



SIWI Strategy 2026 - 2028

For Renewal and Focus

SIWI is entering a new phase — defined by renewal, focus, and action.

With renewed leadership and a clear strategic direction, SIWI is strengthening its role in addressing today's interconnected water challenges. Building on more than three decades of global engagement, we are refining how we work and how we lead.

Partnership is central to SIWI's impact. In a rapidly changing world, trusted relationships are essential to a strategy that is robust, relevant, and inclusive.

The challenge today. Fragmented response, rising risk.

Water challenges are intensifying, but responses remain fragmented across sectors, regions, and decision-making levels. Water is still not treated as a strategic foundation for climate resilience, development, and peace.

The governance gap. Impact demands better governance.

At the same time, funding is more competitive and accountability expectations are rising. This exposes a governance gap: institutions and actors need better coordination, skills, and practical tools to respond effectively.

As water sits at the heart of the climate crisis and wider sustainability challenges, SIWI is sharpening its focus to drive solutions — from local action to global policy.

This strategy is designed to establish a clear direction for SIWI over the 2026–2028 period and beyond. It aims to ensure strategic alignment across the organization, grounded in shared ambition and long-term impact.

What's driving the pressure? Climate and systems under strain.

Climate change is disrupting the global water cycle—longer droughts, more intense floods, and shifting rainfall patterns are straining ecosystems, agriculture, and livelihoods worldwide.

What this means for SIWI. Why this strategy.

Meeting these challenges requires more adaptive, inclusive, and integrated water governance. This strategy sharpens SIWI's focus, strengthens partnerships, and builds on our core strengths to deliver impact where it matters most.



MISSION

We serve as a trusted multi-stakeholder platform and co-creator of solutions for improved water governance and sustainable water management in partnership with others.



VISION

Water valued and governed for a resilient, just and healthy world.



WATER GOVERNANCE

THEMATIC AREAS



SHARED WATERS COOPERATION



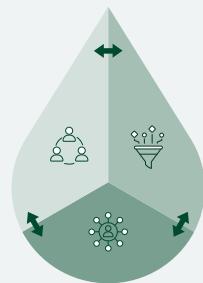
INCLUSIVE AND JUST WATER SOLUTIONS

ENGAGEMENT PILLARS WITH OUTPUTS

Three mutually reinforcing engagement pillars will deliver our development, outputs, and activities. Each driven by partnerships and year-round engagement that catalyzes collaboration, strengthens knowledge, raises awareness, and builds capacity for improved water governance.

CONVENOR AND CO-CREATOR

We serve as a trusted, impartial platform to unite diverse actors, foster inclusive dialogue, and co-create solutions that drive collective action.



CURATING KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

We curate, co-create, and connect trusted water knowledge, translating it into policy-relevant insights and recommendations, and building partnerships that deliver improvements in water governance.

ADVICE AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

We broker knowledge and build capacity, enabling partners to apply insights in practice, and achieve tangible outcomes.

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES, 2026 - 2028

By 2028, SIWI will translate strategy into measurable results.

These short-term outcomes define what we will deliver during this period—strengthening partnerships, advancing actionable knowledge, and building the capabilities needed for lasting change in water governance.

A TRUSTED PARTNER FOR COLLABORATIVE WATER SOLUTIONS

By 2028, we are a trusted partner whose convening and dialogue platforms consistently lead to collaborative actions and solutions addressing water-related opportunities and challenges.



WATER KNOWLEDGE THAT INFORMS POLICY AND STRATEGIES

By 2028, we dependably co-create and curate water knowledge that informs policies, strategies, and water governance reforms across regions and sectors.

STRENGTHENING PARTNER CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER SOLUTIONS

By 2028, we have strengthened the capabilities of partners and stakeholders to implement sustainable water solutions through knowledge sharing, co-creation, and support to institutional capacity.



ENABLERS

- Impactful communications • Engaged people and culture • Reliable IT • Resilient finance • Business development • Efficient project management

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

Our long-term outcomes define SIWI's contribution to lasting change in water governance. By advancing how water is valued and governed, SIWI brings actors together, translates knowledge into policy, and co-creates solutions that deliver impact beyond this strategy period.

CO-CREATE RESILIENT WATER SOLUTIONS

Through convening partners and co-creating knowledge, we advance resilient and just water solutions that shape the global agenda.



STRENGTHEN GLOBAL WATER GOVERNANCE

In collaboration with others, we provide policy guidance and evidence-based knowledge that shape governance frameworks and inform decision-making, that recognises the true value of water.

CATALYZE WATER PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

We build and strengthen partnerships that link knowledge, policy, and practice, accelerating implementation and scaling of innovative water solutions.