



26 August-31 August 2018 | Water, ecosystems and human development

EVENTS CO-ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH
WATER PARTNERSHIP | **World Water Week**
PREPARED BY THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP

SIWI WORLD WATER WEEK

World Water Day 2018 was celebrated at the World Water Forum in Brasilia on March 22nd. Its theme was « Nature for Water » / « The answer is in nature ». In the same vein, this year's World Water Week in Stockholm is focusing on Water, ecosystems and human development.

This document is the full program of events co-organized in Stockholm by members of the French Water Partnership.

Are also indicated the three main themes which structure the work and activities of the French Water Partnership: Water in the Sustainable Development Goals, Biodiversity and Global & climate change.

The full schedule for all events organized at World Water Week can be found at:

<https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/Schedule>

World Water Week is organized every year by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). Since 1991, it has been the annual focal point for the globe's water issues.

Every year, over 200 organizations hold events and meetings during the week. Water stakeholders from Anglophone countries are particularly present at World Water Week to exchange ideas and build projects on technical, political and scientific issues linked to water resource management.

Ecosystems in an urbanising world: challenges and opportunities for symbiosis – SESSION 1 & 2

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: In 2014, 54% of the world's population lived in cities – a proportion that is expected to rise to 70% by 2050. Urbanization poses serious challenges to ecosystem health and human well-being. Traditional approaches have proven insufficient in response to these major demographic trends. In times of uncertainty and increasing vulnerability, the development of an urban ecosystem approach is crucial. Beyond Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM), another way to achieve sustainable urban development can be working with nature to comprehensively reshape and retrofit urban areas. Reframing urban design and governance as part of an urban ecosystem has the potential to fully harness cities' vital contribution to sustainable development, human well-being, and resilience.

Session 1 will highlight case studies and best practices on the implementation of nature-based solutions that are key to building resilient cities.

In the second session, we will reflect on the paradigm change in governance and urban planning needed to go to scale.

In the third session, a panel of experts will explore the political boundary conditions to reconciling urban development and ecosystems

Organizers: Stockholm International Water Institute / CAF - Development Bank of Latin America / SIAAP / Urban Waters Hub (GWP/HABITAT)
Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/8094-ecosystems-in-an-urbanising-world-challenges-and-opportunities-for-symbiosis>



Date: 26.08.18
ALL DAY

11h-12h30
Place: NL Pillar Hall

14h-15h30
Place: NL Pillar Hall

16h-17h30
Place: FH 307

26.08.18

From sector coordination to effective national accountability for SDG6 – SOFA EVENT

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: This session will showcase our ground-breaking global research on national accountability mechanism on SDG 6.



Date: 27.08.18; 10h-10h30

Organizers: Stockholm International Water Institute / CAF - Development Bank of Latin America / SIAAP / Urban Waters Hub (GWP/HABITAT)
Informations & programme : <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/8094-ecosystems-in-an-urbanising-world-challenges-and-opportunities-for-symbiosis>

27.08.18

Water, biodiversity and development: a magic formula for the SDGs

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: Success for freshwater biodiversity conservation at the speed and scale needed will have to emerge from and with development solutions. This needs to take place in a period of unprecedented freshwater species extinction, increasing competition for water, little appetite to re-visit water pricing, and repeated calls to improve governance. This event will challenge both the development and conservation communities to re-think their strategies, and the opportunities they gain from each other.



Date: 27.08.18; 14h-15h30

Place: NL 357

Organizers: International Union for Conservation of Nature / Global Environment Facility / Global Resilience Partnership / Asian Development Bank / UN Environment / Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency / KfW Development Bank / Department of International Development UK / Agence Française de Développement / Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7876-water-biodiversity-development-a-magic-formula-for-the-sdgs>

Sanitation in small towns: challenges for the environment and development

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: In 2017, two complementary World Water Week sessions brought the topic of sanitation in small towns on the agenda, presenting different case studies and facilitating debates on the specific challenges of developing sanitation in small towns, such as the financial viability, incentives for small towns and lack of capacity. This session will present the findings of academic and field studies carried out during the last year. It will give insights on key questions such as appropriate sanitation and hygiene planning at town level, wastewater treatment and reuse, greywater management, and data collection in small town settings. Participants will discuss these issues drawing from experiences from different contexts such as Bolivia, Malawi, Nepal, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda.



Date: 28.08.18;
11h-12h30

Place: FH
Little Theatre

Organizers: Programme Solidarité Eau / Sandec at Eawag / Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit / GRET / WaterAid / The World Bank Group / Sustainable Sanitation Alliance / i-San Associates
Informations & programme : <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7812-sanitation-in-small-towns-challenges-for-the-environment-and-development>

Utility business cases for investing in watersheds

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: This showcase will highlight the experience and perspectives of utility leaders who succeeded in evaluating and incorporating watershed conservation into their investment portfolio. It will include presentations from utilities, operators and regulators, and a panel discussion.

Questions to be debated:

1. What are the challenges to developing ROI or business case studies for watershed conservation?
2. What factors other than a business case unlock investment?
3. Can nature based solutions attract new sources of capital?
4. How to recognize land as an asset class in water utility budgeting?

Organizers: Veolia / The Nature Conservancy
Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7933-utility-business-cases-for-investing-in-watersheds>



Date: 28.08.18;
14h-15h30

Place: NL 253

28.08.18

A 'new grid' approach to Sanitation & SDG 6.2 – SOFA EVENT

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Description: The Sanitation Economy not only provides sanitation, enables education, and facilitates better workplaces for women, but it creates a biological resource system and a new source of information about human health and behaviour. The Toilet Board Coalition (TBC) launched the Toilet Accelerator in 2016, dedicated to supporting sanitation entrepreneurs in low-income markets to help catalyse new business solutions and innovations. In 2017, the TBC introduced the opportunity of the Sanitation Economy, a future marketplace of untapped business potential, based on growing evidence of significant new benefits for business and society across sectors - an estimated \$62 billion opportunity by 2021 in India alone. Veolia, a leading member of the TBC and the global leader in optimized resource management, is committed to the deployment of the



Water in Sustainable
Development Goals (ODDs)
L'eau dans les Objectifs
du Développement Durable (ODDs)

Date: 29.08.18;
12h-12h30

Organizers: Veolia / Toilet Board Coalition

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/8214-a-new-grid-approach-to-sanitation-sdg62>

Combining NUTRITION with WASH solutions – wine & cheese party

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 



Aquatabs and Nutriset have the pleasure to invite you to a Wine and Cheese party to celebrate their partnership.

Date: 29.08.18; 19h45

Place: Duvel Café & Pressklubben

Informations : <http://www.duvelcafe.com/>

29.08.18

Social acceptance: a turning point for Nature-based Solutions projects?

AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are cross-sectoral projects which, according to the IUCN, are implemented at a landscape scale, “maintain cultural diversity” and are “determined by site-specific natural and cultural contexts that include traditional, local and scientific knowledge”. Yet one of the biggest obstacles facing the implementation of NBS projects is the social acceptance of these projects. This obstacle is also one that is typically unaddressed in discussions and policy design on the topic of NBS. This event will highlight bright spots in the adoption and social acceptance of NBS projects and consider a theoretical framework to show that grey and green solutions are complementary when NBS are socially accepted and normalized. Relying on case studies and bright spots from Brazil, Colombia, and sub-Saharan Africa, this event aims to develop a strategy to better take into account local stakeholders both in conceptualizing and implementing Nature-based Solutions projects, including how to shift local stakeholders’ (donors, government authorities, local populations...) attitudes and behaviors associated with NBS towards acceptance.



Date: 30.08.18; 9h-10h30

Place: NL Music Hall

Organizers: Rare / French Water Partnership / International Union for Conservation of Nature

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7884-social-acceptance-a-turning-point-for-nature-based-solutions-projects>

The global Water Convention : an opportunity for transboundary water cooperation

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: Transboundary waters support the income and livelihood of billions of people, and are crucial for ecosystems. Cooperation on these shared water resources is imperative for development and environmental protection. The Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) aims to ensure the sustainable use of transboundary water resources by facilitating and promoting cooperation. It provides a unique legal and intergovernmental platform for fostering sustainable development, peace and stability. The event will discuss opportunities linked to the globalization of the Convention, especially the benefits for countries and partners promoting transboundary cooperation. It will also present experiences of countries acceding to the Convention.



Date: 30.08.18; 11h-12h30

Place: NL Pillar Hall

Organizers: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe / International Union for Conservation of Nature / World Wide Fund for Nature / Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean / Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland / Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, France / Swiss Federal Office for the Environment / Government of the Netherlands / Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany / Ministry of Interior, Hungary / Government of Chad / Government of Senegal

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7874-the-global-water-convention-an-opportunity-for-transboundary-water-cooperation>

30.08.18

Water Stewardship Benefit Accounting: New Approaches and Lessons

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 

Description: Given the shared nature of water challenges, the private sector is increasingly recognizing that to reduce water challenges and achieve water security, investments need to address internal company actions as well as external catchment-wide conditions. This event will showcase a new robust, yet comprehensive and comparable way to measure and quantify the benefits of investments in water stewardship. Furthermore, panelists will showcase, through case study examples, how the proposed methodology can complement standards, such as the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) standard, help contribute to meeting targets under SDG6, and reinforce the global benchmark for responsible water management.



Date: 30.08.18; 14h-15h30

Place: NL 353

Organizers: World Resources Institute / Alliance for Water Stewardship / Quantis / Veolia / Nestlé / Danone / Valuing Nature / Procter & Gamble Company / Ecolab / L'Oréal / Mars Inc. / Intel Corporation / Spadel / Novartis International A.G.

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7936-water-stewardship-benefit-accounting-new-approaches-and-lessons-learned>

Rethinking sewers

WITH A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WATER PARTNERSHIP 



Date: 30.08.18;
16h-17h30

Place: NL Pillar Hall

Description: Sewer networks are often built with little upfront consideration of how and when households will connect or whether poor areas will be covered. Too often engineers use standard design principles to build large, centralized networks for the formal city. Consequently, there are countless examples of sewer networks connected to treatment plants that are vastly oversized for the number of functional connections and that fail to serve the poor. This session will explore the issues of optimal sewer design and under-connection and will highlight good practices in getting effective services to all, including in unplanned areas of cities. Participants will also delve into a real-world case study during small group

Organizers: The World Bank Group / Programme Solidarité Eau / University of Leeds / University College London

Informations & programme: <https://programme.worldwaterweek.org/event/7906-rethinking-sewers>