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### **BREAKING NEWS**

#### **Join the Thematic Consultation on Water with regard to the post-2015 Agenda**

The thematic consultation on water is currently underway in form of an intensive, five-weeks in-depth online consultation in the three pre-defined sub-streams 1) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene 2) Water Resources Management and 3) Wastewater Management and Water Quality. This is your opportunity to participate in the shaping of the future we want. Please engage in the discussions until February 17th by visiting [www.worldwewant2015.org/water](http://www.worldwewant2015.org/water). The consultation is facilitated by UN-Water and co-led by UNDESA and UNICEF. Switzerland, the Netherlands and Jordan are co-hosting countries of the water consultation and additional co-host countries from the South are being mobilized. This consultation is part of the UN-system led global dialogue on the post-2015 development agenda comprising up to a 100 Country Consultations and 11 Global Thematic Consultations. In addition, the water sector holds specific national water consultations in about 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East between February and April 2013. They focus on mobilizing the national perspective on water challenges and priorities, stimulate a cross sector dialogue and motivate the water stakeholder's presence in the broader country consultations.

Another key moment of the thematic consultation on water with important sector discussions and international outreach is the high level conference on water resources management and waste water management/water quality, being organized in Geneva on the 27-28 February 2013 by UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) and hosted by Switzerland. Representatives of governments, international organizations, civil society and business will review the outcome of the web based exchanges and debate the main issues related to the conference topics with regard to the post-2015 development agenda.

The Thematic Consultation on Water will culminate in a High-Level Meeting to round up discussions and sharpen key messages, both technically sound and politically strong, to be taken forward into the emerging dialogue on the future development framework. The meeting will take place in The Hague on 21-22 March 2013 on the occasion of the World Water Day celebrations.

- For more information, please contact [Manuel Thurnhofer](#) at SDC Global Programme Water Initiatives
- Download information note Post-2015

#### **SWA plans and highlights for 2013 and encouragement to all of you to get involved**

In 2013, the Sanitation and Water for All (SWA) Partnership will focus on:

- Achieving a higher profile for WASH in the global political dialogue (strong focus on preparing for a 2014 SWA High Level Meeting (HLM) and putting WASH high on the post-2015 agenda)
- Strengthening mutual accountability in the WASH sector (monitor and report on the specific 2010 and 2012 HLM country and donor commitments and link this to the preparations for the 2014 HLM)
- Aligning monitoring initiatives at the global level and across global, regional and national levels (develop shared, voluntary monitoring norms and standards in order to improve comparability of information at both national and global levels, and increase dialogue between agencies undertaking global monitoring);

- Realizing results on the ground (Implement the National Planning for Results Initiative (NPRI) in at least five countries to strengthen planning and monitoring);
- Strengthening sector advocacy (Develop a consistent, clear and positive set of messages for SWA and share them through a series of timely and well-coordinated activities.
- [SWA website](#)
- For more information, please contact [Johan Gély](#) at SDC Global Programme Water Initiatives

### **Apply for the IWA Project Innovation Awards - Development**

Following reflection on the geographical scope of the original PIA Awards, IWA has launched the PIA-D programme, in 2011, specific to low and middle income countries. The Project Innovation Awards — Development aims to "recognize and celebrate excellence and innovation in water and sanitation projects in developing countries" and will be presented biennially. Entries may be submitted under one of two primary categories: "Drinking Water Supply" and "Sanitation and Wastewater". Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2013.

- [More information](#)

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## **CURRENT TOPICS**

### **Summary of RWSN Water Point Mapping Group's e-discussion and announcement of follow-up discussion "From Data to Decision Making"**

Since its launch in August 2012 the Water Point Mapping group has debated in over 30 discussion threads, with topics discussed including indicators, costs, technologies and applications and the unique identification of water sources. The discussion has been driven by the members of the group themselves. Individuals have relayed their experiences in emails and reports. Water point datasets have been shared and we've even had district government staff calling international NGOs to account! RWSN will host a three-week e-discussion on the turning data into decisions from the 21st January to 8th February 2013. It will cover the entire scope of topics, including technical, legal, institutional and financial aspects.

- [Summary of the discussion 2012](#)
- [Join discussion "From Data to Decision Making"](#)
- Contact: [Sean Furey](#)

### **Summary of e-discussion on WASH in Health Facilities**

A RésEAU e-discussion jointly held with SDC's Health Network took place from November 21 to December 14 2012. The topic triggered a total of 48 inputs from SDC staff, NGOs, research institutions and other experts. In general, the community agreed that health facilities do have very specific WASH needs, because they are highly frequented by people that are potentially exposed to the particular infective wastes produced in health facilities. Many patients have disabilities or are limited in their mobility and need WASH facilities that are easy to access. On the other hand, health facilities have also the potential to play an important role in improving WASH in the entire community, e.g. by contributing to the promotion of hygiene behaviour change. Tools for the assessment of the current WASH situation exist and adequate technologies have been introduced in health centers before. There is, however, a great potential for the exchange of information within and between the different sections and institutions of the RésEAU and the Health Network.

- Download Summary of the discussion
- The whole discussion and the summaries can be found on the [Dgroup platform](#)
- Contact: [Manuel Thurnhofer](#)

### **Local production of chlorine to improve self-reliance in health facilities – “100 Hospitals programme”**

In 2013, Antenna Technologies plans to consolidate its programmes in Health Structures: "Use of the WATA device in Health Structures to produce sodium hypochlorite for disinfecting purposes".

A document will be prepared highlighting lessons learned on this particular application of the WATA devices, from projects with our partners such as Intermon OXFAM in Mozambique and Terre des Hommes and the Sanitary districts of Burkina Faso. Additional proposals of collaboration for testing the suitability of the WATA device to produce sodium hypochlorite for disinfection in Health Structures are welcome.

- [Antenna website](#)
- Contact: [Carole de Bazignan](#)

### **Newsletter on joint activities of WIN and Helvetas SI in the Local Water Integrity Programme**

A news brief summarises the activities and progress of the first months of cooperation between the Water Integrity Network and HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in implementing the Local Water Integrity Programme. The two institutions have joined hands by starting a programme which will directly promote integrity in local water supply, sanitation and water resources management. The programme will take place in Guatemala, Mozambique and Nepal where activities will be implemented with partners in key processes that govern the water sector, including budget allocation and management, procurement, (municipal) regulation, monitoring and integrity benchmarking. SDC Water Initiatives supports the Water Integrity Network and this joint programme implemented in countries by Helvetas SI and WIN, in order to gather concrete experiences and encourage other countries and partners to engage on this crucial topic.

- Download newsletter
- [Water Integrity Network](#)
- [HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation](#)

### **Decentralised Wastewater Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

SDC and the Government of Republic of Slovenia, through the local consulting company “Una Consulting” LLC from Bihac, have introduced for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina decentralized wastewater management. They support the pilot project "DECENTralized wastewater management in Una-Sana Canton – DECENT" that is implemented in partnership with three municipalities of the north-western part of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Bihac, Cazin, Buzim and with Una- Sana Canton in the period from 2012 to the end of 2013.

Good practices and experiences of Switzerland and Slovenia are shared with the partners from municipalities, who besides co-financing the project, apply principles of good governance in the provision of quality services within the wastewater management sector. 150 to 400 population equivalents in each project municipality will directly benefit of this innovative project. The Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of Una-Sana Canton provides significant support to the implementation of DECENT Project through improvement of legislation in the sector of water and environment.

- [Una Consulting News](#)
- [Information on GOV-WADE project](#)
- Contact: [Sanela Arnautović](#)

### **WASH Competence Centre at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)**

The Centre has been founded on 22. March 2012, world water day 2012, and is active in development and cooperation issues related to water, sanitation and hygiene. The selection of the 11 staff members encompasses professionals from different scientific disciplines: hydrogeology, microbiology, engineering, social sciences and health sciences. They operate in different departments of the school: Environment

Constructions and Design, Innovative Technologies, Health Sciences and Business and Social Sciences, and shape a network of scientists involved in teaching, applied research and consultancies in the domain of water resources. For more information visit the internet.

- [Homepage WASH at SUPSI](#)
- Contact: [wash@supsi.ch](mailto:wash@supsi.ch)

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## INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

### **Two Junior Water Specialists starting their water career**

The Global Programme Water Initiatives is happy and proud to announce the engagement of Hanna Capeder as Junior Water Specialist. Hanna holds an MA in Development (The Hague and Dublin Universities) and a CAS in management of development projects in Switzerland (EPFL). Between 2010 and 2012, Hanna worked with NGOs on various projects in Benin, Costa Rica and Mozambique, especially in the rural water sector. This engagement fulfills a first and important step in the implementation of the "Blue Career", the water thematic career within SDC.

Also from 2013 onwards, another new colleague, Daya Moser, will enter the new SDC career within the Theme Water ("Blue Thematic Career"). Daya will take over from Thomas Walder, who did a great job in acting as SDC secondee at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Between February and May, she will be introduced to the activities of the Division Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) at SDC headquarters as well as in our LAC priority countries with a focus on the projects run by the Global Programme Water Initiatives. Then, starting in May, she will take up her work at the IDB, based in Washington DC.

### **Presentation of the Annual Programme 2013 for SDC Corporate Domain Global Cooperation**

On January 17, the Directorate Global Cooperation and the heads of the organizational units presented their strategy for 2013 at SDC Headquarter. The global priorities are as follows:

- Continued attention on adequate reporting and communication on policy influencing, outcomes and development results.
- Enhanced synergies within the Domain and with other Domains of SDC.
- Strengthened and focused cooperation with external partners.
- Working towards further sharpening the profile of the Global Programmes.
- Sustained high quality of the still increasing project portfolio.
- Strengthened thematic competences in prioritized global areas.
- Effective gender perspective across all activities, operations and policies of the Domain.
- Consolidating the Analysis & Policy Section as a center of excellence and the Global Institutions Division as a resource center.

- [Homepage Global Cooperation](#)
- Download Annual Programme 2013

### **First Issue of the Global Brief, October 2012: The Water footprint in the spotlight**

How are SDC's global programs put into practice? With what results and added-value? The first issue of the Global Brief answers these questions, based on concrete experiences from the global program Water.

- [Pdf English](#)
- [Pdf French](#)
- [Global Brief website](#)

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## HEADQUARTER FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

### **Eawag develops sanitation business model for the “diversion toilet” with SDC funding**

The “diversion toilet”, developed by Eawag and EOOS as part of the Gates Foundation’s “Reinvent the Toilet Challenge”, is a dry urine-diverting toilet with the additional feature of an integrated water recovery that allows for the comfort of hand washing and toilet cleaning. The used water is treated on-site and recycled. Separated urine and feces are recovered in a decentralized recovery plant. Such technology innovations also require business model innovations facilitating the usage, affordability and the access to new technologies. SDC will fund the business model development for the “diversion toilet”, which is ready for field testing in Uganda by mid-2013.

- [Project website](#)
- [Video description of the project](#)
- [Highlights of the “Reinvent the Toilet Fair”](#)
- Contact: [Heiko Gebauer, Eawag](#)

### **WaterLex is developing a Toolkit for Development Practitioners to support the Realisation of the Human Right to Water and Sanitation in practice**

The Toolkit is a practical on-line guide for the Realization of the Human Right to Water and Sanitation through development practice. It provides a methodology, tools and good practices to assist bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies and NGOs in the development of projects integrating human rights and positively impacting the realization of the human right to water and sanitation in a given country. It provides specific guidance for each step of the Project Cycle Management. In 2013, WaterLex will provide field trainings and testing workshops to complete the Toolkit and make it more relevant and user friendly for field practitioners.

- [Toolkit for the Realization of the Human Right to Water and Sanitation](#) (accessible registering for free through the WaterLex On-Line Campus).
- [WaterLex homepage](#)
- Contact: [Natalia Uribe, Training Coordinator](#)

### **Concept of AGUASAN CoP spreads to Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Experts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H) in water and sanitation sector have been gathering in an informal group, Aquasan Network B&H, since 2010. The idea for creation of the Network arose from Governance Project in Municipal Water and Environmental Development „GOV-WADE“ supported by SDC and implemented in northwest part of Bosnia and Herzegovina by local consulting company Resource Centre and Consultancies for Water and Environment “Una Consulting” from Bihac. Based on the positive experience from Switzerland, key sector experts and representatives of relevant sector institutions in B&H use Aquasan Network as an instrument and a mechanism for the exchange of information, knowledge and best practices achieved in the water and sanitation sector, but also as a platform for improvement and harmonisation of legislation and collection of innovative ideas from foreign experts. Aquasan Network B&H members organize and conduct three meetings per year and one annual workshop, analyzing and discussing burning issues. Moreover, they identify main challenges and take steps in finding potential solutions. The crucial challenge ahead of the Aquasan Network is to be recognized by the official authorities that will enable its sustainability and further development of the sector in B&H.

- [Una Consulting News](#)
- Contact: [Sanela Arnautović](#)

## **Forest Trends publishes new Report on “Charting New Waters: State of Watershed Payments 2012”**

The number of initiatives that protect and restore forests, wetlands, and other water-rich ecosystems has nearly doubled in just four years as governments urgently seek sustainable alternatives to costly industrial infrastructure, according to a new report from Forest Trends’ Ecosystem Marketplace. The report, *Charting New Waters: State of Watershed Payments 2012*, is the second instalment of the most comprehensive inventory to date of initiatives around the world that are paying individuals and communities to revive or preserve water-friendly features of the landscape. Such features include wetlands, streams, and forests that can capture, filter, and store freshwater. Forest Trends is the Implementing Agency of the SDC WIs project “Scaling up Investments in Watershed Services”.

- [Press release](#)
- [Download Report](#)
- [Forest Trends homepage](#)

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## **IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES**

### **Developing target indicators for drinking water quality in Tajikistan**

Under the TajWSS national Network of stakeholders on sustainable water supply and sanitation, 13 task working groups have been established, to work research and develop innovative solutions to the many challenges facing the drinking water and sanitation sector of Tajikistan. Beginning in early 2013, upon request of the Ministry of Health and University of Oslo a working group was established with the goal of developing target indicators for drinking water quality within the framework of the Water and Health Problems Protocol. The Group is chaired by Ministry of Health which has a mandate to adopt and monitor water quality standards across Tajikistan, with financial support being provided by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- [Find the latest TajWSS News here](#)
- [TajWSS homepage](#)
- Contact: [Ruslan Sadykov](#)

### **Policy dialogue of the SDC’s Tajikistan Water Supply and Sanitation Project (TajWSS)**

The TajWSS project is working on influencing policy development at the National Level, through the Inter Ministerial Coordination Council (IMCC). The IMCC is Ministerial coordination mechanism which works to streamline sector policy reform. One of the important current issues on the IMCC’s agenda is economic policy reform, which includes both reform of the taxation system in favor of representative community based service providers and the development of a transparent and accountable tariff calculation and implementation methodology. A number of research and policy development projects are currently underway with the involvement of both national and international experts with support being provided by the TajWSS project and its partners.

- [TajWSS Policy Dialogue](#)
- Contact: [Ruslan Sadykov](#)

### **Water Management Skills Development Project in Uzbekistan (WMSDP)**

WMSDP has been implemented in order to improve the practical knowledge of college students interested in water management in Uzbekistan. With this Swiss support, reforms in Secondary Education will be supported and new models of cooperation between vocational colleges and water management enterprises will be launched. The goal is to ensure that vocational education in the water management

sector is not only of excellent quality, but also fully adapted to the demands on the labour market. The project also is going to create complementarities and synergies with the ongoing Swiss water program.

- [Project website](#)
- [SDC activities in Uzbekistan](#)
- Contact: [Hans-Dieter Hoepfner](#)

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## KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

### Video on faecal sludge management in Sub-Saharan Africa

Eawag/Sandec produced a 10-minute video on faecal sludge management with a special focus on products deriving from the treatment of faecal sludge and the potential to enhance the value chain. A shorter version (3-minutes) will follow in spring.

- [Faecal Sludge Video](#)
- Contact: [Linda Strande](#)

### Sustainable Sanitation and Water Management (SSWM) Toolbox – specific topic pages

The SSWM Toolbox is an open-source capacity development tool for the local level, linking water management, sanitation and agriculture. The SSWM Toolbox was developed with the financial support of SDC and the contribution of many content and dissemination partner from the water and sanitation sector worldwide. It combines process and planning tools, softwares (behavioral change approaches) and hardwares (technological approaches) and links them with publications, articles, case studies, weblinks, and ready-made presentations.

Recently, several new chapters were added, providing an entry point and tailored information on a particular topic for a specific group of users.

- [SSWM Toolbox](#)
- [SSWM Partners](#)
- [Specific Topic Entry Pages \(STEPS\)](#)
- Contact: [Dorothee Spuhler](#)

### Code de bonnes pratiques pour la réalisation de forages: Code of Practice for Cost Effective Boreholes available now in French:

Ce document présente un cadre pour l'accès à l'eau sur la base de critères économiques et de santé publique.

- [Version française](#)
- [English version](#)

### RWSN/IFAD Series on Rural Water Supply

The Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) have, with support from SDC, prepared a series of five publications which bring together the key aspects of rural water supply programming. Each volume is a stand-alone document, but as a set, they cover the programme cycle from understanding the issues right through to implementation and reporting.

- *Volume 1: [People, Politics, the Environment and Rural Water Supplies](#)* reflects on rural development, politics, environmental sustainability and how these relate to rural water supply services.



- *Volume 2: A Virtuous Cycle for Rural Water Supplies* presents a variety of support and implementation aspects, from sector coordination to mapping and more, that can contribute towards sustainable rural water service delivery (in press).
- *Volume 3: [Guidelines and Tools for Rural Water Supplies](#)* provides a structured annotated directory of over 40 useful guidelines and toolkits on rural water supplies.
- *Volume 4: [Finding Information on Rural Water Supplies](#)* is an overview of current information sources with respect to access to water supply sources, the national context, the natural environment and finance.
- *Volume 5: [National Monitoring of Rural Water Supplies](#)* documents experiences of national performance measurement for rural water supplies in Uganda and provides guidance for those interested in establishing such a process
- [Link to RWSN Resources](#)

### **New publication on sanitation and menstrual hygiene**

Kjellén, M., C. Pensulo, P. Nordqvist and M. Fogde, 2012, ***Global Review of Sanitation System Trends and Interactions with Menstrual Management Practices***, Stockholm Environment Institute.

This study by the Stockholm Environment Institute starts with a review of trends in the development of urban sanitation systems and then explores the interaction between menstrual management and sanitation systems, mainly relating to the issue of disposal of used menstrual blood absorption materials.

- [Download the Pdf](#)

## **CALENDAR**

### **The Second Arab Water Week - New prospects and challenges for the water sector in the Arab region - January 27-31, 2013, Amman, Jordan**

The Arab Water Week is a high-profile international and regional event promoted to attract decision makers and water management practitioners and professional organizations internationally and in the MENA region.

- [Arab Water Week website](#)

### **Post-2015 Development Agenda Consultation on Water: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management & Water Quality, February 27-28, 2013, Geneva, Switzerland**

The meeting will be attended by government-nominated delegates from over 60 countries as well as representatives from international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

- [More information](#)

### **Asia Water Week 2013, March 13-15, 2013, Manila, Philippines**

The Asia Water Week 2013 at ADB Headquarters in Manila is themed "Securing Water for All". It aims to deepen and expand analytical work in Asia's water sector to advance inclusive policy reforms and strengthen support to priority programs and projects. The analytical work will provide the basis for sustained public investment and increased mobilization of private sector investment and expertise.

- [Conference website](#)
- [Call for abstracts](#)



### **World Water Day, March 22, 2013**

- **Official World Water Day event in The Hague**, which will be dedicated to water cooperation, the theme of the International Year. The campaign's main UN event will be hosted by the Dutch and will be coordinated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).
- **High-level interactive dialogue** during the 67th session of the **UN General Assembly in New York** to mark the 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of World Water Day
- [World Water Day website](#)

### **IRC Symposium "Monitoring Sustainable WASH Service Delivery", April 9-11, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

A global symposium on monitoring sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) service delivery. The three-day symposium will consist of parallel sessions, with two plenary debates on the alignment between project monitoring and government led monitoring, as well as the alignment between global and national monitoring.

- [Second announcement](#)

### **India Water Week 2013, April 8 – 9, 2013, New Delhi, India, Theme: "Efficient Management of Water: Challenges and Opportunities"**

Management of water in an efficient manner affects not only the irrigation sector, which is presently the largest consumptive use of water resources, but also other major sectors like energy production - hydro as well as thermal, industrial production of key inputs like steel, cement etc., and urban and rural drinking water supply. Realizing that the water resources are a single entity, which are shared by all the above sectors out of a common pool of utilizable water, the event has adopted a three streams approach to develop a dialogue in the areas of:

- Agriculture and Irrigation Sector
- Energy generation (Hydro & Thermal), Industrial Production and Demand Management
- Urban and Rural Water Supply, quality, quantity and re-cycling/regeneration issues
- [India Water Week website](#)

### **Eawag's PEAK courses 2013 with relevance for RésEAU:**

- *Planning & Design of Sanitation Systems and Technologies, April 10-12, 2013*

This course gives an overview of the various sanitation technologies. Participants will be able to select and design appropriate technology configurations to improve sanitation in urban and peri-urban settlements in middle and low-income countries. (*Christoph Lüthi*)

- *Stoffflussanalyse und Modellierung, April 23, 2013*

Der Kurs gibt einen Einblick, wie man mit Softwareunterstützung Stoffflusssysteme systematisch modelliert. Das theoretische Konzept (Systemanalyse, Modellformulierung, Datenbeschaffung, Kalibrierung, Sensitivitäts- und Unsicherheitsanalyse sowie Szenariorechnung) wird an Beispielen aus der Praxis detailliert illustriert und mit den Teilnehmenden diskutiert. (*Hans-Peter Bader, Ruth Scheidegger*)

- *Drinking Water Quality in Developing Countries: Mitigating Geogenic Contamination, June 7, 2013*

Geogenic contaminants, particularly arsenic and fluoride, pose serious public health challenges, especially in less developed countries. Participants will learn about the occurrence and severity of such

problems, as well as management strategies including behaviour change and decentralized technologies for water quality improvement. (*Annette Johnson, Rick Johnston*)

- [Website PEAK courses](#)

### **The second Asia-Pacific Water Summit – Water Security, Leadership and Commitment – May 19-20, 2013, Chiang Mai, Thailand**

This summit event, held in cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and its partners, will bring together the leaders to explore new ways of working towards regional water security in Asia and the Pacific, as well as to provide a unique opportunity for policy makers, experts, and practitioners to consider emerging water-related issues such as water risks, disasters, and resilience.

- [More information](#)

### **High-level international conference on water cooperation, August 2013, Dushanbe, Tajikistan**

According to UN General Assembly Resolution 65/154, 2013 was announced as the International Year of Water Cooperation. To mark this year, The Government of Tajikistan will host an International Water Conference which will take place in Dushanbe, during August 2013.

- [International Year of Water Cooperation](#)

### **World Water Week – Water Cooperation, Building Partnership, September 1-6, 2013, Stockholm, Sweden**

The World Water Week provides a unique forum for the exchange of views, experiences and practices between the scientific, business, policy and civic communities. It focuses on new thinking and positive action toward water-related challenges and their impact on the world's environment, health, climate, economic and poverty reduction agendas.

- [Website World Water Week](#)
- [Information brochure](#)

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