

# The Women in Water Diplomacy 2024 Global Network Forum

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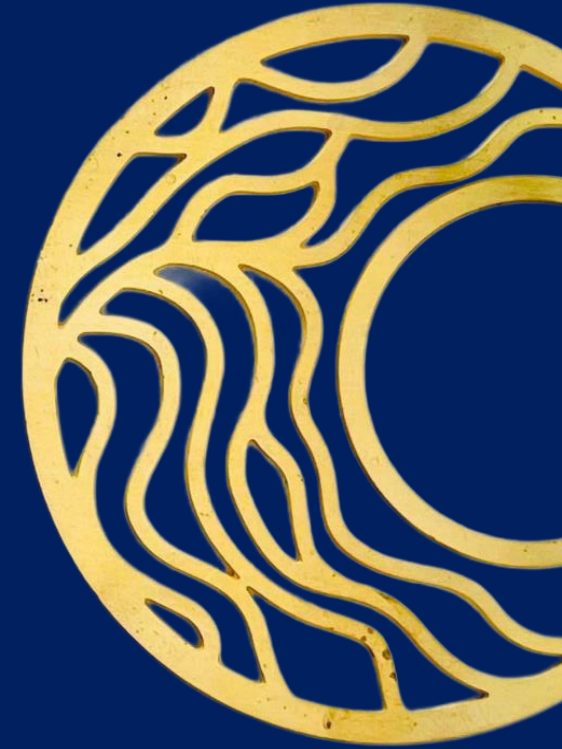


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# Welcome and Introduction



**Elizabeth A. Koch,**  
Senior Manager, Environmental Law Institute;  
Process Support Lead for the Women in Water Diplomacy Network



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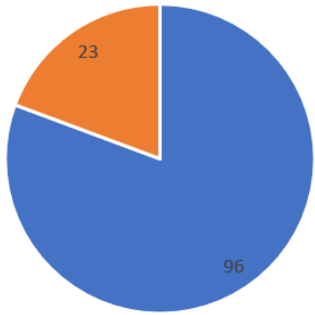


Welcome to all  
the 80+ water  
diplomats and  
Network  
champions  
joining this  
milestone  
event! 🙌🙌🙌

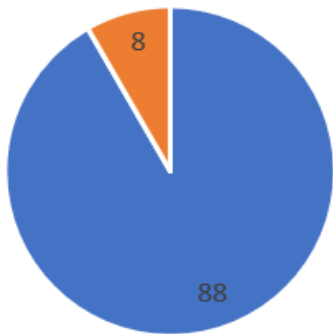


# Women in Water Diplomacy Network

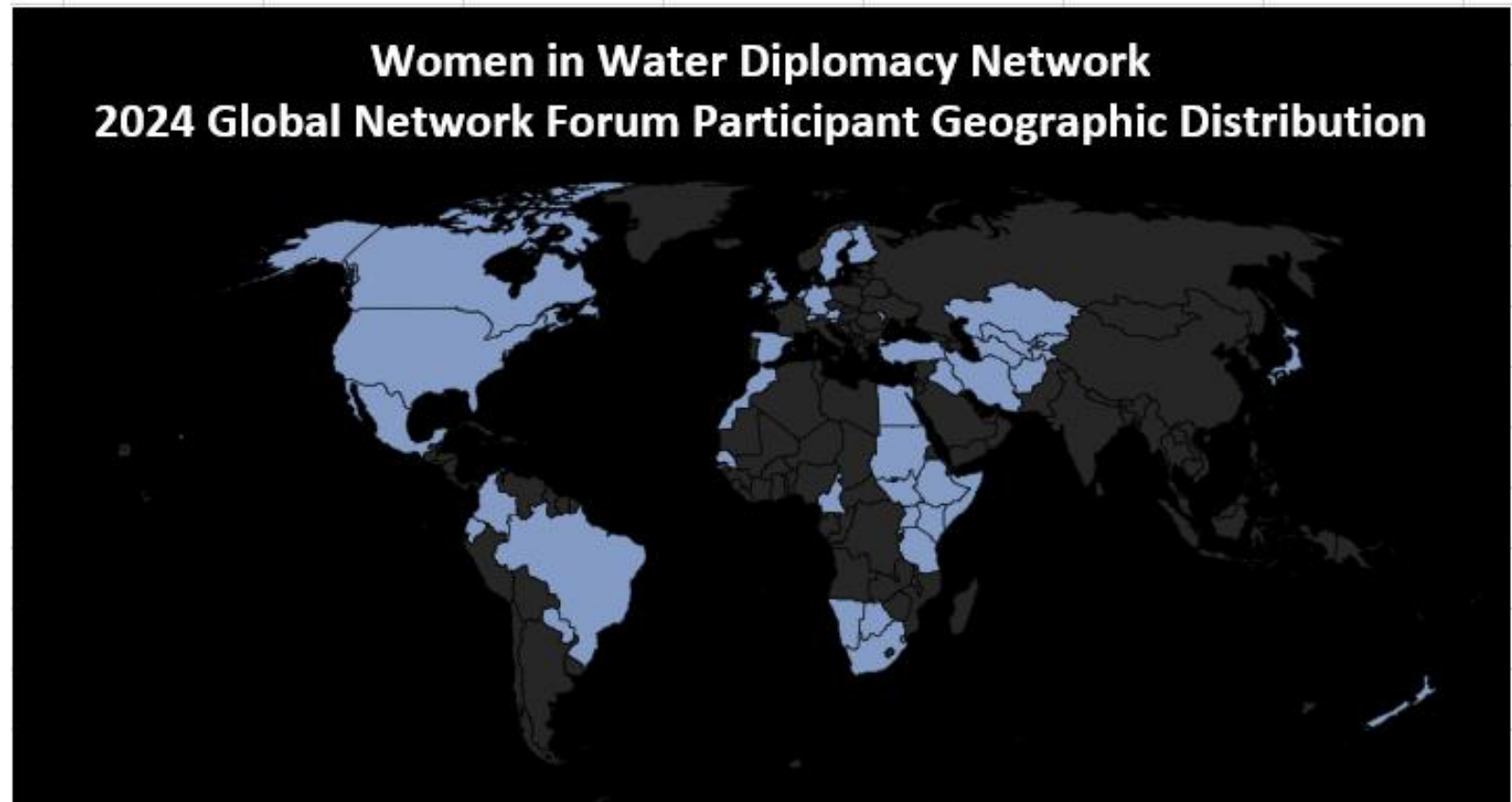
## 2024 Global Network Forum Participants: Snapshot



Young Professionals



Gender Distribution



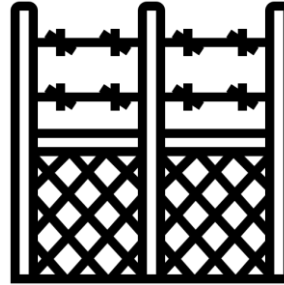
# Why are we here? To collectively address barriers to Women's participation in regional and global water decision making



Sponsored in person attendance is rare.



Women Water Diplomats have a lot of different responsibilities



Conflict Barriers restricting movement



Language Barriers

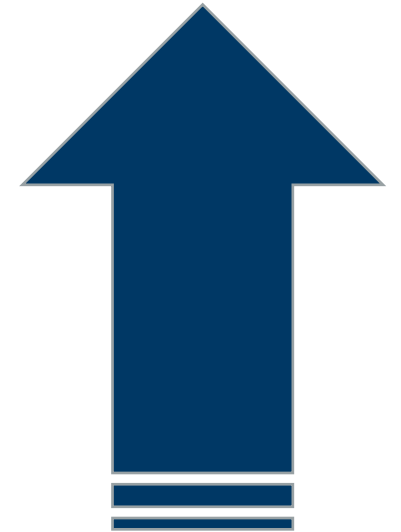


Internet connectivity



Political Barriers restricting movement

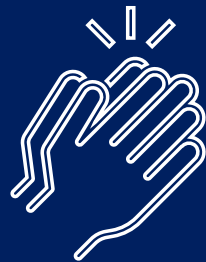
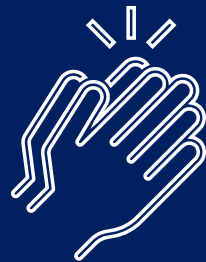
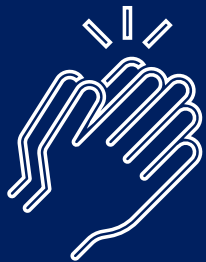
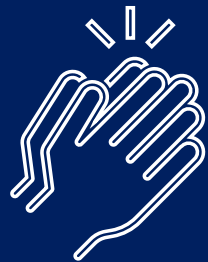
**Result:** Improved Inclusive Decision Making



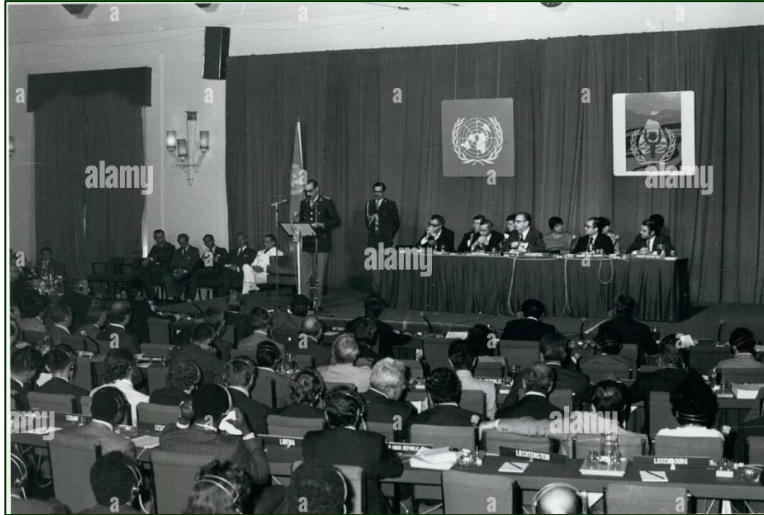
**Target:** Removal of Participation Barriers

**Thank you for all of your efforts to overcome these barriers and join this week's program!**

**Special thanks to the partners, colleagues and family members holding things together back home this week!**



# Why focus on inclusion in water diplomacy? Specifically, gender equality?



The status quo is  
exclusive

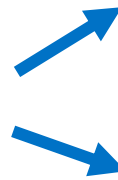


Under-represented and  
vulnerable communities  
on all sides bear  
**disproportionate and  
cumulative harm from  
water and climate  
decisions.**

# Costs – Benefits – Opportunities



**Failure to include women equitably**

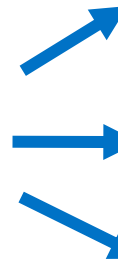


**Has direct cost** to political decision-making at transboundary level

**Undermines progress** toward cooperative and sustainable management



**Support to women water experts**



**Opportunity** to elevate distinctive knowledge, perspectives and experiences

**More comprehensive understanding** of relevant water issues and challenges

Broader set of **equitable solutions**

**Resources are scarce**



**Investing directly in women is an easy choice**



**The Women in Water Diplomacy  
Network has come a long way!**

**Before we move forward together  
....Let's remember some #HerStory**



**The Woman in Water  
Diplomacy Pilot Nile  
Network Forum; Uganda.  
October 2017**





**The second Women in Water Diplomacy Nile Network Forum; Ethiopia, December 2018**



**‘To get ahead and to innovate in our work, professionals and experts need to be surrounded by a network of supporters for inspiration and sharing. This is an important value of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network.’**

**Dr Muna Musnad** | UNESCO Chair in Water Resources-Omdurman Islamic University, Sudan | Founding Member of Women in Water Diplomacy Network, Member of the Network Leadership Council, Member of Board of the UNESCO Category II International Centre for Water Cooperation.



**2020 third Nile Network Forum; Kenya**



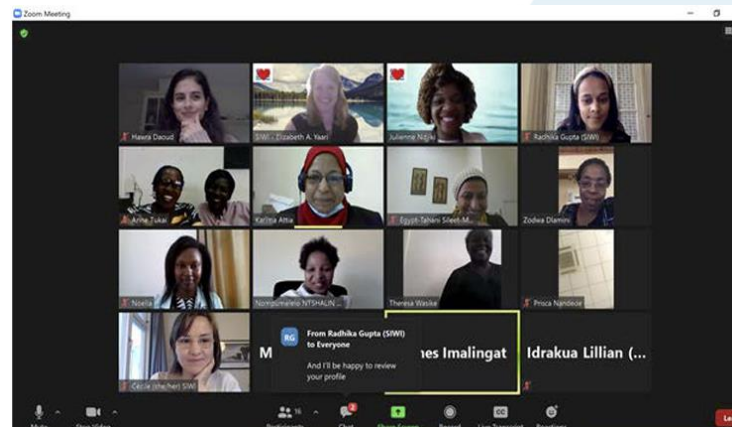
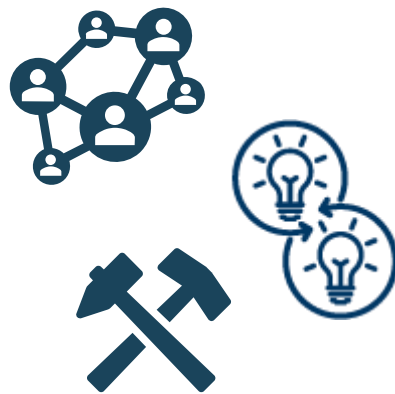
**‘The Women in Water Diplomacy Network provides women with a space where we can learn and share experience about water governance and transboundary cooperation issues. It is very empowering to be part of this Network.’**

**Yodit Balcha** | Founding member of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network and Member of the Network Leadership Council

**‘We call upon our fellow decision makers to leverage all available skills, experience, and leadership to improve cooperation across the Basin and achieve our shared goals of sustainable water management and development.’**

**- Excerpt from the 2020 Network Joint Statement**

# 2020 Digital Water Diplomacy Network Adaptions





# 2021 Launch of the Women in Water Management Network in Central Asia and Afghanistan!!



# The First Nile + Women in Water Diplomacy Leadership Council!



**Yodit Balcha**  
Sen. Climate Change Adaptation Advisor, Ministry of Water and Energy (Ethiopia)



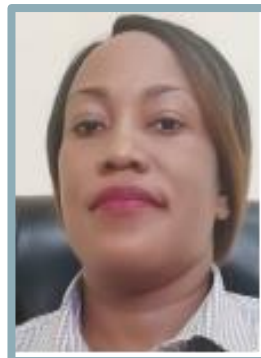
**Jacqueline Nyirakamana;**  
Transboundary Water Resources Cooperation Specialist, Min of Environment (Rwanda)



**Theresa Khakasa Wasike**  
Director of Administration, Ministry of Water (Kenya)



**Dr Tahani Sileet**  
Head, Central Dept. for Ext Cooperation in the Nile Water Sector, Min. of Water Res. & Irr. (Egypt)



**Tumaini Mwamyalla,**  
National Desk/ Focal Officer for the Nile Basin Initiative, Min. of Water (Tanzania)



**Dr Muna Musnad**  
UNESCO Chair in Water Res., Omdurman Islamic University (Sudan)



**Dr Zodwa Dlamini**  
Independent Consultant and Former Chief Del. and Per. Rep. on the Lesotho Highlands Water Com. (South Africa)




**Nompumelelo Ntshalintshali-Motsa**  
Africa Regional Coordinator, Sanitation and Water for All (Eswatini)



**Women in  
Water  
Diplomacy  
Network  
Mission:**

**To improve gender equality in high-level decision making in transboundary basins with focus on women's leadership in regional dialogues around shared waters - with resultant positive implications for regional peace and human security.**



# Women in Water Diplomacy: Our Shared Objectives

- **To improve gender equality in high level decision making in transboundary basins** with focus on enhanced women's leadership in decision making on the shared waters in the Nile Basin and other transboundary basins in Africa and globally - with resultant positive implications for regional peace, human security and water governance.
- **To support technical and research cooperation, knowledge exchange, peer to peer experience exchange, and capacity building** opportunities to enhance coordination, shared understanding, and trust building among Network members.
- **To elevate dialogue, knowledge, and experience** around the intersecting themes of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network (gender equality, women's leadership, male championship, water cooperation, water security, climate security, human security, etc.) as part of the basins processes, Pan African processes and globally.
- **To contribute to empowering young water diplomats** by fostering experience exchange and empowering early career water diplomats.
- **To engage new sustainable core and thematic partners** to continue to support the Network in the Nile and develop adapted and contextualized Women in Water Diplomacy Networks in other strategic basins in Africa and 'beyond'.

# Achieved Through Five Strategic Pillars:

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN HIGH-LEVEL DECISION-MAKING IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

### PILLAR 1



#### GENDER AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

In transboundary  
water decision making

### PILLAR 2



#### PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

Capacity development &  
experience exchange

### PILLAR 3



#### RESEARCH COOPERATION

Supporting network  
members & institutions

### PILLAR 4



#### LINKAGES TO BASIN

Regional and  
global processes

### PILLAR 5



#### PROCESS SUPPORT

Strategic analysis; Design, monitoring & evaluation; Communications; Partnership development

# Women in Water Diplomacy *First* Global Network Forum, 2022



**‘As decision makers and experts, we, members and supporters of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network, stress the urgency of action needed to address our shared water and climate challenges and, we commit, in our capacity as water leaders, to continue to work together to further this cooperation.’**

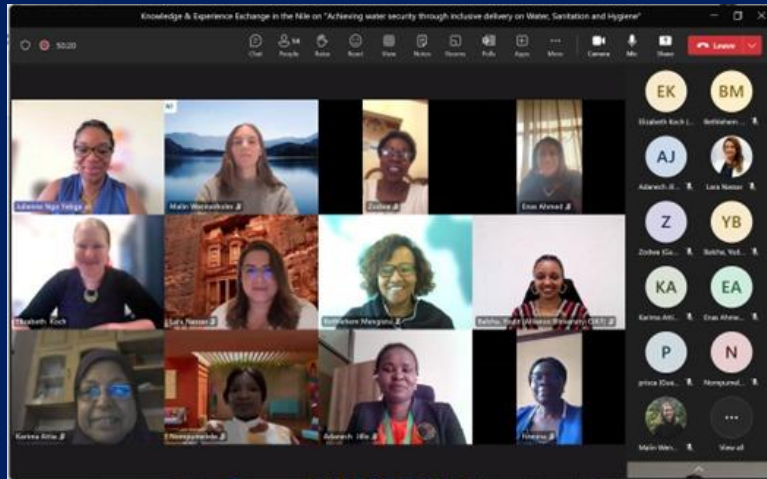
**- Excerpt from the 2022 Network Joint Statement**

# Women in Water Diplomacy UN Water Conference 2023





# Regular basin level online Network experience exchange sessions focused on innovative themes of water diplomacy...



**WASH + Water Security (2023)**



**Digitalization: Supporting inclusive, sustainable, and effective water diplomacy processes (2023)**

# Launch of the North American Women in Water Diplomacy Network

- **Aug 2022: Call to establish a North American (US, Mexico, Canada, Indigenous Nations and Communities) chapter of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network at Global Strategy launch**
- **Engagement and support for Global Network events (UN Water Conference Water Diplomacy Symposium, World Water Week)**
- **December 13 2023: Launch Event CRWUA in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A**
- **New partnership with the Indigenous Women's Leadership Network developed**
- **2024 – Network inception and development consultations underway**



# Orange-Senqu Network takes shape

- Aug 2022: Commitment to establish an Orange-Senqu chapter of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network at Global Strategy launch
- Nov 2022: Concept Note developed
- April 2023: Consultation processes undertaken in all riparian states
- Draft framework document developed to be validated by ORASECOM and published in 2024





## Exploratory dialogues underway:

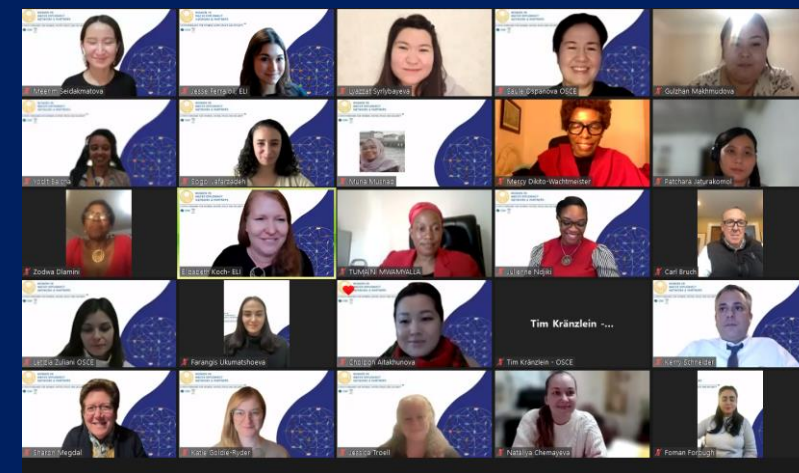
- Southern Africa dialogues continue with the **Okavango** and **Zambezi** Basin Commissions
- Exploring opportunities for new Women in Water Diplomacy Networks in **Latin America** with the Organization for American States (OAS) with focus on the Amazon and La Plata.
- **Armenia-Azerbaijan-Georgia** initial workshop coming up in April with Utrecht University and USAID.
- Exploring opportunities in the **Gulf** with the Royal University for Women in Bahrain

# Annual Traditions!


International  
Women's Day  
March 8

Women in  
Diplomacy Day  
June 24

Year-in-  
Review  
December



# Expanding #Herstory Resource Series



**POLICY PAPER**

## Tapping our Potential: Women's Water Leadership in the Nile Basin

Women Have a Critical Role to Play in Inclusive and Effective Transboundary Water Governance

Cooperation over the shared water resources of the Nile Basin is essential to water security and development in the region. To mitigate and manage potential and actual drivers of water-related conflict in the region, improved and more inclusive resource decision-making is critical. Engaging a diverse cross-section of stakeholders in decisions around shared water breaks the out of environmental and social impacts that are considered and the knowledge and skills employed to address them, thus increasing the likelihood of developing sustainable and equitable solutions. In the Nile Basin, SWI and partners initiated a growing network of women water professionals active in transboundary water management under the 'Women and Water Diplomacy in the Nile (WIN)' platform to enhance the collective capacity of women throughout the basin and to support the engagement of these women water leaders in decision-making and peace building processes in the Basin.

**From Policy to Action: Balancing Gender for Stronger Water Diplomacy**

The critical role of women in water resources management and protection has been recognized and emphasized at the highest policy levels for over 25 years. The Dublin Statement on 'Water and Sustainable Development' (see box) was only the first of countless national, basin-level and international policy statements and guidance documents that stress the need for more gender-inclusive water governance processes at all levels<sup>1</sup>. Yet, despite repeated high-level commitments to engaging women in water governance, evidence reveals a persistent gender gap in the water sector. This gap is particularly evident at the transboundary level, where water governance processes continue to be dominated by men (Baillie and Earle, 2013; HLCN, 2017).

Similarly, the transformative role of women in conflict prevention and peacebuilding has been repeatedly demonstrated.


<sup>1</sup>See, for example, The Beijing Platform for Action (2005), Rio Principle 20 (1992), Africa Water Vision 2025, The AMACOW Strategic and Policy for Mainstreaming Gender in the Water Sector in Africa (2011) and the Mekong River Commission Gender Policy and Strategy (2013).

INCEPTION AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## Laying the Bedrock of Transformation

### Women in Water Diplomacy Network 2013-2021

The story so far; how the Network came to be and how it has developed through the years.



**Dublin Statement (1992) Principle 3:**

Women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water.

The pivotal role of women as providers and users of water and guardians of the living environment has seldom been reflected in institutional arrangements for the development and management of water resources. Acceptance and implementation of this principle requires positive policies to address women's specific needs and to equip and empower women to participate at all levels in water resources programmes, including decision-making and implementation, in ways defined by them.

including research showing that gender inclusive peace processes are 35 per cent more likely to last at least 15 years, that peace agreements signed by women are positively associated with more durable peace, and that higher levels of gender equity are associated with a lower incidence of conflict (Kosow et al., 2018; UNSC, 2000). Despite this evidence and the formal recognition of the UN Security Council of the critical role of women in peace and security efforts, between 1990 and 2017 women constituted only 2 percent of mediators, 8 percent of negotiators and 5 percent of witnesses in all major peace processes.


Women in transboundary water governance therefore face a hurdle on two fronts in overcoming the traditionally male-dominated world of water and peacebuilding (UN Women, 2018). Ensuring a better gender balance in water diplomacy efforts will require a sea change in perception of gender roles in both fields, accompanied by strong and implementable policies to overcome entrenched discrimination.

The persistent failure to include women equitably in political decision-making processes at the transboundary level impedes progress towards the cooperative and sustainable

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## A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace, and Security


The Women in Water Diplomacy Network Nile and Beyond Global Strategy 2022-2027



REPORT | APRIL 2023

## Women in Water Diplomacy Network After Action Report

The Water Diplomacy Symposium and Network Engagement in the UN 2023 Water Conference

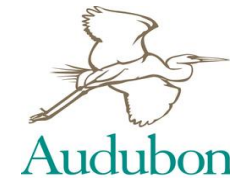


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Government of the Netherlands



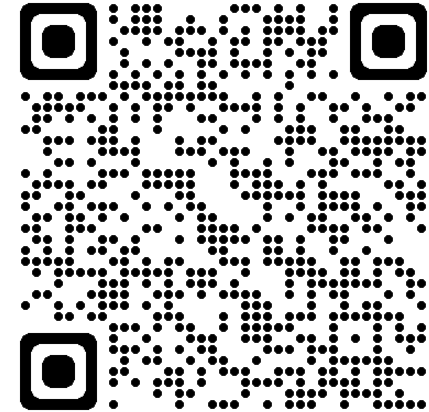
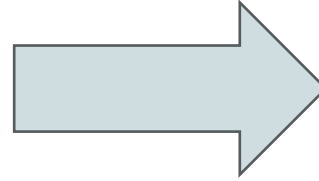
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

# Some final logistic notes:

- **The Forum's Program and Collected Participant Bios are available online here:**

<https://www.eli.org/events/women-water-diplomacy-network-second-global-network-forum>

- **Suggested communication #Hashtags**
- **Group dinner tonight!**
- **All other dinners are independent so make plans with others!**





# Welcome Addresses:



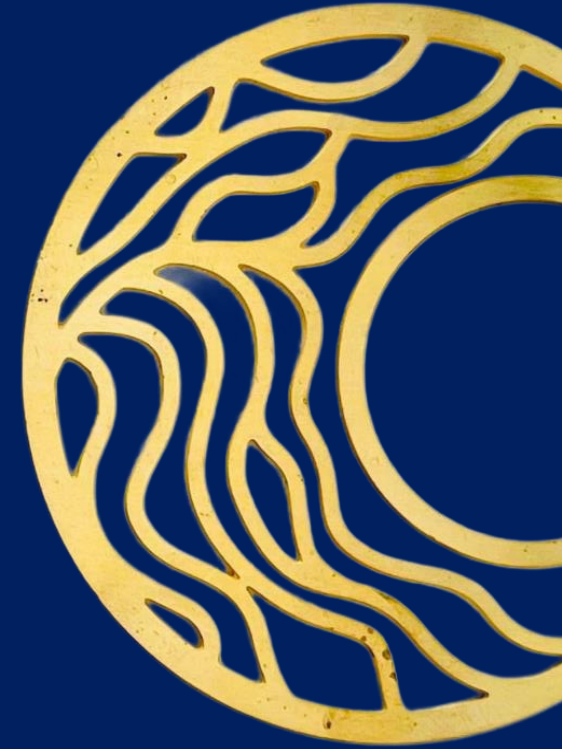
**Antti Rautavaara,**  
Special Envoy for Water,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,  
Finland



**Kerry Schneider,**  
Shared Waters Partnership  
Senior Manager, SIWI



**Dr. Saule Ospanova,**  
Organization for Security  
and Cooperation in Europe



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# Interactive Session: Thinking BIG – Together

*Get to know Network Members and supporters joining the Global Network Forum from around the world!*

**Facilitated by Process Support Team Members:**



**Julienne Ndjiki,**  
SIWI



**Tais Reznikova,**  
CAREC



**Letizia Zuliani,**  
OSCE



**Katie Goldie-  
Ryder,** SIWI



**Tim Kraenzlein,**  
OSCE



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**Lunch Break!**



**Group picture at 14:00!**



**Reconvene at 14:15!**



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# Welcome to the World Café!



**Elizabeth A. Koch,**

Senior Manager, Environmental Law Institute;

Process Support Lead for the Women in Water Diplomacy Network



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# Why a World Café?

- The World Café method is designed to create a safe, welcoming environment in which to intentionally connect multiple ideas and perspectives on a topic by engaging participants in several rounds of small-group conversation.
- The method is particularly useful when you want to be sure to explore a topic from multiple perspectives, to ensure that everyone in a room contributes in a conversation, and/or when you want to encourage participants to make new connections and build trust.
- Great method to distill insights through discussion among larger groups.



# At our World Café:

- We have 6 Tables – each with a facilitator team who will stay at those tables.
- Participants will join a Table for a 30-minute round.
- We will have 3 rounds so think about which of the 6 Tables you want to join – you won't be able to get to them all!
- During each round you will learn and share your insights – so be prepared to actively contribute your thoughts, listen, and have fun!
- One member of the facilitator team will then report back to the plenary so that you will hear some of what was discussed at each table.



# At each Table:

- Participants will get a short overview of basin/region/theme from facilitator team.
- Participants will share and discuss what has been accomplished by the regional/basin Network this last year under *each pillar of the strategy* (i.e. empowerment, peer-to-peer learning/ capacity building, research cooperation, collective engagement at key meetings/ events);
- Share and discuss what do we want to achieve this coming year under each pillar;
- Ideas and opportunities for inter-basin engagements?

## A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace, and Security

The Women in Water Diplomacy Network  
Nile and Beyond Global Strategy 2022-2027



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# Table 1: Nile Basin



**Facilitated by:** **Yodit Balcha**, Climate Adaptation Research Officer, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT-Africa Hub, **Tumaini Mwamyalla**, National Desk/ Focal Officer for the Nile Basin Initiative, Ministry of Water, Tanzania, and **Julienne Ndjiki**, Process Support Team, SIWI



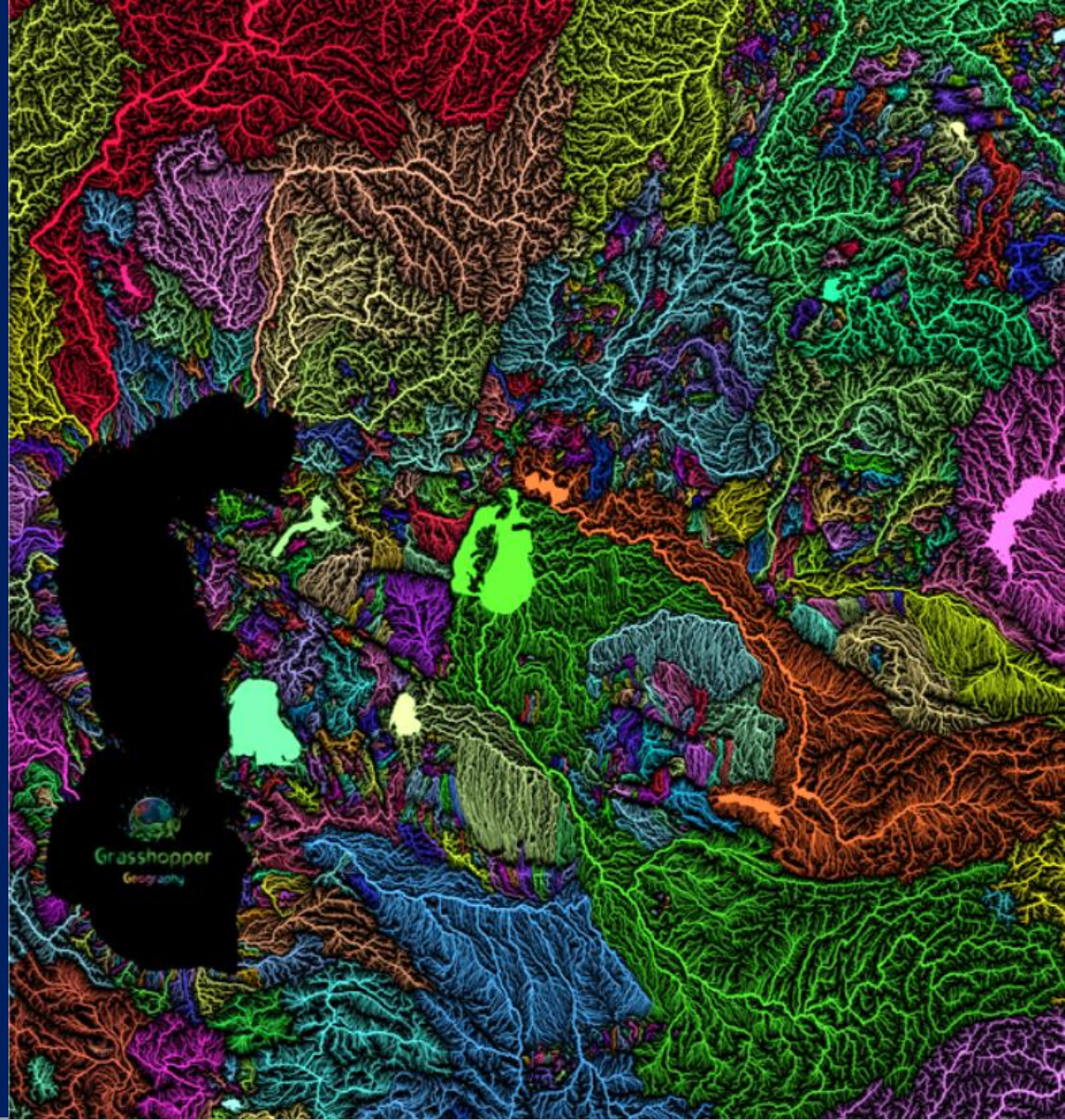
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# Table 2: Central Asia- Afghanistan



Facilitated by: **Tais Reznikova**, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC), **Lyazzat Syrlybayeva**, Project analyst, UNDP Kazakhstan, **Katie Goldie-Ryder**, Process Support Team, SIWI, and **Tim Kraenzlein**, Process Support Team, OSCE

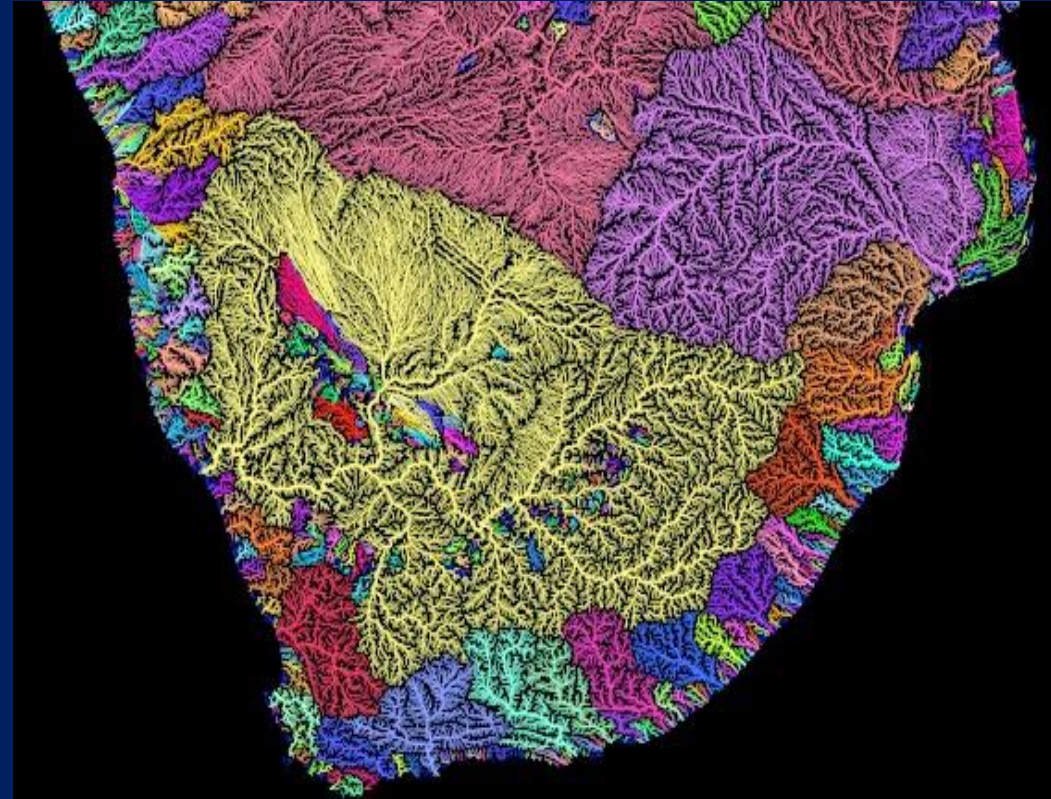


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# Table 3: Orange-Senqu Basin



**Facilitated by:** Commissioner Bogadi T. Mathangwane, ORASECOM/ Botswana, Dr. Zodwa Dlamini, Former South Africa's Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission and independent consultant, and Sogol Jafar Zadeh, Process Support Team, Consultant/ SIWI

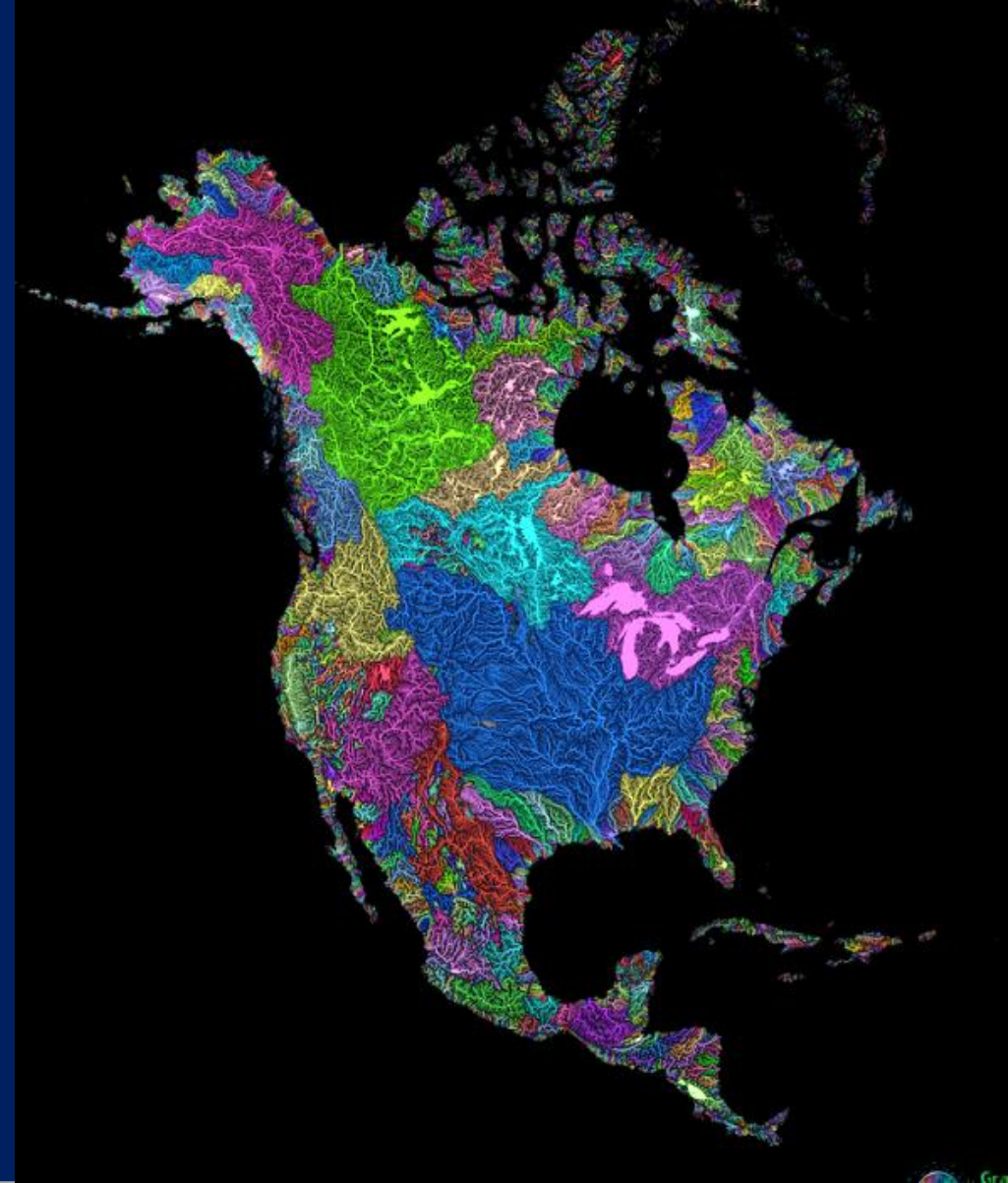


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# Table 4: North America



Facilitated by: **Gwendena Lee-Gatewood**, Co-Chair, Indigenous Women's Leadership Network, **Gabriela Caloca Michel**, Water and Rivers Coordinator/Pronatura Noroeste, A.C., **Jesse Ferraioli**, Process Support Team, ELI

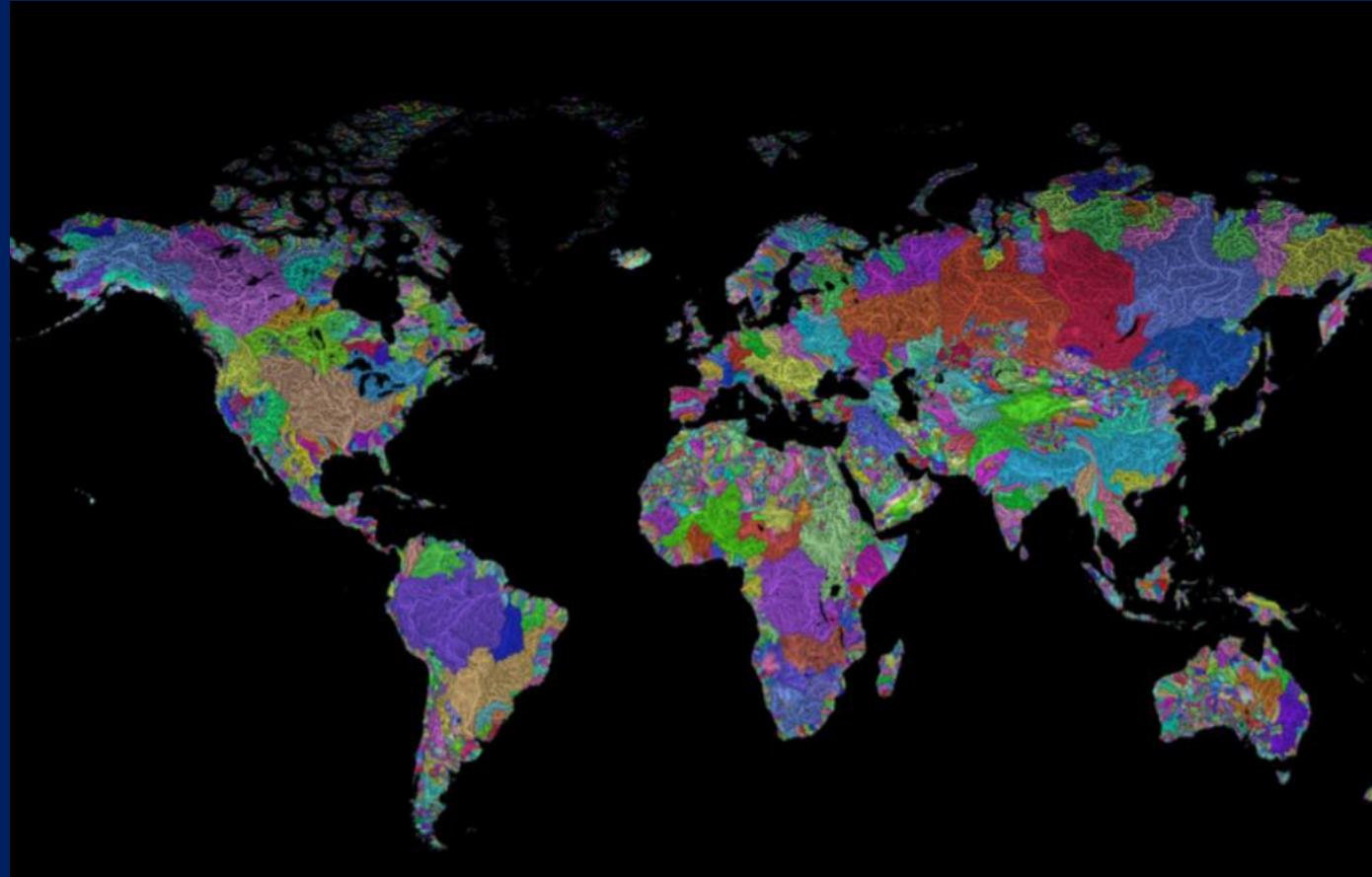


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# Table 5: Exploratory/ Development Stages



Facilitated by: **Tracy Molefi**, Programme Coordinator for the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM) and **Elizabeth A. Koch**, Process Support Team, ELI

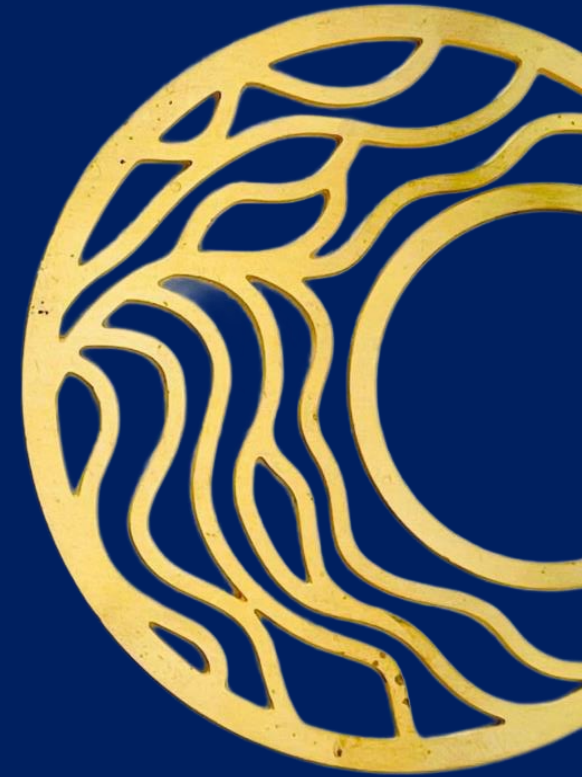


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# Table 6: Male Champions

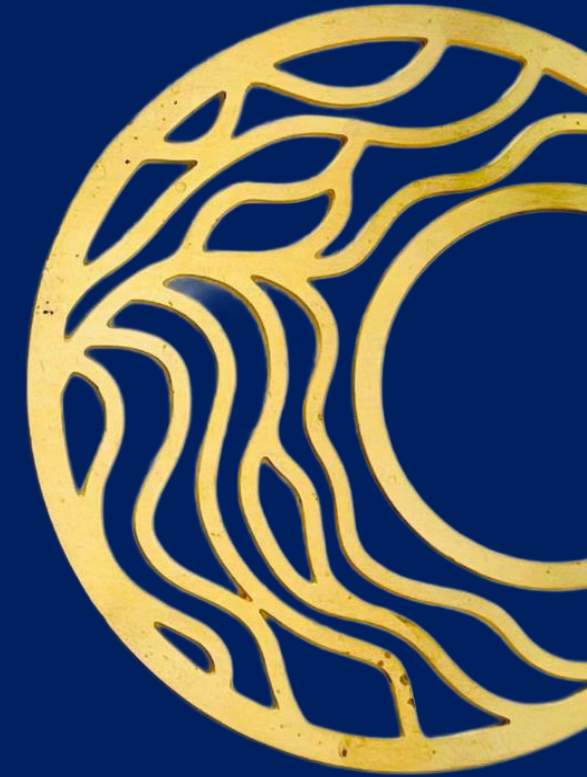


**Facilitated by:** **Assefa Gudina Muleta**, Regional Social and Environment Officer and gender focal point at Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO), **Dr. Anders Jagerskog**, Program Manager, CIWA and Global Transboundary Focal Point, World Bank, and **Kerry Schneider**, Process Support Team, SIWI



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# Reporting back to the plenary



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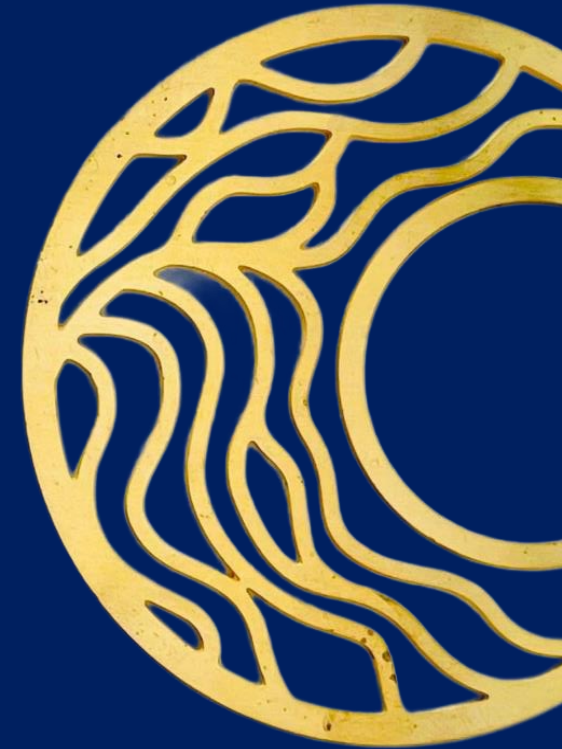
# Day 1 Wrap Up and Closing Reflections



**Jacqueline Nyirakamana**, Nile -Technical Advisory Committee (Nile – TAC) Member, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda (TBC)



**Begishbek kyzy Minura**, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Assistant, Mercy Corps, Kyrgyzstan



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# Morning Welcome – Tuesday, March 5



**Meerim Seidakmatova**, Postgraduate Student, Coordinator of Regional Environmental Youth Network

**Nompumelelo Ntshalintshali**, Interim Executive Director for GlobeCare Foundation



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## ***‘Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges’***

### **Facilitated by:**

**Prisca Nandede**, Senior Sociologist, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda

### **Expert Panelists:**

- **Verdiane Nyiramana**, Regional Chairperson of Nile Basin Discourse and Founder and chair of women for water and climate cooperation network, Rwanda
- **Rehab Abdelmohsen**, independent journalist, Egypt
- **Foman Forough**, Water Resource Specialist, Engineering at South Nation Conservation Authority, Canada and Former General Director of the Kabul River Basin, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority, Afghanistan
- **Gulzhan Makhmudova**, Member of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network for Central Asia and Afghanistan, Expert on Environment and Climate Change Security
- **Dr. Maria A. Gwynn**, Former Governing Council Member of the Binational Entity ITAIPU (2019-2023), Paraguay

**Coffee Break!**

**Reconvene at 11:50!**



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# The International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River



**Helene Masliah Gilkarov**, Technical Expert, Public Participation & Communication,  
International Commission for the Projection of the Danube River (ICPDR)



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**Lunch Break!**  
*Optional Regional/Basin Tables*



**Reconvene at 14:00!**



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# Co-creation of proposed 2024 Oregon State University & IHE Delft e-course for Women in Water Diplomacy Network members



**Dr. Aaron Wolf and Zoe Rosenblum, Oregon State University**



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University**



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***‘Advancing our  
commitment to the UN  
Water Action Decade &  
preparing for the 2026  
UN Water Conference’***

**Facilitated by:  
Kerry Schneider, SIWI**

## **Expert Panelists:**

- **Ambassador Tanja Miskova**, Ambassador-at-Large for Water Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia and Sava Basin Deputy Commissioner
- **Commissioner Maria Amakali**, Orange Senqu River Basin Commission
- **Nazokat Isaeva**, National Programme Consultant, Water Quality Monitoring Project, Tajikistan

# Women in Water Diplomacy Network After Action Report



The Water Diplomacy Symposium and Network Engagement in the UN 2023 Water Conference



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## A Rising Tide of support for women in water diplomacy

Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM), on behalf of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network and its partners. (Other relevant actor)  
[#SDGAction49727](#)

### CO-CONVENORS:



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### WWDN CO-CONVENING PARTNERS:



### WITH THE SUPPORT OF:



# Achieved Through Five Strategic Pillars:

## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN HIGH-LEVEL DECISION-MAKING IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS

### PILLAR 1



#### GENDER AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

In transboundary  
water decision making

### PILLAR 2



#### PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

Capacity development &  
experience exchange

### PILLAR 3



#### RESEARCH COOPERATION

Supporting network  
members & institutions

### PILLAR 4



#### LINKAGES TO BASIN

Regional and  
global processes


### PILLAR 5



#### PROCESS SUPPORT

Strategic analysis; Design, monitoring & evaluation; Communications; Partnership development





**PILLAR 4**  
**LINKAGES  
TO BASIN**

## LINKAGES TO BASIN

Regional and global processes



**Objective:** Contribute to elevating dialogue, knowledge, and experience around the intersecting themes of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network (i.e., women, water, peace and security) as part of basin wide, regional, and global dialogue processes.

**Activities:**

- Conduct knowledge exchange and visibility engagements at key global events such as:
  - UN Water Conference Dushanbe, Jun 2022
  - World Water Week Stockholm, Aug 2022 (Global Network Forum and strategy launch event)
  - COP27 Sharm al-Sheikh, Nov 2022
  - UN Water Conference New York, March 2023
  - Africa Water Week 2023.
- Contribute to relevant strategy and policy processes

**Coffee Break!**

**Reconvene at 16:45!**



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# Awarding of Certificates!



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# Guidance and preparation for tomorrow's Water Diplomacy Symposium for International Women's Day



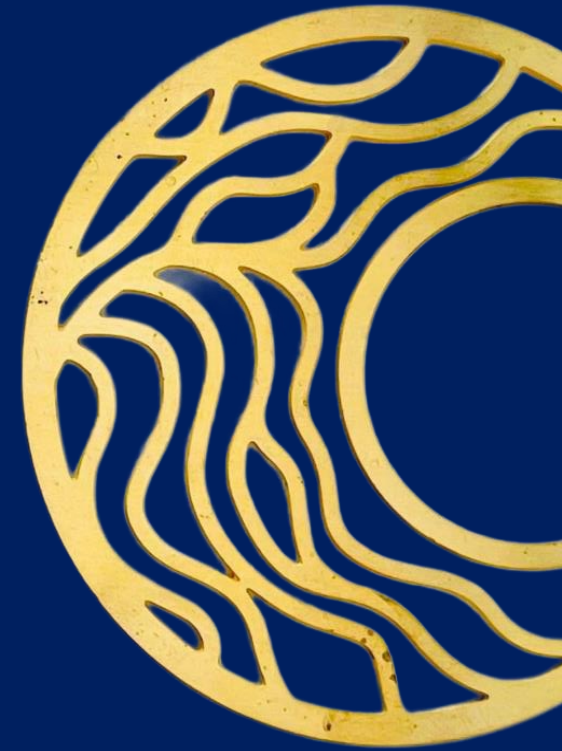
**Julienne Ndjiki,**  
Process Support Team, SIWI



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March 6, 2024 | Vienna, Austria



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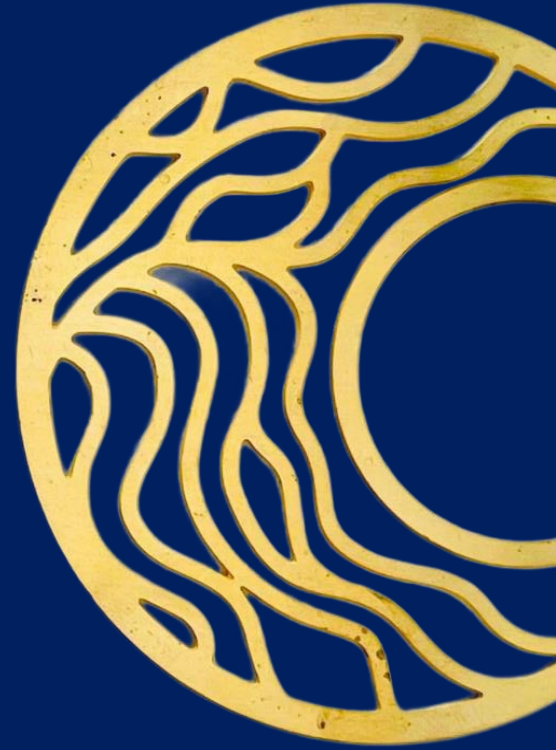


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# Welcome and Introduction



**Elizabeth A. Koch,**  
Senior Manager, Environmental Law Institute;  
Process Support Lead for the Women in Water Diplomacy Network



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# Welcome to Day 3!

- Today's program is designed to leverage and elevate the rich knowledge and experience of Network members and champions around key themes of water diplomacy with linkages to International Women's Day.
- Special welcome to those joining for the first time today and those joining online!



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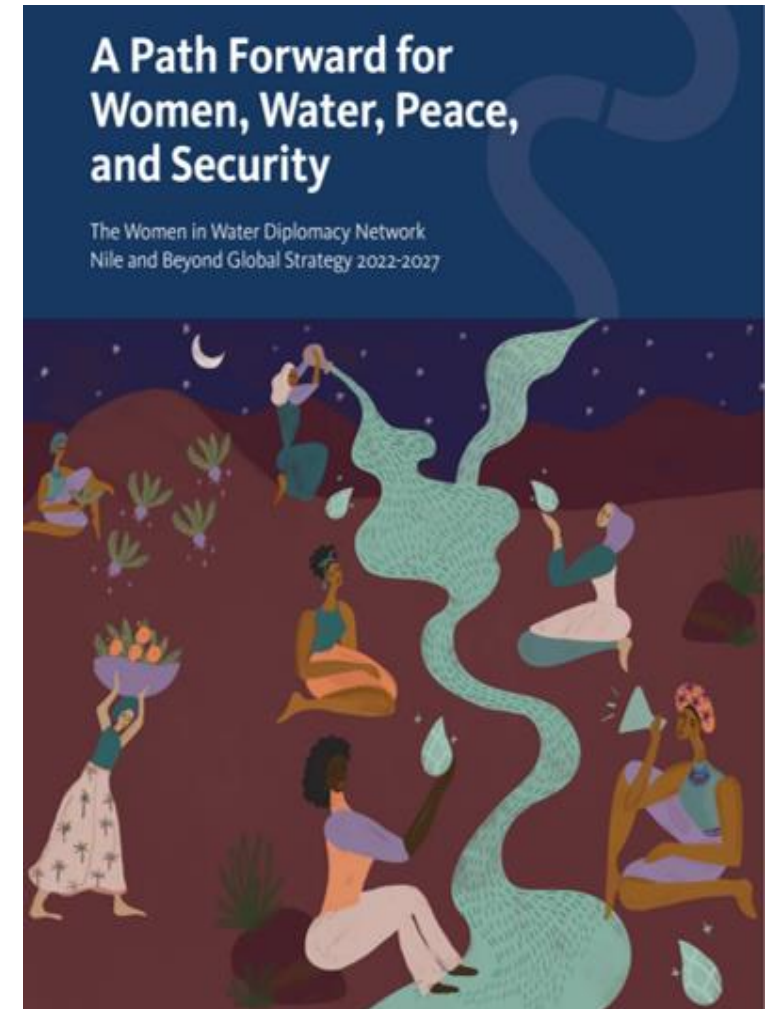
# Global Network Forum 2024 Snapshots





# What does it mean to ‘Invest in Women’?

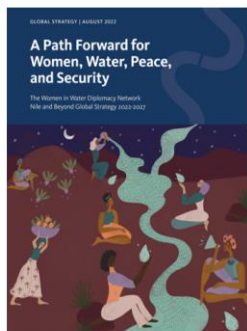
- Changing the status quo requires **ACTIVE** efforts to both remove barriers and create opportunities.
- Both mainstreaming and targeted approaches.
- Within each of our organizations we must make visible the gender pay gap and take efforts to address.
- Within our programs we must examine how resources are allocated using the tools of gender analysis, including collection of sex-disaggregated data, and gendered budgeting and financing.
- Ask women!
- These efforts are not luxuries but fundamental.



# What does it mean to ‘Invest in Women’?

- The Women in Water Diplomacy Network’s Global Strategy was developed over nine months of consultations.
- Includes 13 prioritized engagement areas across 4 thematic pillars guided by core values and principles.
- The financing proposal was released alongside the strategy and includes a range of investment opportunities.
- Our activities are in serious danger of coming to an end without renewed investment from development partners. We need your help.

From Strategy to Delivery ....



## Core Values and Guiding Principles



DO NO HARM



SHARE SCARCE  
RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY,  
EFFECTIVELY & EQUITABLY



CO-CREATION



SYSTEMS THINKING



URGENCY OF  
ACTION

# Keynote Address:

## *'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'*



**Katja Ahlfors,**  
Director, Centre for Peace Mediation,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland



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## **Session 1:**

# **Tools at the intersection of women, water, peace, and security**

### **Facilitated by:**

**Jessica Troell,**

Director, International  
Waters, Environmental Law  
Institute

## **Expert Panelists:**

- **Dr. Erika Weinthal**, Professor of Environmental Policy and Public Policy at Duke University
- **Dr. Marisa O. Ensor**, WPS Index from the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
- **Lena Salame**, Lawyer, Senior Lecturer on Water Conflict and Cooperation, OSCE expert (online)
- **Dr. Nehal Adel**, Head of Central Department for External Cooperation, Nile Water Sector, Ministry of Water, Egypt
- **Sogol Jafar Zadeh**, UNU-INWEH's Governance and Gender Coordinator for East and Southern Africa

**Coffee Break!**

**Reconvene at 11:30!**



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## **Session 2: Anticipating future water scenarios: planning for uncertainty**

**Facilitated by:  
Natasha Carmi,  
Geneva Water Hub**

### **Expert Panelists:**

- **Dr. Muna Musnad**, Water Resources Modeler, Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office of the Nile Basin Initiative, Sudan
- **Foman Forough**, Water Resource Specialist, Engineering at South Nation Conservation Authority, Canada and Former General Director of the Kabul River Basin, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority, Afghanistan
- **Tanja Miškova**, Ambassador-at-Large for Water Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Sava Basin Deputy Commissioner, Slovenia
- **Margaret Irungu**, Deputy Director, Transboundary Water Policy Division, Nile Basin Desk Officer, Ministry of Water, Kenya
- **Mwasiti Ally Rashid**, Programme Manager for Strategic Planning, Zambezi Watercourse Commission

**Lunch Break!**

**Reconvene at 14:00!**



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## **Session 3: Investing in Women Water Diplomats**

**Facilitated by:**  
**Kerry Schneider,**  
Senior Manager, SIWI

### **Expert Panelists:**

- **Dr. Florence Grace Adongo**, Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) Secretariate
- **Birgit Vogel**, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- **Oygul Usmanova**, Head of International Co-operation, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia
- **Dimka Stantchev**, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation



**Coffee Break!**

**Reconvene at 15:45!**



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## **Session 4:**

# **Leading Collectively across Generations for Inclusive Water Diplomacy: *Inspiring Stories of Women from around the World***

### **Facilitated by:**

**Cholpon Aitakhunova,**  
Project Manager, Collective  
Leadership Institute

## **Expert Panelists:**

- **Gwendena Lee-Gatewood**, Co-Chair, Indigenous Women's Leadership Network
- **Zoe Rosenblum**, PhD student, Water Conflict Management and Transformation, Oregon State University
- **Commissioner Bogadi T. Mathangwane**, Orange-Senqu River Commission
- **Tais Reznikova**, Water Initiatives Support Program Manager, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre

# Closing Reflection *on behalf of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Leadership Council*



**Dr. Zodwa Dlamini,**

Former Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission, South Africa and Women in Water Diplomacy Network Leadership Council Member



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# Guidance and preparation for tomorrow's OSCE focused day



**Letizia Zuliani & Tim Kränzlein,**  
Process Support Team, OSCE



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