



SIWI – A world leading water organization with over three decades experience on water governance

Why water governance?

Many of the world's greatest challenges are linked to water, its use and management. An increasing number of countries and communities are facing social, financial and environmental risks related to too little, too much, and too polluted waters. Improved water governance means that countries can unlock their development potentials and resilience to climate change impacts to achieve the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development.

Our approach

The scale and complexity of water challenges needs to be tackled with new and holistic governance approaches. SIWI assists water decision-makers and managers in governments, communities, and companies to understand risks and opportunities of shared waters and invest in solutions for a more water-wise world.

Our impact

SIWI has helped shape water governance outcomes at the basin, country, regional and local levels for over three decades. These outcomes include policy reform, development and implementation of water strategies, and strengthened institutions.

We work in partnerships with UN agencies and multi-lateral organizations such as UNDP, UNICEF and the Inter-American Development Bank and are supported by leading bilateral donors including Sida, GIZ, SDC, the U.S. State Department, the Government of the Netherlands and others.

How we work

SIWI supports decision-makers and water management practitioners by:

1. Providing platforms for discussion for knowledge exchange and co-creation of solutions.
2. Providing advisory services and support on policies, regulations and methods for improved governance of water resources and water services.
3. Providing knowledge and research, bridging the gap between science and policy.
4. Providing tailor-made capacity development on a broad range of water related topics.

By mainstreaming our cross-cutting issues – **gender equality**, a **human rights-based approach** and **youth empowerment** – into our work, we contribute to inclusive and equitable water governance.

Global support

The UNDP-SIWI Water Governance Facility strengthens UNDP's operations and delivery. It provides strategic policy support and advice, to build knowledge and capacities for improved water governance among key stakeholders including governments, water institutions and other UN agencies.

The Shared Waters Partnership, a global multi-donor programme, offers a dialogue platform, knowledge, and tools to strengthen transboundary water cooperation. The programme is active in regions where water can be a source of conflict – or where water can serve as a catalyst for peace and stability.

The Accountability for Sustainability Programme, a partnership with UNICEF, provides support to national and local governments to improve the enabling environment for appropriate delivery for water and sanitation services. It provides support to countries in Africa, Asia, MENA, and LAC.

The Source-to-Sea (S2S) programme works to improve coordinated management of land, water, coasts and the ocean and hosts the S2S Platform, which strengthens partnerships for improved governance from source to sea.

The International Policy programme helps governments and other key decision-makers, through international processes, understand the importance of water and its potential to unlock powerful solutions.

The International Centre for Water Cooperation in collaboration with UNESCO and the Swedish Government advances multidisciplinary knowledge on the role of water cooperation for peace and development. It assesses the global status and trends of water cooperation.

The GO-WATER programme offers capacity development on governance to water decision-makers and practitioners and aims to improve water security and resilience. It collaborates with responsible ministries and other water stakeholders in Uganda, Iraq, Sudan, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru.

Swedish Water House translates water-knowledge for impact across key sectors. The Responsible Antibiotics Manufacturing Platform (RAMP) seeks to address the role of antibiotics production for antimicrobial resistance; Sustainable Water Textile Initiative (STWI) ensures the health, safety, and rights of workers in the textile industry; Water for resilient landscapes works to restore landscapes for ecosystems and livelihoods.

Regional initiatives

IN AFRICA

The Ethiopia Water and Landscape Governance programme improves the capacity of government institutions mandated to manage water resources will, through multi-faceted capacity building interventions.

The Transforming Investments in African Rainfed Agriculture project aims at changing the patterns for water investments in Africa so that it better matches existing structures, making it possible to reap the benefits from better rainwater management.

The Women in Water Diplomacy Network, initiated in 2017 in the Nile Basin, promotes women's participation in high-level water diplomacy processes and has inspired new like Networks in other basins globally.

IN ASIA

Our WASH India governance hub provides technical support to the local governments in the country to improve the delivery of water and sanitation services in an effective, efficient and equitable manner.

The Women, Water Management and Conflict Prevention Programme promotes women water professionals participation in decision-making in the water sector in Central Asia & Afghanistan.

IN LATIN AMERICA

Through the integrity programme we support key actors in the development and implementation of tool, mechanism and practices leading to improvement of the integrity of the sector in Latin America.

The Sanitation in Public Spaces project assesses the access and service level of sanitation in public spaces in Latin America, with focus on a human rights-based approach.

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