

# WATER IS POLITICS

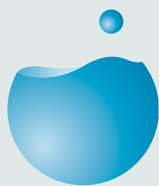
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The World Water Council is an international multi-stakeholder platform organisation, the founder and co-organiser of the World Water Forum. The Council's mission is to mobilise action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking. The World Water Council, headquartered in Marseille, France, was created in 1996. It brings together 272 member organisations from more than 56 different countries.

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# FORE WORD

Over the last four years, much has been done. And yet there is so much more to do.

We have been hit by the COVID pandemic. And now we are struggling with a major energy crisis that is causing inflation and poverty around the world.

Our Council and its members have had to deal with this unforeseen situation. Our bodies have continued their work without interruption. Task forces, working groups, thematic meetings, Board meetings, Bureau meetings, presidency activities, staff hard work, preparation of the 9th World Water Forum, launching of the 10th Forum and participation to major international meetings.

We have all together been present. And all together we have moved on.

Our work focused on crucial issues not only for the water community, but also for the entire planet. Water security, financing water, covid-19 and resilience, IWRM and transversality, implementation of an observatory on non-conventional water coupled with renewable energies, ecological security and nature-based solutions, reduction of water-related disasters, impact of climate and demography on water resources, competences of local authorities in water management, challenge around the Mediterranean, water and sanitation in mega-cities, evolution of dams towards aquatic reserves, and so many others.

All these topics were widely discussed in Dakar during the 9th World Water Forum, co-organised with our Senegalese colleagues. We have been constantly reaching out to our members.

Despite travel restrictions due to Covid, we made

no less than 37 visits to member countries during this mandate.

During these four years, we have worked hard to push the cause of water.

And I think that with everyone's efforts, we have achieved it.

Just a few days and weeks ago, in Egypt at Cop 27 and in Indonesia at the G20 meeting, water was included in the debates and in the final declarations. It is partly thanks to all of you, members of the Council, that water is taking its place in the public debate.

Step by step, "Stop ignoring water" is giving way to "Water is politics".

Since the end of the last World Water Forum in Dakar, we have begun preparations for the 10th World Water Forum, which will be held in Bali in May 2024. It will be driven by the idea of sharing through the theme "Spare and Share water".

We can be proud of the work accomplished during these four years, while being aware that far too many children, women and men remain deprived of access to water.

And it is for them that we are fighting.

**Loïc Fauchon**

*President World Water Council*

# WORLD WATER COUNCIL

The World Water Council has been a respected voice for water for more than 25 years. As an International multistakeholder platform organisation, the Council has united expertise from diverse sectors, regions, disciplines and professional fields to mobilise action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level. That mobilisation has grown year after year, building recognition for water on the global agenda.

## Who WE ARE

Make water a global  
political priority

Established as an international not-for-profit organisation with its headquarters in Marseille, France, the Council is independent, impartial and not bound to any special interests. It represents around 300 members organisations in 56 countries, who help shape its strategy and programmes and take an active part in its various working bodies.

Through collaborative efforts, these members commit to advancing the water agenda while dedicating their skills, experience, and time to help solve complex water challenges all over the world.



# Our MISSION

Unite, mobilise,  
promote & organise

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## **Bring the international community together** *“Water is a universal cause without borders”*

**Convince decision-makers in all countries that water is a vital common priority for sustainable and equitable development of humanity and the planet.**

Because it is a vector of access to energy, food, health and education, water is a universal cause that has no borders. The World Water Council has a mission to federate, convince and mobilise the international community around the great challenges of water, because only collective mobilization will allow to reach common goals.

Promote active involvement of all its international members for joint actions is a great contribution to mobilise and gather more and more for water.

## **Mobilise political action and hydrodiplomacy** *“Hydrodiplomacy means dialogue for peace”*

**Mobilise political action to guarantee the right of access to water and sanitation for all.**

**Promote hydrodiplomacy to contribute to peace and sustainable development in the world.**

Because it is necessary to give water a central place in international negotiations, the World Water Council engages proactively in hydro-diplomacy to build political commitment.

The Council raises the awareness of high-level decision makers on water issues and activates action on critical issues.

By providing concrete responses in relation to knowledge, finance and governance, the Council mobilises political action on a global scale across national governments, parliaments, local authorities and United Nations bodies.

## **Promote advocacy for water security** *“Give the right to access to water for all”*

**Promote innovations, concrete solutions and field responses to improve knowledge, finance and governance.**

To help secure water supply for all, the World Water Council develops innovative and stimulating new initiatives to address global water challenges.

It also promotes policies to help authorities develop and manage water resources and encourage efficient water use based on renewable resources, water savings and nature-based solutions.

It shares knowledge around critical thematic issues, while carefully considering all of the social, environmental and economic dimensions of water sustainability.

## **Organise the World Water Forum** *“Water for shared prosperity”*

**Organise the World Water Forum to catalyze collective action for water and achieve concrete results.**

The World Water Forum is the largest global gathering on water.

It takes place every three years and is co-organised by the World Water Council with a different country host. The event catalyses collective action for water and provides a unique platform where the water community and key decision-makers can collaborate.

The Forum brings together participants at all levels and from all spheres, embracing head-of-states, governments, regional and local authorities, multilateral institutions, academia, non-governmental organisations, civil society and private sector.

The 10th edition of the World Water Forum will be held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Bali, on the theme “Water for shared prosperity”.

# Our GOVERNANCE

Based on four levels

A singular strategic vision realised through four levels of governance:

- the **General Assembly**, consisting of all Council members, endorses the annual financial accounts and authorises the budget. Every three years, the General Assembly approves the Council's strategy and work programme. Each active member organisation holds one vote to elect the Board of Governors.
- the **Bureau**, consisting of the President and five other Board members, is responsible for preparing and executing the decisions of the Board of Governors and the General Assembly. The members of the Bureau assist the Board in implementing the Council's strategy.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY | 272 Member Organisations\*

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS | 36 Organisations

**COLLEGE 1**  
Intergovernmental  
organisations  
(4 Governors)

**COLLEGE 2**  
Government promoted  
organisations  
(8 Governors)

**COLLEGE 3**  
Commercial  
organisations  
(7 Governors)

**COLLEGE 4**  
Civil society  
organisations  
(7 Governors)

**COLLEGE 5**  
Professional  
and academic  
(10 Governors)

### BUREAU

**PRESIDENT** | Loïc Fauchon, Société des eaux de Marseille, France

**VICE-PRESIDENT** | Lalla Asma El Kasmi, Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable, Morocco

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and Basic Sanitation  
of the Federal  
District, Brazil

**Ahmet Mete Saatçi**,  
Turkish Water  
Institute

### TASK FORCES

Water Security  
Global changes  
Financing water  
IWRM Transversality

COVID19 & resilience

Water security  
& ecological security

Observatory of  
non-conventional water  
resources and  
renewable energies

\*Membership is determined as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

• the **Board of Governors**, representing a balanced set of stakeholders from every sphere, oversees the Council's mission and values and guides its activities. Governors ensure proper use of budgets and appropriate implementation of programmes. Thirty-six Governors are proportionally distributed according to the number of active members in each of the Council's five colleges.

• the **Task Forces** produce work in specific areas over finite timeframes. Their activities are generally led by Governors and engage the wider membership.





# OUR TASK FORCES & PRO GRAMS

**The World Water Council has created 5 Task Forces and 2 Working Groups to implement its strategic plan.**

From 2019 to 2022 via numerous on-line meetings and exchanging hundreds of emails, the World Water Council's members not only created 3 new Task Forces, but also found the energy to achieve four publications officially launched during the 9th World Water Forum.

The aim of these 7 programs is to deepen knowledge and encourage interactions around key thematic issues, while carefully considering social, environmental, and economic dimensions of sustainability.

As the 9th World Water Forum was getting closer, the members of the different Task Forces spent part of the year preparing the special sessions and High-Level panels to present during the event, in March 2022 in Dakar.



# 1.Task FORCES



## GLOBAL CHANGES

To respond to large-scale forces reshaping the world and affecting water resources globally.

**Task Force Chair:** Taher Kahil, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) **Co-Chair:** Abou Amani, UNESCO **Bureau Referent:** Rui Godinho **Members:** French Water Partnership (FWP) represented by Action contre la Faim (ACF), Nairobi City Water, Turkish Water Institute (SUEN), Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Department of Water (Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water of Morocco), World Meteorological Organisation **WWC Youth Delegates representative:** Philip Kruse

The Task Force worked and presented a workplan based on 3 sections:

- Greater attention for water issues within climate dialogues internationally
- Act in the capacitation of communities to adapt to global changes and population dynamics
- Seek out cooperative partnerships to reinforce the capacities of communities to improve their disaster preparedness and resilience in the event of emergency situations, humanitarian crises and forced migration

## ACTIVITIES



**Special Session at the 9th World Water Forum, Dakar 2022 - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
***“Water, connector of solutions to face global changes”***



The Special Session presented water as a key element without which none of the problems associated with global changes will be resolved: combatting desertification, resilience to change of the climate and epidemic prevention. The message of the special session was clear: in the face on global changes we need to change concepts, policies and praticies of water management at different levels.

**Participation to COP26**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The World Water Council collaborated with the Global Water Partnership and the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office of Great Britain to organise a hybrid side event titled “Building Progress from Complex Ingredient: Climate, Water, Finance with a Special Focus on Africa” during COP 26.

**Participation  
to COP25  
13<sup>rd</sup> December 2019  
Madrid - Spain**

During the UNFCCC COP25, the World Water Council co-convened and supported the organisation of several events, highlighting the essential role of water as a crucial resource to achieve and implement the climate goals of the Paris Agreement as well as support the delivery of the 2030 Agenda.

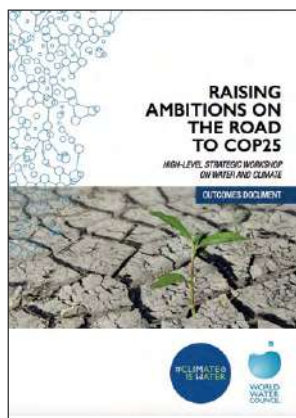
**High-level Strategic Workshop on  
Water and Climate "Raising Ambitions  
on the Road to CoP25",  
13<sup>rd</sup> June 2019  
Bonn, Germany**

In June 2019, the World Water Council organised with the #ClimateWater partners in Bonn, Germany, a High-level Strategic Workshop on Water and Climate "Raising Ambitions on the Road to CoP 25." It offered panel discussions between water and climate stakeholders on implementation of water solutions to reach climate change goals and on financing as a tool for getting things done. Through regional roundtable discussions, it also delved deeper into the issues confronting small island states and African countries. The event was held just prior to the SBS50 Intersessional Climate Conference, where the WWC also co-organised with GWP a side event on 'Scaling Up Access to Climate Finance for Water Investments.'



**PUBLICATION**

"Raising ambitions on the road to COP 25  
- High-level strategic workshop on water  
and climate - Outcomes document"





# WATER SECURITY



**Water security refers to the availability of an adequate quantity and quality of water to sustain socioeconomic development, livelihoods, health and ecosystems everywhere.**

**Task Force Chair:** Mrs. Qiuchi Shi, Director General of International Economic and Technological Cooperation and Exchange (INTCE) of China Ministry of Water Resources (MWR). **Co-Chair:** Callum Clench, International Water Research Association (IWRA) **Bureau Referent:** Loïc Fauchon **Members:** The Nature Conservancy, AquaFed, Dolsar Engineering, Food and Agriculture Organization, AWC, ADASA, Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute-U. Nebraska, ONEE, APDA, AZERSU, COALMA, FWP, Department of Water (Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Morocco), NEE, NWRC, SEM.

More than 2.2 billion people have no access to water and more than 4.2 billion to sanitation. These figures show the extent of persistent inequalities. The World Water Council works to ensure that access to water and sanitation is recognized worldwide as a fundamental right by the international community.

Water security requires an adapted and equitable governance of water resources, considering geographical and political specificities.

This theme was at the heart of the debates during the 9th World Water Forum, which was designed around "Water security for peace and development".

Strategic actions:

- Regularly assess water resources and monitor their use
- Bring together different public policies
- Raise awareness on water security

## ACTIVITIES



**First Water Security Webinar  
Beijing, 10th November 2021  
"Global Water Security post Covid-19:  
Actions for SDG Agenda 2030"**

The webinar was jointly hosted by WWC Water Security Task Force and IAHR, and organised by INTCE and China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research of MWR, and participated by experts from AWC, INBO, IWRA, etc. During the Seminar experts exchanged views and shared experiences on water security and climate change, the implementation of the River and Lake Chief System in China, water security and circular economy, nature-based solutions, enhancing water security to achieve SDG Agenda 2030 etc. Finally, a water security initiative was formulated as a political message incorporated into the 9th World Water Forum process.

**Workshop at the IWRA Congress  
29th November 2021  
Daegu of Korea**

IWRA proposed to organise a workshop or public event at the IWRA Congress together with Water Security Taskforce under the theme of Foundations for Global Water Security and Resilience: Knowledge, Technology and Policy.



**“All About flash flood”  
book for kids published in 2022**



This book aiming to protect kids against sudden flash flood, has been published and released in the China Pavilion during the 9th World Water Forum. It showcases the Task Force’s efforts to bridge the gap between policy makers with vulnerable groups facing the risks brought by water related disasters. The books were quickly taken up by forum participants and received positive feedback.

**Workshop at the 9th World Water Forum,  
Dakar 2022 - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
“Technology, Experience Sharing and Vision  
for Water Security”**



Under the spirit of the agreement between the Ministry of Water Resources of China and the World Water Council, the Workshop was held by MWR and WWC at the China Pavilion. Experts from different organisations and fields shared their insights on the theme “Water security for peace and development” by discussing the relationship between technology and multilateral cooperation, the harmonious management of international rivers and the mechanism of water & food security in Africa. The session highlighted prominent water security issues facing the African continent including water, energy and food security nexus and tremendous opportunities for multilateral cooperation.

**Presentation of the Chinese translation of  
the Global Water Security - March 2022**

In order to share the important messages and consensus reached during the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum on water security with the Wide Water Community of China, the Chinese translation of the “Global Water Security” completed by International Economic & Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center (INTCE), Ministry of Water Resources of China (MWR) was published and presented during the 9th World Water Forum.

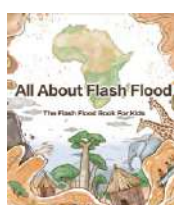
**Second Water Security Webinar  
Beijing , 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022  
“Advancing the 2030 Water Sustainable  
Development Goal”**

Following the Water Security Webinar held in November 2021, INTCE of MWR prepared a Second Global Water Security Seminar in November 2022, jointly with related international organisations including WHO, FAO, UNDP, and IAHR, with the aim of further implementing and deepening the outcomes of WWF 9, as well as accelerating the realization of SDG Goal 6.

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## PUBLICATION

“All About flash flood”,  
book for kids published in 2022.





# FINANCING WATER



**To mobilise financial resources through both traditional solutions and innovative practices.**

**Task Force Chair:** Mr. Franz Rojas from CAF - Latin American Development Bank Co-Chair: Adriano Candido Stringhini, Dante Ragazzi Pauli - SABESP (Basic Sanitation Company of the State of São Paulo) **Bureau Referent:** Loïc Fauchon **Members:** Aquafed, Dolsar Engineering, Food, and Agriculture Organisation, French Water Partnership, Nairobi City Water & Sewerage, SABESP, The Nature Conservancy, Turkish Society for Infrastructure and Trenchless Technology, Karishma Asoodani (Youth Delegate) and M. P.A Roche (Honorary Board of Governors Member)

Increasing population and living standards, climate change, ageing infrastructure, among others, are putting more and more pressure on water resources. In order to ensure or improve overall access to water and sanitation and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, there is a need for increased investment in the water sector. The World Water Council has long been committed to finding innovative and concrete solutions to financing problems. In particular, it is working to convince the various donors and funders to devote more financial resources to investments in the water sector, and to bring financial institutions closer to the water community.

### Strategic actions

- Overcome barriers to financing flows towards the water sector through analytical work
- Contribute to increase investment in local and national institutions, soft measures and data availability (Enabling environments)
- Build relationships with a broader set of finance actors to support global, regional and local efforts, such as the finance community, and other sectors

## ACTIVITIES



**High-Level Panel on “Innovative Financing for Water Security” during the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum March 2022**



During the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, the Task Force on Financing Water has organised a High-Level Panel on “Innovative Financing for Water Security” which aimed at shedding light on how to boost financing to the sector, by gathering decision-makers and influential leaders from different background and regions, to discuss and envision ways for achieving Water Security. The Task Force also organised a session on “Blended Finance to Accelerate SDG6 Compliance: Keys for success”. Both financing publications were officially launched on the occasion of a special event held on the WWC Pavillion.

**Events to disseminate the pieces of work during the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum March 2022 Session 4.A.2 at the Booth of the WWC**



### Meetings of the Roundtable on Financing Water<sup>1</sup>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> in Washington DC - 26-27 June 2019

President Fauchon gave opening remarks in the meeting which was focused on the Americas and was co-convened by the Inter-American Development Bank (IaDB), and the U.S. Government including the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington D.C.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water in Manila, Philippines 26-27 November 2019

The WWC participated in the meeting focused on the Asian region was hosted by the Asian Development Bank.

#### Participation at the World Water Week SIWI August 2019

#### Brazil Water Week Virtual participation October 2020

#### Conference «Water Finance and Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards Dakar 2022» organised by the CAF 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

#### 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water 7-8 December 2020

It was focused on the European region and was co-convened by the European Investment Bank The discussions took place virtually.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water 27-28 January 2021

It was a thematic meeting focused on financing agricultural water. The virtual meeting was organised in partnership with the OECD and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water, September 2021

The WWC participated in the 8th Meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water focused on Climate Action. The virtual meeting was co-convened with the U.S. Government, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The WWC co-organised with CAF, BMZ and SSFC the seminar on financing "Transforming Societies to meet the SDGs: the role of finance", that included three sessions with 15 organisations involved. The WWC also co-organized a session on the topic of Blended Finance.

## PUBLICATIONS



#### Reports "*Blended finance in the water sector*" (English and French version) and "*Nature contributing to water security? An Investor Guide*" - March 2022

During this mandate, the Task Force elaborated the documents to be produced on the topics of Blended Finance and Nature-Based Solutions. Both reports were launched and presented at the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar.



<sup>1</sup> The Roundtable on Financing Water is a joint initiative of the OECD, the Netherlands, the World Water Council and the World Bank. The Roundtable provides a global public - private platform drawing upon political leadership and technical expertise, with the ambition of facilitating increased financing of investments that contribute to water security and that engages a diversity of actors.





# COVID-19 & RESILIENCE

**To study the effects of the pandemic on access to water for all and include sanitation goals in a comprehensive approach to protect health and environment.**

**Task Force Chair:** Professor Ahmet Saatçi (SUEN)

**Members:** European Union Joint Research Center, Dutch Water Research Institute, Water Research Commission of South Africa, Marmara University

Early February 2021, the idea of a COVID19 Group was launched by Professor Ahmet Saatçi (SUEN), its Chair, and President Loïc Fauchon. The main objective of the group is to create a common space of exchange and, among others, to deepen the study of the role of wastewater as a key early warning solution to better anticipate epidemic trends.

Because of its implication with many pandemics' solutions, there is a growing interest in wastewater epidemiology: implementation of water surveillance was mentioned in a G7 meeting and international "Town Hall meetings" have been organised with the WWC TF and the European Commission's joint research centre.

## ACTIVITIES



**Co-Chair of the 8th Town Hall Meeting with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**  
14-15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**2 sessions submitted during the 9th World Water Forum March 2022:**

"Establishment of wastewater epidemiology studies for tracking COVID-19 pandemic, extension of these studies to One - Health approach"

"Enhance global collaboration in the field of WASH in response to the COVID-19 pandemic"

**Webinar UNEP - Asian Institute of Technology**  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 "COVID-19 and the Water Sector"

**Think Tank Meeting of the National Contact Points of the EU at JRC Ispra - 28-29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

**IWA World Water Congress, Copenhagen**  
11-15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

**SUEN Booklet Nationwide Tracking of Covid-19 Spread by Wastewater - Based Epidemiology (WBE) - 2022**

## PUBLICATION

Updated figures of progression of COVID 19 pandemic in different cities and countries





# INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND TRANSVERSALITY

**Chair:** Rabi Mohtar (Texas A&M University) **Co-Chair:** Jennifer Sara (World Bank) **Bureau Referent:** Jorge Werneck, The Regulatory Agency for Water, Energy, and Basic Sanitation of the Federal District of Brazil (ADASA) **Members:** Agence Loire-Bretagne, ADASA, GWP, Japan Institute of Country-ology, India Water Foundation, SUEN, UNESCO IHP, AWC, KWF, IWMI, MoE Korea, WWC Youth Delegate representing the Americas: Franklyn Varillas Salazar

**To deepen concepts around integrated water resources management (IWRM) by strengthening the interactions between water, energy, health, and education.**

The task force gathered about 8 times in 2021. The workplan elaborated by the task force has consisted mainly in elaborating a document reviewing case studies related to interlinkages between water, energy, food, health, and education in 5 countries: Senegal, Lebanon, Netherlands, Korea, and Brazil.

## ACTIVITIES



**Revise water management protocols**

Using a system of systems approach including the interaction of the water system with the food, energy, health, education systems. A new framework was developed and case studies documented.

**A High-Level Panel "A new Vision for IWRM "**

Systems Approach to Deliver Water to People was organised during the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar.

## PUBLICATION



**• Final step report presenting a new vision for water management**

**"A New Vision for Integrated Water Resources Management: Systems Approach to Deliver Water to Society"**





## 2. Working GROUP



### OBSERVATORY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL WATER RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED RENEWABLE ENERGIES

To promote the sharing of information and know-how on the use of non-conventional water resources and the associated renewable energies.

Chair of the Working Group:  
The Mediterranean Water Institute

The concept idea for the creation of a Global Observatory on Non-Conventional Water Resources & Associated Renewable Energies has been set up by the World Water Council in collaboration with the Mediterranean Water Institute. These specific themes are addressed through a cross-cutting approach under the different aspects of funding governance; institutional and functional organisation; global demographic and climatic evolutions; impacts on the environment and biodiversity; the right to water and its legislation.

A first phase has been to develop a pilot of the project in the Sahelo-Mediterranean area where several countries are united by the resort to unconventional water resources and renewable energies to meet their needs. A following second phase would focus on a potential worldwide expansion. The Observatory will on one side bring together and synthesize all the data already available and on the other collect additional data. A feasibility study has been carried out in two phases to further specify and detail the targeted missions of the Observatory, the partnerships to be developed and the financial means to be mobilised.



### ACTIVITIES

Session during the Valencia Symposium  
September 2022

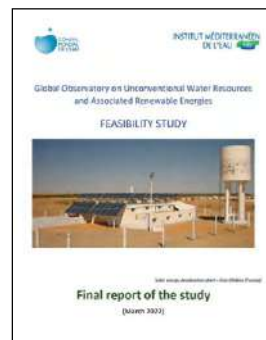
Presentation of the Feasibility study,  
at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum  
Dakar - March 2022  
Second phase (October 2021 to March 2022)

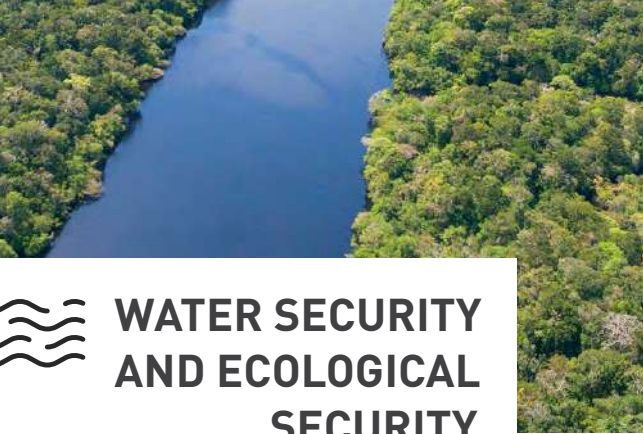
Presentation of the Feasibility study,  
at the 4<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum  
Malta - December 2021  
The results of first phase - May - September 2021



### PUBLICATIONS

“Global Observatory on Unconventional Water Resources and Associated Renewable Energies - Feasibility study”





# WATER SECURITY AND ECOLOGICAL SECURITY

**To promote a better articulation between the requirements of water management and the need to preserve nature.**

**Task Force Chair:** Eric Tardieu (Office International de l'Eau)

**Co-Chair:** Fred Kihara and Andrea Erickson, The Nature Conservancy. **Bureau Referent:** Loïc Fauchon

**Members:** International Network of Basin Organizations, French Water Partnership, SABESP (Basic Sanitation Company of the State of São Paulo), the World Bank, Global Water Partnership, JICE (Japan Institute of Construction Engineering).

"No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security". The WWC Board of governors of October 2020 validated the opportunity to launch a declaration on "water security and ecological security".

The World Water Council (WWC), the International Office for Water (IOWater), The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO), officially launched a call for the signing of the declaration "No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security".

This initiative aims to put water at the center of nature conservation efforts. The declaration calls for an enhanced dialogue between the water and conservation communities.

The declaration has 3 main goals:

1. Strengthen the links between water and nature community to allow more integrated and coherent policies and actions
2. Promote the use of Nature Based Solutions by water practitioners
3. Give a global and political momentum to this initiative with the horizon of next 9th WWF

## ACTIVITIES



**Promotion of the declaration**

**"No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security" at:**

- UN Water Summit on Groundwater - December 2022
- UN Climate Change Conference - November 2022
- UN Water Summit on Groundwater - December 2022
- IWA World Water Congress - September 2022
- 20<sup>th</sup> Europe-INBO International Conference - September 2022
- Tajikistan High Level International Conference, Underway - June 2022

**Promotion of the declaration during the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**"No water security without ecological security / No ecological security without water security"**



The initiative was displayed and promoted on the Nature Conservancy pavilion in World Water Forum in Dakar and set-up an awarded High-Level Panel.

The members of the Task Force expressed their desire to join the UN 2023 Water Conference.





**High Level Panel during the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

Panel of 6 HL Speakers, under the moderation of Dr. Eric Tardieu (Office International de l'Eau and INBO)

**Launch of a call for the signing of the declaration during the IUCN Congress - Marseille 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Participation to COP 27 Egypt - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The World Water Council co-organised an official session during COP 27 which was hosted by Egypt.

The official UNFCCC session titled "Nature-based Solutions Water Security" was co-organised with the International Office for Water/ International Network of Basin Organisation and the Nature Conservancy. It highlighted the important role of nature-based solutions in ensuring water and climate security.

**Other activities:**

- Maintaining and updating the website
- Management of new registrations
- Promoting opportunities for participation in various international events

**PUBLICATION**



Declaration "No water security without ecological security" and sign it !  
65 organisations have already signed it as of October 2022



# ADVOCACY

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# EVENTS

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More than ever, the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of water, sanitation and the right to access safe drinking water for all in times of crisis.

Despite the pandemic, the 2019–2022 quadrennial mandate was marked by many webinars and online meetings, to keep mobilizing the community despite the travel bans. The return of the first physical international meetings was possible by the second part of 2021.

The water community has mobilised its forces to continue our action for water, innovate in our ways of working, create hybrid events, and send support videos to advance the cause of water.

Over the four years, the 7 Council Task Forces and Working Groups launched new initiatives, drafted upwards of publications, and participated in events.

The 9 th World Water Forum, held in Dakar in March 2022 instead of 2021, marked the renewal as a new momentum needed and expected by water community.

During this four-year mandate, the Council has targeted its actions at advocacy international events along two axes: geographical, to ensure a worldwide presence together with our members, and events to advocate for essential thematic issues.

## **International thematic events**

A conceptual  
action

# General advocacy for water

## STOCKHOLM WORLD WATER WEEK

August 2019

In Stockholm this year, the Council co-organised a full-day seminar on financing, as well as a separate special event delving into the success factors of blended finance.

Meanwhile, young participants led an event calling on their fellow Water Week attendees to join the Youth for the World Water Forum Dakar 2021.

## FOSTERING DIALOGUE AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL

February 2020

In Brussels, Council Governors engaged with EU parliamentarians and representatives. The first meeting was held in February at the European Commission with Soraya Rodriguez, Member of European Parliament within the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. A second meeting was then organised at Water Europe's headquarters with Veronica Manfredi, Director for Quality of Life in the Directorate-General for Environment, to discuss water security and better management of water resources.

## WATER SECURITY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

July 2020

In July, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ICESCO), the National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water of the Kingdom of Morocco (ONEE) and the Secretariat of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum organised a joint virtual conference. In his opening speech, President Fauchon insisted on the need for political solutions to water challenges. World Water Council Vice-President Lalla Asma El Kasmi and Board Member Ahmet Mete Saatçi both participated in the conference, offering valuable input on water issues in the Islamic world.



## PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS IN PARIS AND DAKAR

September 2020

The importance of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum was jointly affirmed by the President of the Republic of Senegal, HE Macky Sall, and President Fauchon in Paris in September and reaffirmed in Dakar in November. Both agreed that the Forum represents a major opportunity to identify solutions to enhance access to water and sanitation for the most deprived populations around the world.



## WEBINAR ON THE FUTURE OF WATER TO START THE YEAR RIGHT / February 2021

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Loïc Fauchon, President of the World, participated in the Webinar "The Future of Water: Opportunity and risk", organised by the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) and the Environmental protection Agency (EPA) of Ireland. A great chance to start the new year by reminding everyone that water security needs to be treated as one of the biggest challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century around the world.

## ONLINE EVENTS FOR WORLD WATER DAY

March 2021

On the occasion of World Water Day 2021, the World Water Council took part in various debates organised throughout the week. This was an opportunity for the President, Loïc Fauchon, to federate international actors and to convey the WWC's commitments to different continents, and in particular to Africa, which was about to host the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Dakar in March 2022.

As part of the "OECD Water Days", Loïc Fauchon was invited to participate in the opening of the special session "Water Governance in African Cities", beside Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD. This webinar, gathering the mayors of 6 major African cities, UCLG-A (United Local Governments of Africa) and the Minister of Water of Morocco, took place on March, 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Paris.

# Climate and water

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## CLIMATE STRATEGY AT A HIGH LEVEL IN BONN

June 2019

A High-Level Strategic Workshop on Water and Climate, 'Raising Ambitions on the Road to CoP25', brought political, governmental, institutional, technical, scientific and civil society stakeholders to Bonn, Germany. The outcome of their collaboration helped link the ambitions of the previous climate change Conference of Parties (CoP) in 2018 with the next summit, CoP25 in Madrid.

## COP 26 / November 2021

The UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26) brought together 120 world leaders and over 40,000 registered participants in November 2021. For two weeks, the world was riveted on all facets of climate change – the science, the solutions, the political will to act, and clear indications of action.

The WWC, the Executive Secretariat of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan organised a hybrid session at the Water & Climate Pavilion during the COP 26 on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## COP 27, WATER DAY

November 2022

Within the framework of the COP27 which took place from November 6<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, the World Water Council co-organised with INBO (International Network of Basin Organisations) an official session entitled "Nature-based solutions for adaptation", on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Ms. Andrea Erickson, from The Nature Conservancy represented the World Water Council, together with Mr. Eric Tardieu, INBO Secretary General and also Governor.

# Water and disasters

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## MOBILIZING THE UN WITH AMINA J. MOHAMMED

June 2019

The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina J. Mohammed, received President Fauchon in New York City for a bilateral meeting.

They came together with the aim of mobilizing UN agencies to step up to water challenges. Their call was further amplified at a General Assembly Special Session on Water related disasters.



## HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON DISASTERS (HELP) ADDRESS TO G20 MEETING IN BALI

November 2022

The High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP) where Loïc Fauchon is an active member, which gathered in Bali and address an official message to the G20 meeting in Bali, Indonesia, next 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very important opportunity and responsibility to promote political awareness for the current and urgent global challenges of water.



## Financing water

### TALKING FINANCING WITH CHRISTINE LAGARDE (European Central Bank President) - April 2019

While in Washington, D.C. to participate in the World Bank's Water Week, President Fauchon and Honorary President Benedito Braga visited the International Monetary Fund for an exchange with Managing Director and Chair Christine Lagarde. The trio discussed the needs for intersectoral approaches to water financing, good governance, and pricing reform in the water sector.



## Water for health

### FIGHTING AND PREVENTING COVID-19

#### April 2020

The pandemic highlighted the importance of personal hygiene around the world, with soap and water playing a central role in the fight against COVID-19. To show solidarity with Senegalese partners and to join global actions to combat the disease, the Council donated two separate batches of soap to the country – the first arriving just after the start of the pandemic.

Governor of the World Water Council, Mamadou Dia, on behalf of President Loïc Fauchon, presented around 80,000 Marseille soap bars to the Minister of Water and Sanitation, HE Serigne Mbaye Thiam, and to the Mayor of the City of Dakar, Soham El Wardini, who thanked the World Water Council for the timely and meaningful gesture.



### WATER AND COVID 19 DISCUSSED IN LISBON SPEED TALKS

#### April 2021

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the President of the World Water Council was invited to Lisbon Speed Talks to discuss the geopolitics of water, water security and hydro-diplomacy. An important point in the discussion was the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on water: "the virus has no impact on water quality, but the pandemic has highlighted the role of water in barrier practices (hand washing). We have also learned to detect traces of Covid-19 in wastewater, which is valuable for the future", explained Loïc Fauchon.

# Mediterranean challenges

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## MEDITERRANEAN WATER FORUM IN MALTA

December 2021

Last stop of the year: Malta, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Water Forum (December, 6<sup>th</sup> to December, 8<sup>th</sup>). Mr Fauchon congratulated the Maltese efforts to achieve water security using innovation and technologies –such as desalination or water recycling. “This is an example that we will bring to the next World Water Forum in Dakar next March”, he said. He also called for all Mediterranean countries to promote access to water for all in their Constitutions.



## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WATER INSTITUTE / September 2022

Loïc Fauchon participated to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterranean Water Institute which was hosted by the City of Valencia, in Spain, on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, with the active support of the Union for the Mediterranean and a high-level participation from members from the southern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The Spanish Minister of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge and HSH The Prince of Monaco sent great messages to encourage action, especially after this very hot and dry summer. On behalf of the World Water Council, President Loïc Fauchon delivered a keynote speech where he underlined the key role of the Mediterranean area as a “laboratory for responses” to the whole planet. The speech is available on our website, in video, French and English.

## MARE CLIMATICUM NOSTRUM

October 2022

For the first Euro-Conference on “Mare Climaticum Nostrum” organised in Firenze, Italy, from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October, by the National Italian Cooperation Agency on the occasion of the release of the first Italian report on climate consequences, the WWC shared a video participation.

# Local communities

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## UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCLG)

7<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS AND SUMMIT / October 2022

Just before taking the plane to Cairo Loïc Fauchon participated on-line to be “the voice of water” in the plenary session on “Populations” of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Leaders organised by UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), which took place the 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October in Daejeon, South Korea. It is an important step to mobilise local authorities for the preparation of the political process of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

# Underground water

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## UN-WATER SUMMIT ON GROUNDWATER AT UNESCO

December 2022

This event took place in Paris, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The World Water Council was present just before its 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

# Megacities

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## EAUMEGA 2022 / January 2022

The President of the World Water Council was invited to give a speech that was broadcast by video at the opening ceremony of the second edition of Eaumega, UNESCO’s international conference on “Water, Megacities and Global Change”, which took place from January 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

The event, which brought together scientists, operators and local policy makers, aimed at producing a scientific and technical overview of the water-related challenges and solutions that megacities are facing and using to mitigate the effects of climate change. (On-line participation)

# Large dams

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## 27<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON LARGE DAMS (ICOLD) – May 2022

The headquarters city of the World Water Council hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Large Dams - ICOLD and the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, from May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. More than 1,400 delegates from over 100 countries attended, a participation that testifies to the fundamental issues that reservoirs occupy today. Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council and member of the ICOLD Advisory Board, who has been involved in 4 years of preparation, spoke at the opening session.



# Sustainable development goals

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## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR ACTION "WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" 2018-2028 June 2022

In efforts for the UN water 2023 conference, being organised by the Government of Tajikistan, and the Government of the Netherlands, the discussions at the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level International conference were focused on "Catalysing action and partnerships for water at the local, national, regional, and global levels."

The World Water Council, represented by Professor Ahmet Saatçi, member of the International Advisory Committee and the Council's Bureau, actively participated in the preparation of this event and contributed to the final Declaration that will be forwarded to the United Nations Water Conference in New York in March 2023. Loïc Fauchon, President of the World Water Council, also addressed a message to the participants that was projected during the plenary.

# Water management

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## INTERNATIONAL WATER ASSOCIATION WORLD CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION

September 2022

From the 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Vice-President Ms. Asma El Kasmi participated in the World Congress and Exhibition of the International Water Association which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark.

# Water for nature

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## IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

September 2021

From September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, more than 1400 governmental, civil society and indigenous people organisations gathered at the World Conservation Congress in Marseille, which is also the city of our headquarters, to define priorities and guide actions for conservation and sustainable development. On this occasion, the World Water Council was mobilised to offer water an international platform through its booth and various events.





## Egypt Middle East

### BOARD IN CAIRO, WITH A WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT Sisi – October 2019

On the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cairo Water Week, the Board of Governors held its 70<sup>th</sup> meeting in Egypt. The Council participated at a high level throughout the week, including in a reception for visiting dignitaries at the President's Palace, with a warm welcome from President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

### CAIRO WATER WEEK 2021

A WWC delegation led by its president Loïc Fauchon went to Cairo to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Cairo Water Week, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

As an honorary partner, WWC was involved at several levels, including the opening session and a session dedicated to the progress of the upcoming World Water Forum in Dakar. The WWC President called for a strong mobilization of all neighboring countries and reaffirmed the importance of preserving water resources for the planet: "We need water for people and water for nature. Providing, respecting, and sharing access to water for all is both a duty and a right. Everyone has the right and freedom to access to water".



### CAIRO WATER WEEK 2022

The Cairo Water Week 2022 was held in Egypt, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, under the theme "Water at the heart of climate action", bringing together political leaders and global actors in the water community. The WWC, historical partner of the event, was present. Loïc Fauchon had the honor to participate in the official high-level closing of the session on water policies, which was intended to bring messages for the COP 27 through the "Cairo Call for Action" and to prepare the next United Nations International Conference on Water in New York in 2023.

# International events

A Worldwide action  
with our members

## Lebanon Middle East

### BUREAU MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HARIRI April 2019

The members of the Council Bureau met the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Saad Hariri, at Government Headquarters during the Council's 68<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting, which coincided with Beirut Water Week. The Bureau returned his hospitality with an invitation to the Lebanese Government to participate in Council activities and the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

## Dubai Gulf Arabic countries

### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ARAB WATER FORUM September 2021

The President travelled to Dubai for the 5th Arab Water Forum that took place from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. He delivered a keynote speech during the opening session.

This regional forum, that focused on water security for peace and sustainable development, just like the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, was a major meeting point for Arab stakeholders with whom Loïc Fauchon made fruitful contacts and hold bilateral meetings.



## Africa

### A STRONG MESSAGE TO WATER OPERATORS IN AFRICA / February 2020

At the opening of the Symposium of the 20<sup>th</sup> African Water Association (AfWA) International Congress in Kampala, Uganda, President Fauchon addressed African water operators, highlighting the importance of water security as a vehicle for peace.

Abderrahim El Hafidi, President of AfWA and WWC Governor, signed a partnership agreement with the WWC and the Secretariat of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum to collaborate fully during the Forum's preparatory process.

## Senegal Africa

### PRESIDENT MACKY SALL PREPARES SENEGAL TO BE THE CAPITAL OF WATER / September 2019

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, President of Senegal Macky Sall received Council President Fauchon to coordinate preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. Senegal is taking early steps to ensure success when it becomes the first sub-Saharan African country to host the Forum in March 2021.

## Kenya Africa

### WORLD WATER FORUM LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT / February 2022

Baruku Viakwely who created an official "World Water Forum Local Organizing Committee Secretariat" officially established by nomination of the Kenyan Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation. At least 3 meetings were organised in January and February 2022. (On-line participation)

## Korea South East Asia

### XVII WORLD WATER CONGRESS AND WORLD WATER CITIES FORUM / December 2021

In Korea, where the World Water Council has tied very strong and lasting ties during the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Loïc Fauchon took part of the World Water Congress from November, 29<sup>th</sup> to December, 3<sup>rd</sup>. In his opening speech at the World Water Congress, attended by many governors of the World Water Council, Mr Fauchon emphasized on the fact that "our public and collective mission, as citizens of the world, is to guarantee the security of water for us all and by us all", a theme that was very central in the 9<sup>th</sup> Forum in Dakar. The World Water Council was also kindly invited by the Daegu Mayor, Mr Kwon Young-Jin, to the World Water Cities Forum.



### WORLD WATER CITIES FORUM AND KOREA WATER WEEK November 2022

World Water Cities Forum and Korea Water Week from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November in Daegu, where our Korean friends are actively preparing their conferences on the main theme "Sustainable water management for Humans and Nature" as well as their very innovative exhibition.

# Belgium Europe

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## POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT IN WALLONIA

February 2020

At the 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors in Liège on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, the Walloon Minister for the Environment, Nature, Forests, Rural Areas and Animal Welfare, Céline Tellier, expressed her region's international commitment to the water agenda by officially announcing Wallonia's participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. The day before, the Mayor of Liège, Willy Demeyer, announced the entry of his city into the Council's members' network.

# Portugal Europe

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## ENEG, ENCONTRO NACIONAL DE ENTIDADES GESTORAS DE ÁGUA E SANEAMENTO

November 2021

" *The world is thirsty, more and more thirsty. And when the world is thirsty, people are often hungry* ", warned the President of the World Water Council at the ENEG conference in Portugal. The event, that gathered many Ministers and all the major actors of the Portugal water world, took place at the Algarve Congress Center from November 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

M. Fauchon was invited by Mr Rui Godinho, President of the APDA (Portuguese Association of Water and Wastewater services) and the current Treasurer at the World Water Council.



# Latin America

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## CONFERENCE ON WATER FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: TOWARDS DAKAR 2022

November 2021

As part of the preparatory process for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, CAF, Development Bank of Latin America, organised this event. Loïc Fauchon participated in the opening of the conference and said Governance and Finance are two of the most crucial elements in WWC's missions to achieve water and sanitation security for all.

As part of this virtual conference, high-level panels discussed the main challenges and opportunities of the region regarding both issues.



# Brazil America

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## BRAZIL WATER WEEK / May 2022

The international water community was mobilised for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Brazil Water Week - BWW 2022, which took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May in a virtual mode. The World Water Council was present at this important event and its President, Loïc Fauchon, was invited to speak at the opening session.

The Brazilian Water Week is Organised by the Brazilian Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering - (ABES) and aims to promote issues related to water use and sanitation in national and international discussions.

# WORLD WATER FORUM



The World Water Forum is co-organised every three years by the World Water Council and a different host country and is now the world's largest water event.

The World Water Forum is not just a conference, it represents a dynamic platform for opinions, debates, exchanges, networking, and learning about water-related issues and solutions. It is an excellent space to engage with the general public and raise public awareness about water challenges.

Initially scheduled to take place in March 2021, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the World Water Forum was postponed to March 2022, due to the spread of the Covid 19 pandemic. It was the first large-scale international water-related event to be held in sub-Saharan Africa, under the theme of "Water Security for Peace and Development". It gathered representatives from 94 countries and 8000 participants who travelled to Africa.

The next step is the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the event which will take place in Bali, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.





# All about the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Diamniadio Dakar

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Forum in a few figures:

**126** Certified projects

**134** exhibitors

**216** Sessions

**8 000** participants



From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022, participants from every horizon, including political and economic decision-makers, multilateral institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector gathered in Dakar, Senegal for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

Building upon previous World Water Forums, the 9<sup>th</sup> Forum, wanted to identify, promote and implement concrete responses and actions for water and sanitation in an integrated way.

It was actively prepared under the guidance of the International Steering Committee by pilot groups and action groups which gathered the active participation of more than 700 organisations around the world.

## 3 major events to announce and prepare the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum



### - Kick off meeting – June 2019

It was held in Diamniadio (Senegal) on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2019.

The process leading to the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in 2021 kicked off in style when some 600 organisations and experts came to Diamniadio, Senegal, for two days.

Together, they designed a program around the framework of priorities which would shape the first Forum in sub-Saharan Africa – and make Senegal the Capital of Water.

### - 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholders' meeting

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

### - 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholders' meeting

The Stakeholders' meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, the last major preparatory meeting, was held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Diamniadio. It allowed for the stabilization of the thematic process, an update on the Dakar 2022 initiative and the sharing of logistical information.





## Some of the highlights of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Dakar:

### 1/ The opening Ceremony

The 9<sup>th</sup> Water Forum, Dakar 2022, was opened by His Excellency Mr Macky Sall, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, at the Palais des Sports Dakar Arena in Diamniadio.

In the presence of his counterparts from Ethiopia, Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, the Vice-President of Gambia, the President of the World Bank, and the Director-General of UNESCO, the President of the World Water Council, Mr Loïc Fauchon.

### 2/ The thematic process

The main four priorities were about:

- Water security and sanitation
- Cooperation
- Rural development
- Means and tools (Finance, Governance and Knowledge)

216 sessions and high-level panels were held during five days.

During the Forum week, a total of 90 Ordinary Thematic Sessions (OTS), 33 High-level Panels (HLP), 62 Special Sessions (SS) and 46 Side Events (SE) were presented. More than 80 meetings were led or organised by World Water council members and Task forces.

A very rich program with many solutions for critical issues.

### 3/ The political segment

The main political segment was the Head of States meeting under the auspices of President Macky Sall who invited them and addressed the participants at the opening ceremony.



Ministries, Parliamentarians, Local Authorities and Basin Authorities organised their own segments and declarations.

Each political segment's meeting agreed on an action plan to put in practice the Dakar Declaration.



### 4/ Exhibitions, pavilions, villages and side-events

There was also an Exhibition Hall, a Village of Solutions, a Village of Sanitation, and a special place for youth conferences, as well as many side events:

#### Classic Exhibition (Expo/Fair)

The Expo/Fair was a showcase of know-how, technologies and major innovations in water, sanitation and environment with 134 exhibitors.

#### The Path of responses

The "Path of responses": a space dedicated to the exhibition of the most adapted responses to the problems of water and sanitation, throughout the world, having a strong impact on populations and allowing the acceleration of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

#### African Village

One of the innovations of the Forum, the "African Village", was an exhibition space, a framework for awareness raising, information and exchanges on the concerns, issues and challenges related to water issues in Africa.

#### Sanitation Village

This major innovation was a space for the expression of the "Forum of responses", for dialogue, awareness raising, learning and promotion of current innovations and technologies in the field of sanitation and hygiene. The Village also took into account the different risks (health, environmental) that need to be managed but also waste-water reuse as a resource.

#### Espace Sénégal

It was a showcase for the achievements, know-how, responses, innovations, technologies, projects and perspectives of the Government, and the professions of the water, sanitation and hygiene actors, but also a place for the promotion of the country in its multiple aspects.





## 5/ Zoom on the main outcomes

### The Dakar Declaration A "blue deal" on water and sanitation security for peace and development

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum ended with a declaration called "Blue Deal".

The aim is to accelerate the implementation of the right to drinking water and sanitation for all.

The declaration also emphasizes the need to mobilise all stakeholders through integrated and inclusive strategies.

The text is the result of three years of preparation and a week of intense exchanges of water stakeholders who were invited to "adopt sustainable and integrated management policies to preserve water resources and ecosystems and ensure resilience in the face of climate evolution and demographic pressure". Stra-

tegies would be promoted to raise awareness of these issues, to encourage a shift towards more sustainable and responsible modes of production and consumption.

The declaration also stresses the importance of strengthening the protection of wetlands and encourage the conservation of traditional water systems as well as recycling and reuse of treated wastewater. The declaration also urges to mobilise adequate public financial resources, as well as those of development partnerships, to invest in water and sanitation infrastructure, and to develop "blue" and "green" jobs, especially for youth, women and the rural world rights and commitments to the cause of water.

### Basin organisations on the spotlight

For the first time in the history of the World Water Forum, a high-level political segment was entirely dedicated to basins. This was made possible in Dakar thanks to the support of the World Water Council and the host country, Senegal.

This segment on basins received all the political attention we had hoped for, with the presence of several key personalities.

A whole day of sessions was dedicated to basin management, whether transboundary or national, which we had prepared in team with

Switzerland, OMVS and OMVG and UNECE.

We were able to have a very good geographical range represented, with in particular the two largest river basins of the world.

The Dakar Action Plan for basins was adopted, which aims at implementing the Dakar Declaration, the "blue deal", and to better support and mobilise basin organisations in the service of the two sustainable development goals (SDGs) directly concerned: integrated water resources management and transboundary approaches. About 100 signatories from about 50 countries.

## 6/ Closing ceremony and “on the road to Bali” to the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

At the closing ceremony, the Minister of Water and Sanitation H.E Serigne M’Baye Thiam presented the text of the declaration entitled “Blue Deal”.

The Dakar World Water Forum was qualified to have had “a sustained and high-level participation, which made it a historic success in all respects”.

The closing ceremony was also an opportunity to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2024.



### World Water Council perspective and proposals:



Loïc Fauchon presented some perspectives and concrete political proposals at the opening ceremony, zooming on 4 major challenges in the next few years :

- **Securing the resource**

“we should innovate and innovate again: pump, transfer, desalinate, reuse while changing our habits, our behaviors” to consume better and less.

- **Enforceable right to access to water and sanitation**

“It is necessary to provide a guarantee of free minimum allocation and a daily water supply”, but also “to make this right enforceable, by associating in this purpose the legislative, executive and judicial powers”

- **Financing of water**

As already mentioned by H.E the Senegalese President Macky Sall it is equitable to cancel the water debt for the poorest states and communities. This measure should be conditioned to the immediate reallocation of funds into the construction of water and sanitation infrastructure. Mr. Fauchon also mentioned the necessity of a “Blue Fund”, derived from climate financing, “a true International Fund for Water Security ”.

- **Governance**

The World Water Council suggests the creation, during this Forum, of a Global Water Observatory for Peace, Development and Nature.



# The 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, On Road to Bali 2024

**The next World Water Forum will take place in Bali, from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The final agreement to co-organise a successful 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum was signed in November 2022**



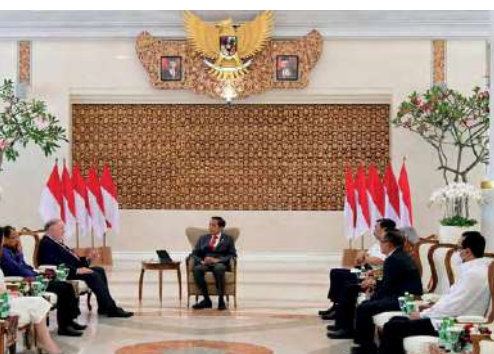
Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs Luhut B. Panjaitan, Minister for Public Works and Housing Basuki Hadimuljono, Governor of Bali Province Wayan Koster and Loïc Fauchon, President of the WWC officially signed the agreement for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, to be held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, in Bali, Indonesia.

Loïc Fauchon also claimed that "This is the D-Day to sign our final agreement to co-organise a successful 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum that will bring a new kind of response to change the lives of the poorest". "It is our duty to prepare a successful 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum when the world is waiting for answers and concrete results".

The Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs, Luhut B. Panjaitan, has also announced the kick-off meeting and the 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, in Jakarta "Indonesia invites all stakeholders to come and prepare with us a successful process for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum".

During this official visit in Bali, his Excellency the President of the Republic of Indonesia President Joko Widodo received Loïc Fauchon. The President of the World Water Council - Conseil Mondial de l'Eau proposed him to be the 'Water Messengers' during the G20 meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November and in preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Bali.

His Excellency President Joko Widodo highlighted the importance of water for food.



## Before the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum



To prepare this Forum, 3 meetings gathering the stakeholders will be held in Indonesia:

- The Kick-Off meeting and the 1<sup>st</sup> stakeholder consultation meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in Jakarta
- The second stakeholder consultation meeting will follow in September 2023



# MEM BER SHIP

As of October, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the World Water Council had 272 member organisations from 56 countries around the world. Every single one of these members brings to the Council its unique experience and strong commitment. Together, they represent the Council's greatest asset.

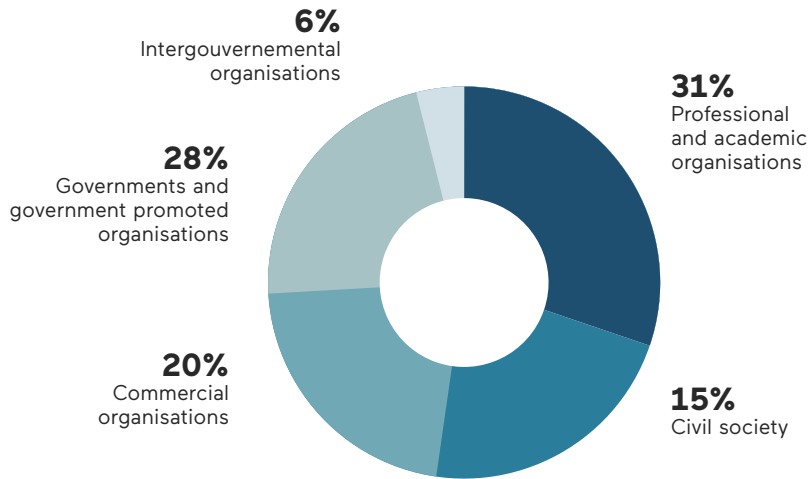


The Council's membership is a remarkable network that links different sectors, regions, disciplines and professional fields with wideranging expertise and interests. The diversity is one of the Council's most important assets. It plays an essential role both in its governance and in its endeavours. All members enjoy the same rights, benefits and an equal vote in strategic decisions.





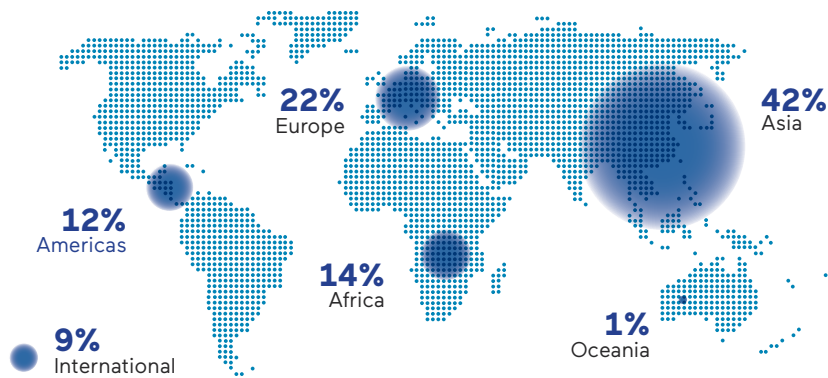
## College Distribution



# 272

Member Organisations in **56 countries**

## Geographic Distribution



Membership is determined as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022



# YOUTH DELE GATES

In a series of activities leading up to the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water forum in Dakar, the youth delegates conducted various satellite events across the four key regions promoting major themes of water. More than 1000 young enthusiasts were involved in eight satellite events, and a final report consisting of “call for actions” was discussed at the youth space held at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal.



## World Water Council's youngest governors: The Youth Delegates

The four youth delegates also served as key members to the task forces between 2018-2022. Each youth delegate contributed their ideas towards the respective task force in order to strike an inter-generational dialogue, and to emphasize role of youth in decision-making. The youth delegate project which was supported by UNESCO-IHP, and Action against Hunger also conducted a “youth advocacy training” in a virtual format.

The youth delegates successfully trained more than 400 young advocates in 2020 and 2021.

Despite the onset of Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the youth delegates were keenly involved in youth mobilisation and attended international forums like XVII World Water Congress, Stockholm water week, Brazil Water Week, and many local events.

At 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, the youth delegates prepared a youth declaration which signified a blue youth water fund on ground, financial support and equal legislative representation which is also the foundation for UN Water conference in March 2023.



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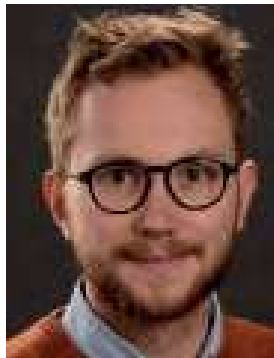
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During this last mandate, the Council's communication has evolved, new tools have been developed for a greater visibility of actions, especially on social networks which increased by more than 85% of subscribers in 4 years.

With the website, the newsletter and social networks as well as Youtube, the digital strategy permitted to respond to necessary needs for disseminating and sharing during the pandemic.

Among the flagship actions, the website has been updated globally for clarity and ease of navigation. The tasks have been redefined in line with the Council's strategy.

Social networks have been strengthened to create a real reactive water community.

All these tools are used to bring the messages of the Council and to relay actions and international advocacy.

Our goal is to continue this dynamic and to strengthen our presence on social networks with the prospect of creating an Instagram account.



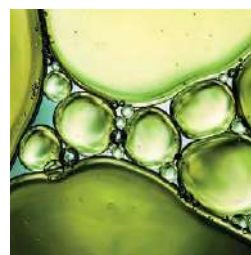
## Review of the different tools





# WEB SITE

In 2021, WWC updated its website with the facelift of the homepage, a new menu with new sections. The programs - Task forces and Working group - have also been completely revised to be consistent with the Council's current strategy. The main events have been relayed since the new version of the site, as well as most of the speeches and videos supporting the events.



# NEWSLETTER

In January 2021, the World Water Council decided to develop a newsletter on a regular basis for staying in touch with members.

Produced in English and French versions the newsletter features each time an editorial message from the President, the Council actions, bilateral meetings, events and member news.

**Since the creation of the newsletter, the Council published:**

**15 newsletters** including  
**6 special editions**,  
among which :

World Water day 2021, IUCN World Congress, Stakeholders Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, and Highlights of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

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### Our four proposals for water



In his speech at the opening ceremony of the 9th World Water Forum, Loïc Fauchon stated his strong points, as guidelines for the Council in favor of water.

**Securing the resource**  
"Reduce and innovate again: pump, transfer, desalinate, recycle, and increase the amount of water available" while "changing our plans, our habits, and our behavior" in order to consume better and less.

**The inclusion of the right to access to water in all Constitutions**  
"It is necessary to provide a guarantee of free restriction of access and a daily water supply", but also "to make it an accessible right, by strengthening the legislative, executive and judicial powers".

**To rethink the financing of water**  
Mr. Fauchon joins the Singaporean President Masdar Sultan in his battle to cancel the water debt for the poorest states and communities. However, this measure should be associated with a requirement for immediate reinforcement of the same amount in the construction of water and sanitation infrastructure, he adds.  
Mr. Fauchon also mentioned a "Blue Fund", derived from climate financing, "to fund international fund for Water Security".

**Last but not least:** "The World Water Council calls for more formal mediation rules for the governance of basins, both national and international.  
The World Water Council recommends the creation of a Global Water Observatory for Peace, Development and Resilience.

The "Water Declaration", published at the end of the Forum, recalls on several of these points, in particular the acceleration of the application of the right to drinking water and sanitation for all, the guarantee of the availability of the resource, and the reinforcement of the basin organizations.

**The right to access to water: goals and figures**

- 2010: The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized the human right to water and sanitation (Resolution 64/292).
- 2010: Slovenia became the first European state to make drinking water a constitutional right.
- Between 2000 and 2019, about twenty countries in the world had written this right into their Constitutions.

[Read Mr. Fauchon's speech](#)

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### "Water to save Man and Nature" by Loïc Fauchon

Water, Man and Nature are finally reunited at the World Conservation Congress in early September.  
Thank you to our colleagues from the International Union for Conservation of Nature for giving a large place to water. Because it must be said with strength and belief that there is no future for the planet without sustainable security for fresh water.

Acceptable water and breathable air are prerequisites for the survival of the planet. This is obvious, of course, but it is not yet a reality. This is the meaning of the initiative "water to save Man and Nature" that was launched in Marseille on Saturday, September 4.  
Join this initiative, sign the accompanying declaration. Do it quickly, it is urgent.

### The World Water Council is involved in the World Conservation Congress to make water the commitment of all



From 2 to 11 September, more than 1400 governmental, civil society and indigenous peoples organizations gathered at the World Conservation Congress in Marseille, which is also the city of the headquarters of the World Water Council (WWC), to define priorities and guide actions for conservation and sustainable development.

On this occasion, the World Water Council was privileged to offer water an international platform through its booth and various events.  
This action is in line with the WWC's approach to increasingly federate the world's actors around the absolute necessity to place water at the heart of public concerns and policies, with a view to establishing a fair balance between water for man and water for nature.



# SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the past few years, the Council has strengthened its presence on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

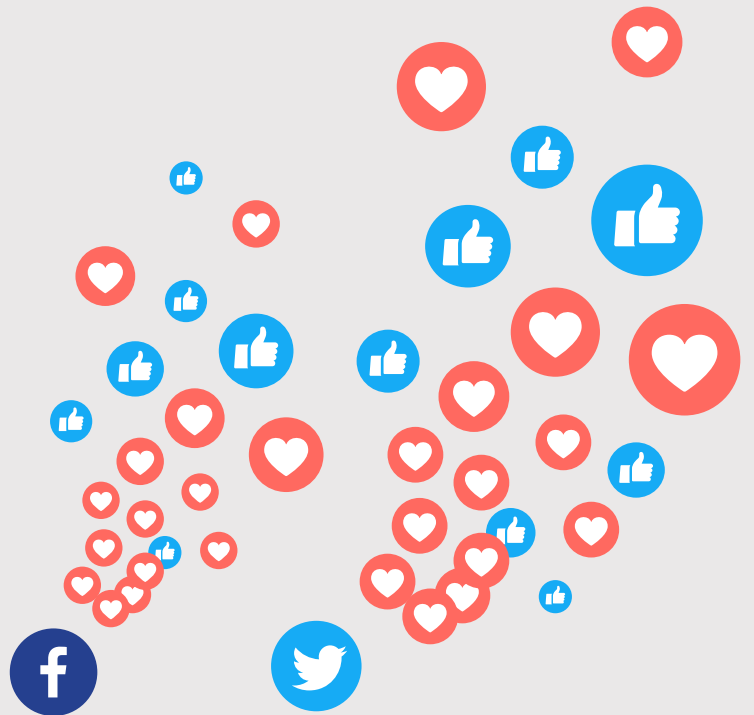
We also post all speeches and conference on our Youtube channel.

The visibility on WWC pages has moved up on all indicators since 2019.

Having reached **12 K followers** mark since May 2022 on Twitter, the increase of our followers should allow us to reach **13 K before the end of 2023**.

The LinkedIn and Facebook account have received a very good feedback over the past months.

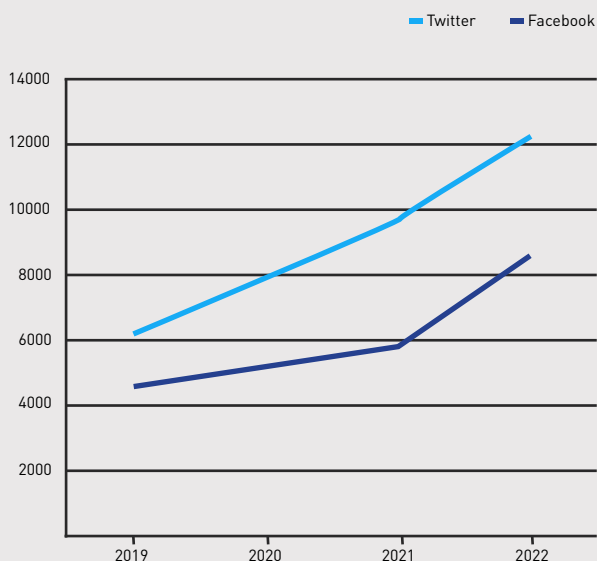
The large events as the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum brought new followers and reactions in our pages. The Youtube channel also continues its development with **318 followers** in November 2022.



**Followers increase from January 2019 to November 2022**

FACEBOOK  
Followers + 85,9%

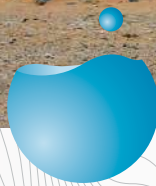
TWITTER  
Followers + 98,9%



## OVERVIEW TOTAL FOLLOWERS

Facebook **8 600**  
Twitter **12 346**  
LinkedIn **9 057**





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