountability. It thus serves as a strategic tool for dialogue between civil society and public authorities, aimed at accelerating the

achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).

In the face of rural inequalities that threaten the achievement of SDG 6, this report is a vital advocacy tool for influencing public policy and accelerating progress towards the goals.

ISW-SWE and its partners, including Coalition Eau and pS-Eau, will make 2026 a year of mobilisation, with the aim of translating these citizen-led recommendations into firm political commitments at the United Nations Water Conference, co-organised by Senegal, in order to establish a sustainable social pact for universal access to water and sanitation in the country.



3,000

citizens
consulted
and mobilised

4

strategic areas
for reform
identified

1

national roadmap
for water sector reform



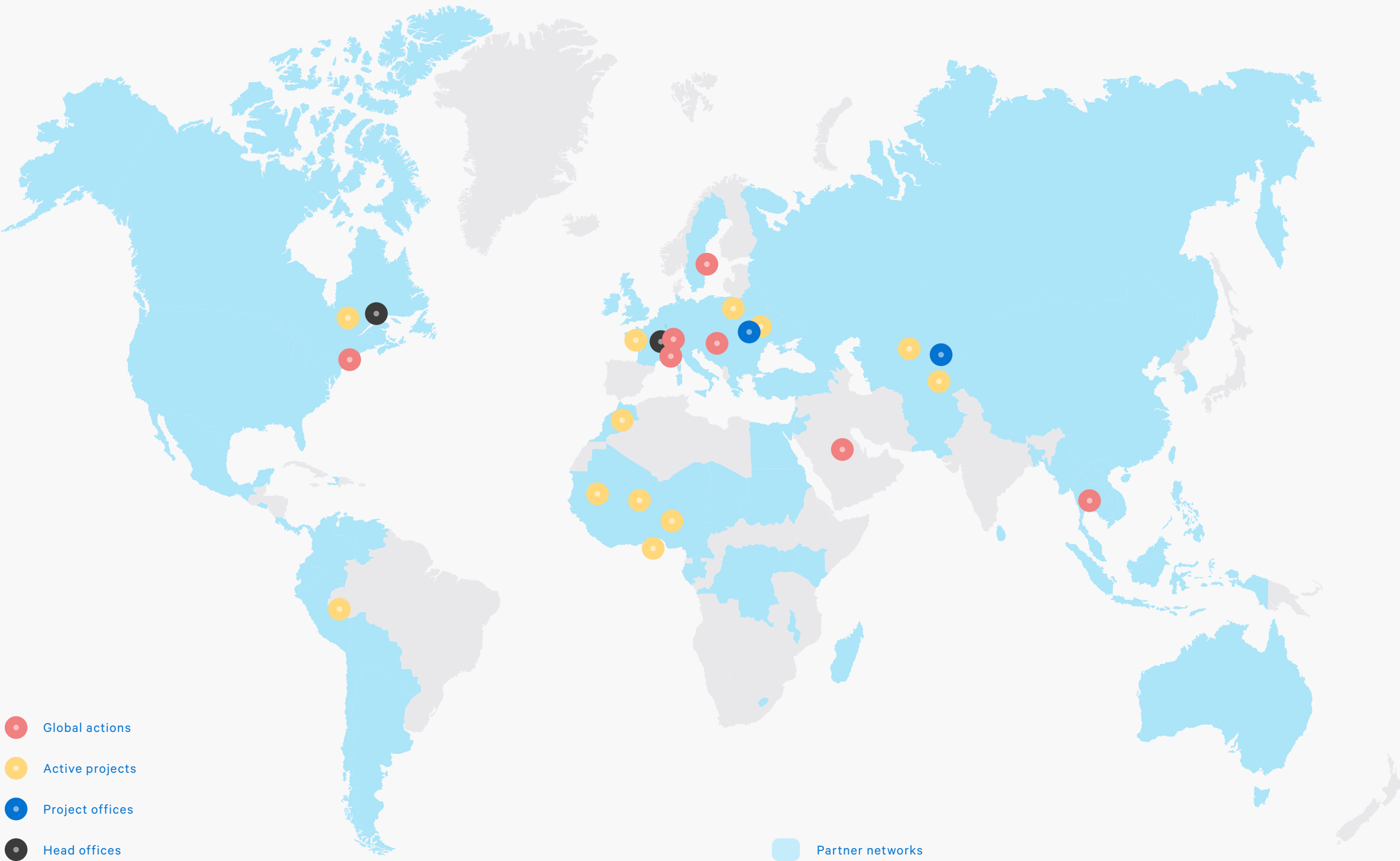
Alassane Koringho Sagna



Programme Officer, Coalition Eau

✱ In Senegal, civil society organisations working on water and sanitation do not merely observe; they help shape policy. The Blue Book II, produced by POSCEAS through a consultative and inclusive process bringing together all stakeholders in the sector, has become a genuine decision-making tool for public authorities. Because its data comes from the ground and its methodology is transparent, it is heeded and recognised by the government. Its recommendations are already being reflected in the reforms underway: the new 2025–2029 sectoral policy, the modernisation of the Water Code, the creation of a High Regulatory Authority, and the organisation of the first National Water Consultations in Kaolack in 2024. Senegal shows us that a structured dialogue between civil society and the state can transform a report into a genuine lever for change.

OUR ORGANISATION IN THE WORLD



INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES 2025 · INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES 2025



Launch of the 12th World Water Forum
– Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



High-level consultation of the UN
President of the General Assembly
– New York, United States



United Nations Ocean Conference
– Nice, France



Stockholm World Water Week
– Stockholm, Sweden



Seventh session of the Meeting of the
Parties to the UNECE Protocol on Water
and Health in Budapest



Meeting of the UN Group of Friends on
Water and Peace in Geneva



Meetings of the High-Level Expert and
Leadership Panel on Water and Disasters
(HELP), held in New York, Stockholm and
Bangkok

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT NGO COALITION – A POLITICAL FORCE FOR MULTILATERALISM IN THE WATER SECTOR



3

webinars bringing
together 150
organisations from
55 countries

160

member organisations
in 54 countries

+5

international processes
influenced

2

major global
consultations

1

open letter with
international support

Launched in 2010 and facilitated by ISW, the Butterfly Effect coalition brings together more than 160 civil society organisations active in the water sector. It transforms local experiences into structured policy advocacy, capable of influencing international bodies and strengthening civil society's

role in global water governance.

The coalition acts as a strategic catalyst linking the local, national and global levels, to ensure that the voice of civil society is effectively integrated into decision-making processes. It advocates a systemic approach to water governance, viewing

this as a key test of contemporary multilateralism.

In 2025, the coalition stepped up its engagement at the heart of the UN preparatory processes for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference. Against a backdrop of weakening multilateralism, it has championed two key priorities: universal and equitable access to essential services, and the strengthening of global water governance capable of keeping this resource at the heart of international political agendas.

The coalition's work has resulted in several key contributions to international processes:

- Initiating an open letter calling for the creation of an advisory board to the United Nations Special Envoy for Water and Sanitation;
- Active participation in the preparatory meeting of the President of the United Nations General Assembly (July 2025), aimed at preparing for the 2026 UN Water Conference;
- Contribution to discussions on the post-2030 Agenda to ensure that water is given its rightful place in future global development frameworks;
- Ongoing dialogue with the co-host states of the United Nations Water Conference and key multilateral bodies through an informal civil society group.

Lesha Witmer



✱ Building relationships and trust is key to the success of any project. That is why we established the 2026 Working Group at a very early stage, to bring together non-state actors – notably CSOs and governments – to reflect together, discuss needs and find common ground. We took on the role of adviser and co-facilitator to ensure positive and workable forms of cooperation. I am extremely grateful for the cooperation with the Butterfly Effect for its role in providing support, facilitating connections, capacity-building, raising awareness and getting things off the ground.

Member of the Butterfly Effect Steering Committee



In 2025, ISW-SWE strengthened its communication strategy to reach high-level decision-makers, institutional partners, communities and young generations, by combining storytelling, data and advocacy. This approach aims to transform communication into a lever of influence for global water governance.

A rapidly growing digital presence

The organisation stepped up its content production with:

503

posts

26

newsletters

The launch of new editorial formats, including the podcast 'Drops of Change'

27

web articles

This momentum resulted in significant audience growth:

317,508

views and impressions generated

47,384

followers in total
(+3,722 new followers in 2025)

61,616

visits to its LinkedIn and Facebook pages

12,093

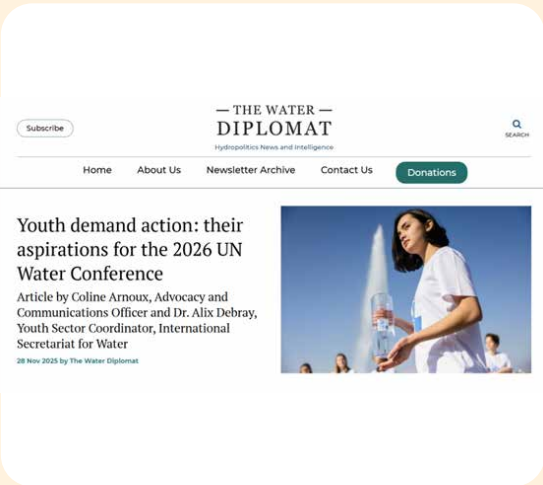
interactions
(including 6,792 reactions, 324 shares and over 300 comments)

Expanded channels of influence

Alongside social media, ISW-SWE has diversified its platforms for influence:

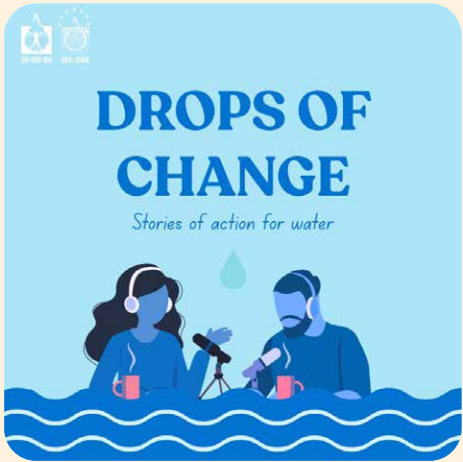
EDITORIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WATER DIPLOMAT: AMPLIFYING YOUTH VOICES IN THE RUN-UP TO 2026

Our partnership with this leading media on water diplomacy marks a key milestone in ISW-SWE’s advocacy strategy. This collaboration provides a prime platform for highlighting youth’s perspectives and solutions in the run-up to the 2026 United Nations Water Conference. Launched in 2025 with an initial feature analysing how youth’s expectations have evolved since 2023, this project brings the engagement of future generations to the attention of policy-makers.



THE “DROPS OF CHANGE” PODCAST: GIVING A VOICE TO WATER STORIES

The launch of the “Drops of Change” podcast marks an important milestone in ISW-SWE’s storytelling strategy. This format gives a voice to those working on the ground, experts and young leaders, making water issues more accessible, relatable and understandable. By highlighting human stories, the podcast complements technical and political approaches by providing a space for understanding and inspiration around water issues.



Tobias Schmitz



✳ As part of our strategic partnerships with the 2026 and 2028 UN Water Conferences, the voices of youth representatives are crucial to offering perspectives on the future of water and ensuring the inclusivity of key global governance processes. The Water Diplomat is grateful for this positive collaboration with ISW-SWE and looks forward to continuing this joint work in the future.

Editor-in-Chief of The Water Diplomat

Monika Jetzin

✳ Stories allow us to build bridges between cultures and generations in a way that reports and statistics alone cannot... Platforms such as this podcast show that youth’s voices matter and that change begins with listening.

Global Water Partnership Hungary



Financial Report

Against a backdrop of considerable uncertainty and significant changes in the funding of international cooperation, the support of our partners has been essential in enabling us to continue our work. In particular, we would like to extend our warmest thanks to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the French Water Agencies, the Government of Quebec and the European Union, whose trust contributes directly to the continuity and impact of our work.

Despite a challenging financial environment and increased pressure on available resources, ISW carried out all its activities whilst adapting to the constraints it has faced. The organisation’s consolidated budget amounts to 5,302,768 Canadian dollars (3 295 897 euros), with a consolidated net loss of 185,951 Canadian dollars (115 576 euros).

The in-kind contributions from our partners, estimated at 692,611 Canadian dollars (430 487 euros), are a tangible demonstration of their commitment to our teams and projects. All ISW entities undergo an annual independent financial audit, carried out in accordance with current international standards. The financial statements of ISW (Canada), SWE (France) and ISW (Tajikistan) were audited by Petrie Raymond, AB Audit and Crowe respectively.

In 2025, the results achieved are based on trust and close collaboration between all our technical, institutional and financial partners. Their commitment enables us to turn shared objectives into concrete actions.

INCOME

- International cooperation agencies
- Local and regional governments
- Water and river basin agencies
- Membership fees, donations, and miscellaneous

78 %

13 %

3 %

5 %

EXPENSES

- Water Action
- Water Generation
- Water for Change
- Administration

75 %

10 %

4 %

11 %

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It is thanks to the invaluable contribution of our financial partners, implementing partners, volunteers, board members and staff that the International Secretariat for Water – Solidarity Water Europe is able to continue its mission. Thank you for working with us!



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