

Youth empowerment at World Water Week 2022

The theme of World Water Week 2022 is *Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water*, where the true value of water will be explored from varying perspectives. The week offers over 300 sessions, covering a diverse range of water-related topics. In this event programme, SIWI's champions of Youth Empowerment have hand-picked sessions which incorporate youth, ranging from how to start a career in water to inclusive urban planning, and much more.



TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

08:30 - 09:50 | ONLINE

Digital innovation as a driver of private investment in water

The water sector in low- and middle-income countries is increasingly adopting digital technologies. Private investments can play a huge role in accelerating this. This session explores the opportunity of digital innovation in enabling innovative financing. We will feature speakers from commercial banks, innovative financiers, utilities, and innovators.

Aqua for All | GSM Association

15:30 - 16:50 | ONLINE

Resilient and sustainable WASH services in schools

This session presents different tools to better understand how to include and evaluate sustainable and resilient WASH services in schools from different perspectives. We will explore planning (WASHBAT tool for schools), monitoring (baselines of WASH services), and capacity building (including MOOCs).

Stockholm International Water Institute | United Nations Children's Fund

There have never been so many young people in the world, and they must have a say in decisions about water that impact them. Youth empowerment is a pillar of SIWI's work and a cross-cutting issue that is reflected in all of our projects and programmes.

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

13:00 - 14:20 | ONLINE

Beyond Words: Art, Music, Sport, Celebrity for Change in WASH

Science shows that joyful connections and fun are strong motivators for learning, and internalizing knowledge. Using art, music, sport, celebrity and jingles, this session spotlights unique behaviour changes communication approaches that foster personal and collective responsibility for water, creating value and a platform for self-empowerment.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH | One Drop | Sustainable Sanitation Alliance | Viva con Agua | WASH in Schools Network

15:00 - 15:15 | ONLINE

Keynote: Josh Newton on how to get your dream job

How do you land your dream job if you're a water aficionado? Josh Newton knows. Meet the man behind the popular website Josh's Water Jobs and learn everything there is to know about today's and tomorrow's job market.

15:30 - 16.30 | ONLINE

Value of water on population environment and development

Interactions between population dynamics and environmental risks have far-reaching ramifications for water security and economic development. Ensuring sufficient supply of water under increasing scarcity is essential for global poverty alleviation goal. As populations grow, they are getting younger making youth a key stakeholder.

African Institute For Development Policy | FHI 360 | LEAD SEA | Pan-African Climate Justice | PATH Foundation Philippines Inc

20:00 - 21:20 | ONLINE

New ways of WASH in schools: Modern, playful behaviour change

Different contexts require different methods for behaviour change in WASH - but can also complement each other. In four roundtables, new interactive methods for teaching children about the importance of WASH will be introduced, focussing on Africa and the Balkans, e.g. a board game and an online "Water Classroom".

Viva con Agua | Women Engage for a Common Future

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

10:00 - 11:20 | ONLINE

Resilience Knows No Boundaries: Water Resilience from Basins to Cities

The health of ecosystems, livelihoods, and economies depends on water systems that are resilient at both the basin and local level. Join Arup, Resilient Cities Network, WaterAid, and the World Resources Institute in a dialogue highlighting the emerging initiatives poised to mobilize finance and advance urban water resilience in Africa. A youth organization will be invited to take the floor and speak to youth involvement in addressing urban water resilience.

Arup | Resilient Cities Network | WaterAid | World Resources Institute

15:30 - 16:50 | ONLINE

Citizen voices: is participatory decision making a dream?

Citizen participation in the decision-making process is a key lever to ensure progress in the water and sanitation sector, as well as the achievement of SDG 6. Local realities must be linked to national and international dialogues where policies are made and resources allocated. Through the voices of stakeholders from civil society, institutions and academia, this session will bring together positive experiences and inspiring tools to achieve inclusive WASH services and effective accountability mechanisms. It will highlight the challenges and conditions for meaningful participation in decision-making processes at local, national, and international levels.

Action Against Hunger | Coalition Eau

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

09:00 - 10:30 | ON-SITE, FOLKETS HUS, ROOM 202

Building Your Water and Climate Career

This session will launch innovative methodologies developed by the Youth for Water and Climate consortium to support youth in acquiring skills to access employment opportunities in the water and climate sector and to support the private sector and organizations with the on-boarding and mentoring of the #WaterGeneration

CEWAS | Global Water Partnership | Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe | Global Water Partnership Hungary | Good Planet Belgium | International Secretariat for Water | Solidarité Eau Europe - Solidarity Water Europe

11:00 - 12:30 | ON-SITE, FOLKETS HUS, ROOM 300

Valuing Women and Youth in the Water Sector: Advancing careers

Recognising the need to incorporate more women and diversity within the sector, this session will explore the lived experiences, biases, challenges and opportunities that young professionals face while entering or working in the sector.

[drinkPani](#) | [Institute for Sustainable Futures](#) | [University of Technology Sydney](#) | [International Water Association](#) | [Netherlands Water Partnership](#) | [Water Youth Network](#) | [World Bank Group](#)

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

09:00 - 10:30 | ON-SITE & ONLINE, MUSIC HALL

Water insecurity and syndemic health issues among forcibly displaced persons

Water insecurity and its social and health impacts are understudied among forcibly displaced youth. This session explores multi-method data from refugee youth living in rural and urban Uganda, Sub-Saharan Africa's largest refugee hosting nation. Applying resource scarcity and syndemics frameworks we will share new youth-centred research directions for humanitarian contexts.

[United Nations University Institute for Water | Environment and Health](#) | [University of Toronto](#)

11:00 - 12:30 | ON-SITE & ONLINE, ROOM 353

Champions for Watersaving - Religious Actors in Jordan

Jordan is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world. However, there is still large potential for water-saving at the level of private households. In order to raise awareness and inspire impactful behavior change, Muslim and Christian actors are tackling the topic of water-saving from a religious perspective. Their water-saving initiatives in communities, specifically target women and youth.

[Catholic Center for Studies and Media](#) | [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH](#) | [Islamic Affairs and Holy Places](#) | [Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation](#) | [Jordanian Nuns Association](#) | [Ministry of Awqaf](#)

17:30-18:30 | ON-SITE & FACEBOOK, AUDITORIUM

Stockholm Junior Water Prize Ceremony

The winner of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize is announced at a fun and festive award ceremony with Patron of the Prize: H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden. Over 35 projects are competing for the prize, each and every one of them address water issues the innovators have seen in their communities.



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THURSDAY 01 SEPTEMBER

09:00 - 10:30 | ON-SITE & ONLINE, PILLAR HALL

Youth Engagement: From Why to How

Last year, a coalition of partner organisations highlighted why it's critical to engage and empower young people in water governance & management. Since then, we've launched a Valuing Water Youth Taskforce and action plan to stimulate youth engagement across the sector. It's time to move from why to how.

Government of the Netherlands | International Union for Conservation of Nature | KWR Watercycle Research Institute | Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre | The International Federation of Private Water Operators | World Waternet, Young Expert Programmes | Youth for the Rhine

11:00 - 12:30 | ON-SITE & ONLINE, PILLAR HALL

Young Water Professionals Debate: The Value of Water

Join us for this lively debate between our enthusiastic future leaders and recognised senior experts to debate around the World Water Week theme. Get ready for passionate discussions as the debating teams argue whether ecosystems services and social value delivered by water projects should be given equal weighting to economic value.

Arup | Stockholm International Water Institute

14:00-15:30 | ON-SITE & ONLINE, PILLAR HALL

Value of Water in Times of Armed Conflicts

Water and sanitation should never be used as a means of warfare. However, water resources and water infrastructure are often used as strategic targets, and their control as a power tactic in armed conflict. Vulnerable groups such as children and youth are usually the ones most affected.

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe | CMI - Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation | Finnish Environment Institute | Geneva Water Hub | Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland | United Nations Children's Fund

MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

26 - 28 AUGUST, STRANDVÄGEN

Stockholm H2O

SIWI is proud to be a partner of Stockholm H2O, a celebration of our most precious resource - water. The Stockholm Junior Water Prize finalists will be at the event talking about their projects, come and meet the next generation of innovators.

23 AUGUST - 01 SEPTEMBER

Hear from our Young Rapporteurs

The Junior Rapporteurs are a group of motivated, passionate, and competent changemakers from diverse backgrounds aged 35 and under, all with a special interest in water. Junior Rapporteurs attend all sessions at World Water Week to extract and reveal cross-cutting and future-oriented knowledge that emerge during World Water Week. You can read their work at worldwaterweek.org.

ABOUT WORLD WATER WEEK

World Water Week is a conference for people who understand that **tackling the greatest challenges of our time often starts with water**. The annual programme covers a **broad range of topics**, from food security and health to agriculture, technology, biodiversity, and the climate crisis. **Each year has its own theme** which is explored from different perspectives within the comprehensive programme.

World Water Week attracts a diverse and inspiring mix of **decision-makers, business leaders, city planners, activists, and researchers from all over the world**. Many are trailblazers who have found new and smarter ways to manage water. People join the conference to **share new ideas, learn from each other and collaborate on innovative solutions**. World Water Week is also an **important meeting place** for policymakers and institutions to **accelerate progress in international processes related to water, development, and climate**.