



# International Water Resources Association



IWRA is a non-profit, non-governmental, international member-based Association established in 1971. We facilitate the sharing of water knowledge and expertise across borders and sectors, at the interface between science and policy. Our goal is to improve the sustainable use and management of the world's water resources.

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# WHAT WE DO



## MISSION

To be a cross-disciplinary, membership-focused, international association that uses events, projects, publications, and research to facilitate and inspire dialogue, knowledge sharing, and science-based solutions for the sustainable management of water resources across all sectors, scales, and communities at the interface between science and policy.

## VISION

To be the leading global platform and community of researchers, educators, policy-influencers, and managers addressing local to global water-related challenges, and improving water outcomes for all.

## VALUES

IWRA's culture is driven by respect, transparency, collaboration, and equal opportunity. We foster and value international cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary communication and working practices.

We are non-political and care most about the sustainable management of water resources to ensure that they are adequately available for present and future generations and for the environment.



IWRA organises and supports international water congresses and events related to advancing water resources knowledge, policy, and management around the world. Since 1973, IWRA has held a **World Water Congress** every three years in various locations around the world. The objective of the World Water Congress is to provide a meeting place to share experiences, promote discussion, and present new knowledge, research results, and new developments in the field of water sciences around the world.

Since 2020, our **Online Conferences** organised with the support of organisations such as UNESCO and FAO have become one of our major activities and a sign of our growth. Themes so far have been 'Addressing Groundwater Resilience under Climate Change' (2020) and 'Water, Food and Public Health in a Changing World' (2021). 'Water Quality and Contaminants of Emerging Concern' will be the theme for October's conference in 2022. Learn more about them at: [iwraonlineconference.org](http://iwraonlineconference.org)

## GEOGRAPHICAL CHAPTERS

IWRA actively promotes the exchange of knowledge on a global and regional scale. The importance of locally based knowledge and experience is emphasised in the exchange of this information at international networking events as well as through geographical chapters.

These chapters further implement the mission of IWRA on a smaller scale to focus its activities and allow for regional networking among IWRA members.

IWRA presently has Chapters in China, India, Japan, Mongolia and Oceania. Learn more and join them here: [www.iwra.org/geographic-chapters](http://www.iwra.org/geographic-chapters)

## PROJECTS & WORKING GROUPS

IWRA projects delivered in collaboration with key partner organisations help to address critical water policy challenges and priorities in both developing and developed countries. Current and recent projects include: Smart Water Cities, Water Security, Water Quality, and the Science & Policy Interface. These projects are guided by our global network of experts and IWRA Task Forces.

**TASK FORCES** are an excellent way for IWRA members to become engaged with the Association. At present, IWRA has seven Task Force Groups made up of over 80 members from academia and international organisations: Early Career and Young Professionals, Groundwater, Land 4 Flood, Smart Water Management, Water & Climate Change, Water Quality, and Water Security. Get to know our experts!

> If you are interested in collaborating with IWRA on a project, or you wish to be part of an [IWRA Task Force](#), please contact: [office@iwra.org](mailto:office@iwra.org)

## CAPACITY BUILDING AT THE CORE OF IWRA EFFORTS

Water management and resources, like other areas, require constant updates, knowledge enhancement, and sharing. With that in mind, IWRA offers **Master Classes** and webinars conducted by reputable experts from around the world, touching on current world themes such as ecocide, water law, water cooperation, and transboundary water issues, and groundwater among others. In the second half of 2021, and in cooperation with the Universities Partnership for Water Cooperation and Diplomacy, IWRA conducted a series of 10 Master Classes on Water Cooperation and Diplomacy, that convened over 1200 participants from more than 100 countries. Each Master Class typically comprises a 90-minute public lecture, followed by a 60-minute skill-building workshop for IWRA members. IWRA offers Master Classes, training courses, puzzle games and webinars...

> Learn more about [IWRA Master Classes and webinars](#): [www.iwra.org/master-classes](http://www.iwra.org/master-classes) [www.iwra.org/webinars](http://www.iwra.org/webinars)

## AWARDS

IWRA recognises outstanding contributions to the field of global water management through four major awards:

### Water Drop Award

Recognises a student or early career professional, typically under the age of 35, who has made an innovative contribution to the water sector.

### Crystal Drop Award

Awarded at each World Water Congress to an individual or organisation for their significant contribution to the improvement of the world's water situation.

### Ven Te Chow Memorial Award and Lecture

Honouring the first president of IWRA, the awardee is invited to give an outstanding lecture at the World Water Congress.

### *Water International* Best Paper Award

Awarded annually to authors published in *Water International*, based on originality, innovation, technical quality, and contribution to the field.

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# PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

## WATER INTERNATIONAL

*Water International* is the official interdisciplinary journal of IWRA, focused on linking scholarship with water management, policy, and governance.

## IWRA UPDATE - NEWSLETTER

The IWRA Update is the quarterly newsletter of the Association, providing the latest information pertaining to IWRA and its members. It contains news briefs about IWRA members, regional chapters' activities, information on upcoming and recent events, calls for papers, and global water news.

## BOOK SERIES

*Water International* contributes to the Routledge Special Issues as Books (SPIBs) Series. This series is based on thematic special issues of *Water International* and acts to spread new knowledge in water resources policy and governance to a broad and diverse audience.

## POLICY BRIEFS

Policy Briefs are concise publications, with our "blue series" being based on thematic special issues of our journal *Water International*. Providing a synthesis of the critical facts and arguments, Policy Briefs allow interested readers to quickly gain an understanding of the most significant issues surrounding a specific topic. They provide high quality analysis and practical recommendations to aid policy-makers. A parallel "green series" of Policy Briefs is also published in association with key IWRA partners, also focusing on important water-related issues.

## WEBINARS

IWRA organises regular Webinars based on themes from special issues of *Water International*, as well as from projects and Task Forces. They facilitate in-depth reviews of water issues, as well as debates between leading experts in the field.

> If you are interested in contributing to IWRA's publications or would like more information, please contact the IWRA Editorial Office: [editor@iwra.org](mailto:editor@iwra.org)



Today, with the support of its members and partners, IWRA plays a critical role in ensuring sustainable water management throughout the world.

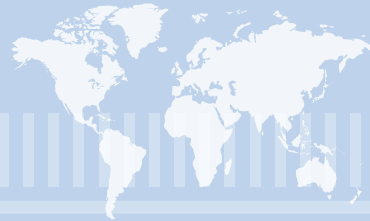
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