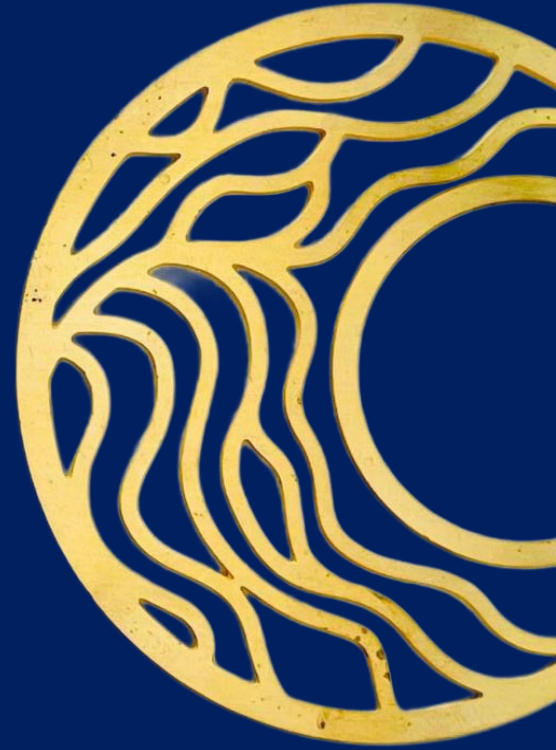


Women in Water Diplomacy Network: 2024 Year-in-Review Online Event



Tuesday, December 17, 2024 | 9:00-11:00 EST/ 15:00-17:00 CET | Online



**WOMEN IN
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Welcome to the 2024 Year-in-Review Session!

Today's Program highlights include:

- Network updates
- 2024 Network Highlights
- What to expect in 2025?
- Opportunities to grow your engagement
- Small group discussions on key Network challenges and opportunities
- Closing remarks

Logistical Notes:

- The plenary components of this session will be recorded and made available as part of the session's After-Action Report. Not including the breakout room discussions.
- We will be taking a 'group picture' before breakout discussions.





Snapshot: Women in Water Diplomacy Network

- Initiated in the Nile Basin in 2017
- Central Asia-Afghanistan Network launched in 2021
- Global Strategy 'A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security' released in 2022
- North America Network launched in 2023
- South Caucasus Network launched in 2024
- New basin Networks under development – Southern Africa, Latin America

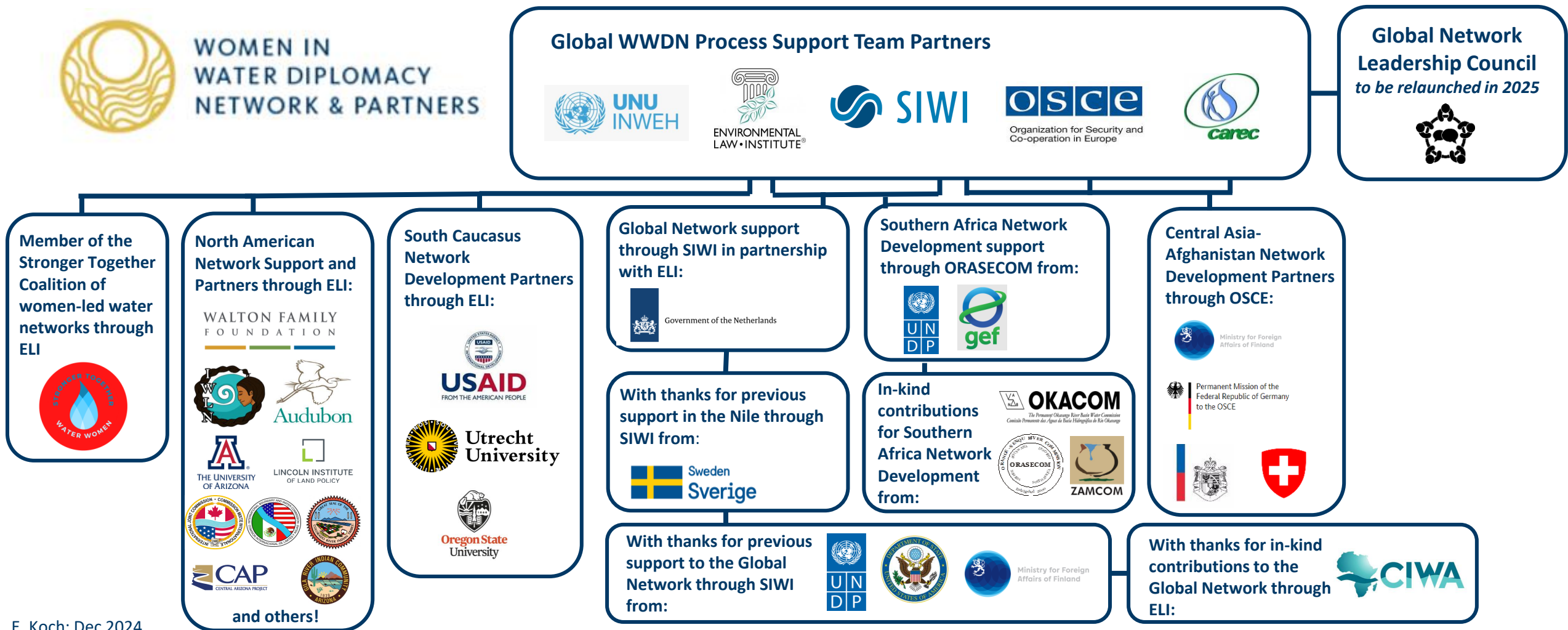
Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Global Strategy

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



The Women in Water Diplomacy Network is today a broad partnership working collaboratively to advance the Network's Global Strategy

The Network's Process Support Team coordinates global and inter-basin Network engagements; with core partners in each region/ basin providing support to regional activities.





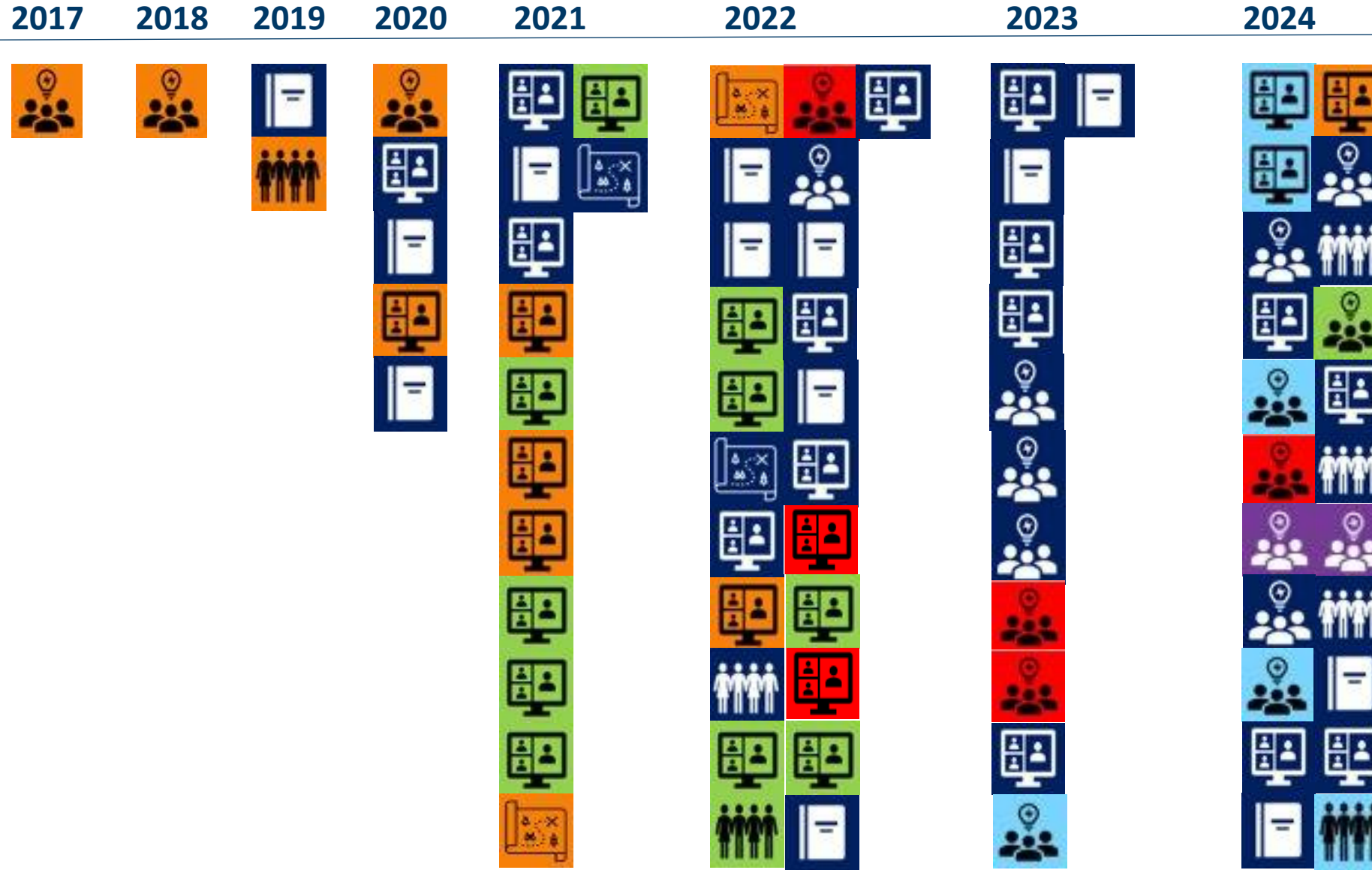
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Network Activity Snapshot....

Geographic focus of engagements:

Global	Nile
Southern Africa	North America
Central Asia-Afghanistan	South Caucasus

-  In-person Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
-  Online Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
-  Research and Communications
-  Collective engagement at key regional and global water policy dialogues
-  Strategic development



But what does the Network *do* together?

2017



**Pilot Nile Knowledge
Exchange Workshop
(Oct 2017, Uganda)**



2018



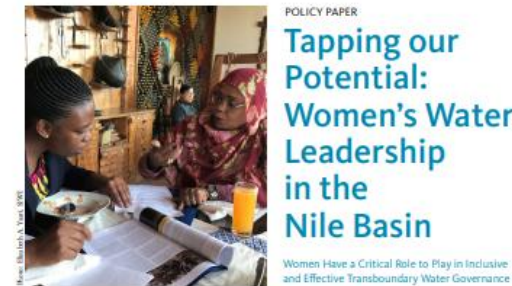
**Nile Network Knowledge
Exchange Workshop
(Dec 2018, Ethiopia)**



2019



**Publication: 'Tapping our
Potential' (July 2019)**



**Network Delegation at
World Water Week
(Aug 2019, Sweden)**

Key

Nile Focus

Global

We started by simply coming together to share knowledge and experience....


Our engagement approaches start to take shape...

2020



Nile Network Workshop
(Jan 2020, Kenya)






**Network Session, IHE
Water and Peace Seminar**
(Sept 2020, Hybrid)



**Network Newsletter
Edition 1 (Aug 2020)**



**Experience exchange with
Women Mediators
Networks with FBA**
(December 2020, Online)



**Research collaboration
initiated with IHE - gender
dynamics in water
governance**



In-person Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops



Online Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops



Research and Communications



Collective mobilization at key regional and global water policy dialogues



Strategic development

Key

Nile Focus

Global

Expanded online approaches & Central-Asia Afghanistan Network launched

2021



International Women's Day Network 'Townhall'
(March 2021, Online)



Network Newsletter Edition 2 (March 2021)



Youth Engagement in Water Diplomacy Webinar (April 2021, Online)



Experience exchange session with Finnish Peace Mediators Network CPM (May 2021, Online)



Launch of Central Asia-Afghanistan Network Event OSCE-CAREC (June 2021, Online)



Experience exchange - communication resilience and third parties (June 2021, Online)



Skills Building- social media tools to support women water experts (Oct 2021, Online)



Inception Session (Sept 2021, Online)



Side Event IFAS (Oct 2021, Hybrid Tajikistan)



Knowledge Exchange Session (Oct 2021, Online)



Nile Network Leadership Council Established (Dec 2021)



Knowledge Exchange Session (Nov 2021, Online)



Global Strategy Launch and Partners Consultation Event (Dec 2021, Online)

Key

Nile

Global

Central Asia- Afghanistan

Going global....

2022



**Global Strategy
Consultation with Nile
Network (Jan 2022, Online)**



**Inception and
Development Report
(Jan 2022)**



Key

Nile

Global

Central Asia- Afghanistan



**Network Newsletter
Edition 3 (Feb 2022)**



**Water Security and
Project Management
Training (Feb 2022, Online)**



**Central Asia's Regional
Climate Change Agenda
(March 2022, Online)**



**International Women's
Day and Global Strategy
Partners Consultation
(March 2022, Online)**



**Network Session at IHE
Water and Peace Seminar
(March 2022, Hybrid)**



**Nile Experience Exchange
Session (March 2022,
Online)**



**Network Delegates at
World Water Forum
(March 2022, Senegal)**



**Water diplomacy and
negotiations skills training
(April 2022, Online)**



**Network Engagement at
UN Water Action Decade
'Dushanbe Process' (June
2022, Tajikistan)**



2022 (continued)



**Orange-Senqu Basin
Consultation ORASECOM
(June 2022, Namibia)**



**Global Network Forum
(Aug 2022, Sweden)**



**Global Strategy Launched
World Water Week
(Aug 2022, Sweden)**



**UN Water Conference
Accreditation and
Engagement
(Nov 2022, Online)**



**Zambezi Basin
Consultation ZAMCOM
(Dec 2022, Online)**



**Water Diplomacy Training
(Dec 2022, Online)**



**Okavango Basin
Consultation OKACOM
(Dec 2022, Online)**



**Process and Proposal
Design (Dec 2022, Online)**



**Network Newsletter
Edition 4 (Dec 2022)**



**Year-in-Review
(Dec 2022, Online)**

Key

Nile

Central Asia- Afghanistan

Global

Southern Africa

Raising our ambitions...

2023



Women + Water Webinar
(Jan 2023, Online)



International Women's Day Event (March 2023, Online)



Water Diplomacy Symposium in advance of UN Water Conference
(March 2023, United States)



Official Side Event at UN Water Conference (March 2023, United States)



Women in Diplomacy Day Event USIP (June 2023, United States)



Network Newsletter Edition 5 (June 2023)



Orange Senqu Basin Consultation (June 2023, Lesotho)



Orange Senqu Basin Consultation (July 2023, South Africa)



Year-in-Review
(Dec 2022, Online)



North American Network launch event CRWUA (Dec 2023, United States)







Network Newsletter Edition 6 (Dec 2023)

Key

Nile	Central Asia- Afghanistan	
Global	Southern Africa	North America

Network 2024 Engagement Summary

- 9  In-person Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
- 7  Online Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
- 2  Research and communications actions
- 5  Collective engagement and visibility actions at major regional and global water policy dialogues

2024



**North American Network
Consultation (Jan 2024,
Online)**



**Ten Tribes Consultation
(Feb 2024, Online)**



**2nd Global Network
Forum (March 2024,**



**Women + Water, Water
and Peace Webinar
(March 2024, Online)**



**International Joint
Commission Semi Annual
Conference Session (April
2024, United States)**



**Orange Senqu Basin
Consultation (April 2024,
Botswana)**



**South Caucasus Network
Inception Workshop (April
2024, Georgia)**



Key

Nile	Central Asia- Afghanistan
Global	Southern Africa
North America	South Caucasus

2024 (continued)



**New York Meet-Up UN
GA (May 2024, USA)**



**Women in Environmental
Law Session (June 2024,
United States)**



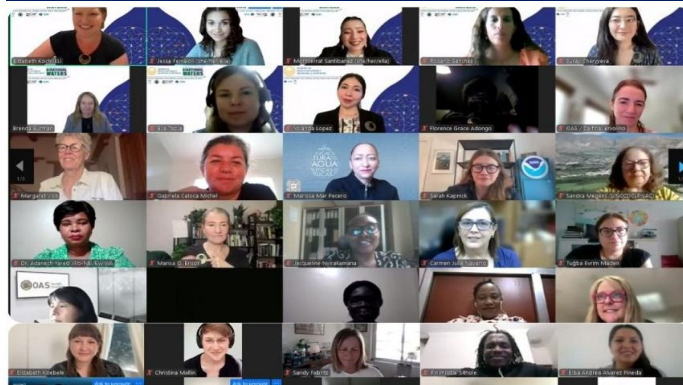
**Network Newsletter
Edition 7 (June 2024)**

Key

Nile	Central Asia- Afghanistan
Global	Southern Africa
North America	South Caucasus



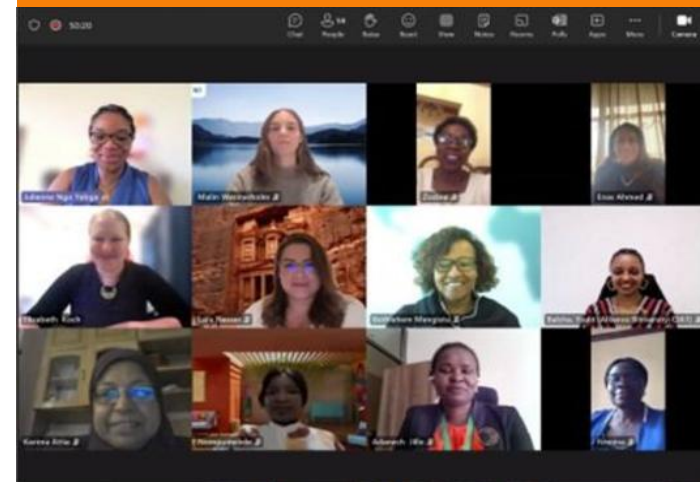
**Women in (Science)
Diplomacy Day Event
(June 2024, online)**



**Network Engagement at
UN Water Action Decade
'Dushanbe Process' (June
2024, Tajikistan)**



**Experience exchange -
WEFE Nexus (July 2024,
Online)**



**Pretoria Meet-Up (Aug
2024, South Africa)**





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2024 (still more...)



**Stockholm Meet-up &
World Water Week
Engagement (August 2024,
Sweden)**



**Experience Exchange
Workshop (Sept 2024,
Tajikistan)**



**Engaging male allies (Sept
2024, online)**



**Cairo Meet-up & Africa
Water Week Engagement
(Oct 2024, Egypt)**



**South Caucasus Water
Diplomacy Workshop (Oct
2024, Georgia)**



**Ljubljana Meet-up & UN
Water Conference MOP
Engagements (Oct 2024,
Slovenia)**



**Baku Meet-up & COP29
Engagements (Nov 2024,
Azerbaijan)**



**Network Newsletter
Edition 8 (Dec 2024)**



**Year-in-Review
(Dec 2024, Online)**

Key

Nile

Central Asia- Afghanistan

Global

Southern Africa

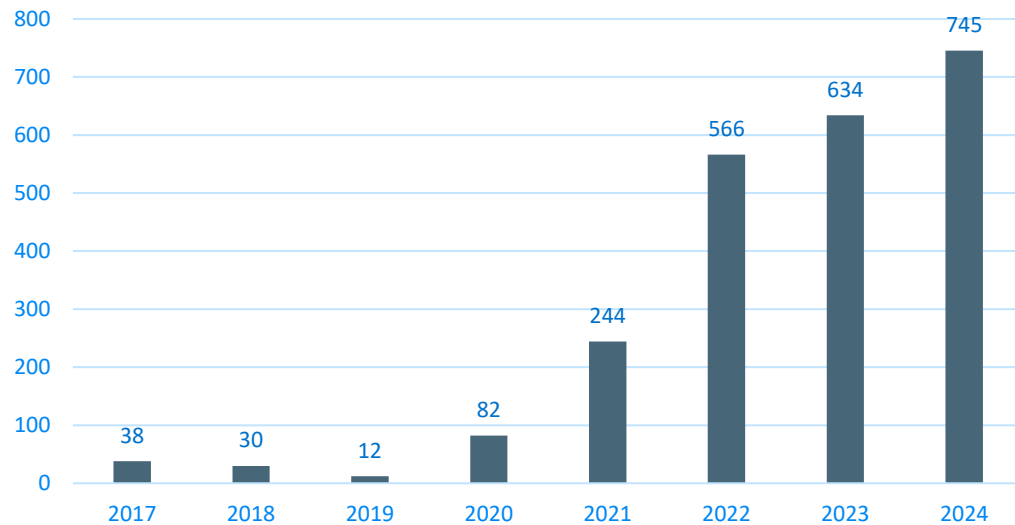
North America

South Caucasus

Network Engagement Snapshot....

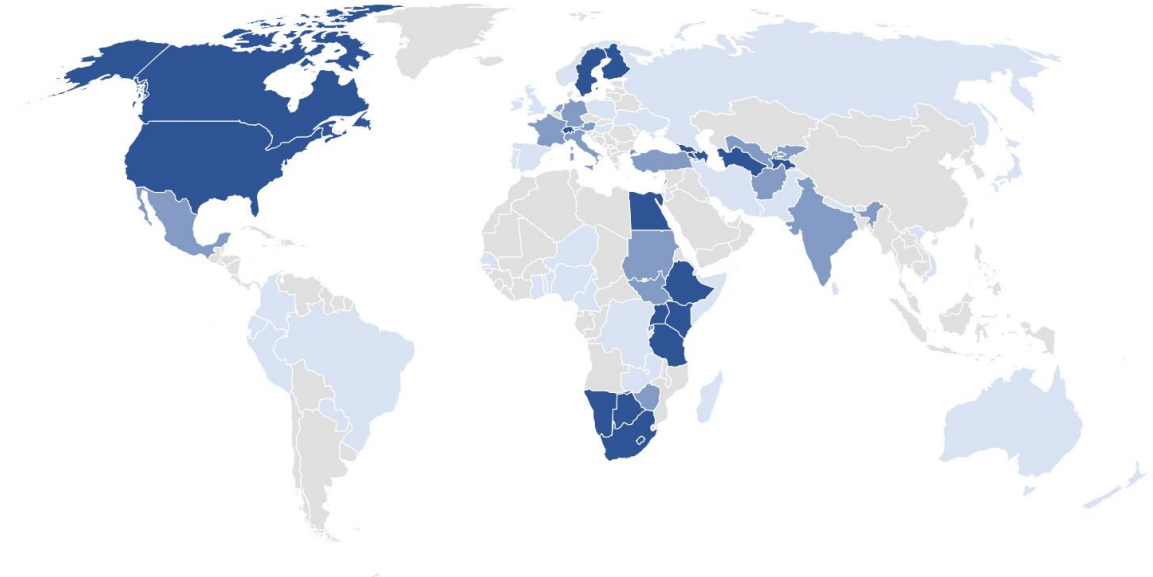
Behind the numbers

Total number of individual participants engaged in Women in Water Diplomacy Network activities by year as of Oct 2024



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Network participant engagement -
geographic distribution 2017-2024



A strongly engaged online community



- ✓ 5K followers
- ✓ 2K newsletter subscribers
- ✓ 50+ countries
- ✓ Avg. engagement rate +20%

What have we been learning about together?



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How can I become a Network “member”?

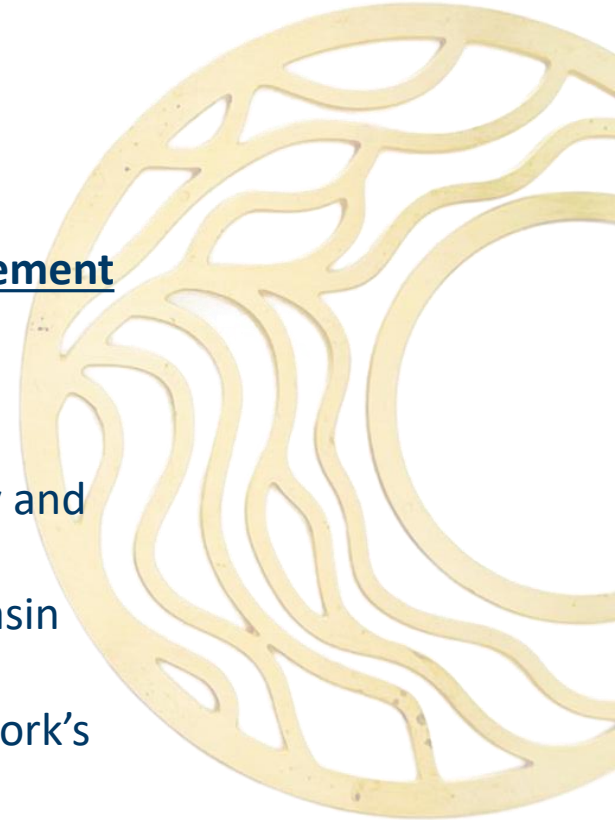
Anyone can become a member simply by actively **engaging with** and **contributing to** the mission and values of our Global Strategy!

What does **engaging** with the Network mean?

- Network members **actively** and **recurrently** engage in Network activities each year.
- Anyone who participates in at least **three Network events including one in-person engagement in any region** is welcome to request a certificate of membership and Network clip!!

What does **supporting** the Network mean?

- **Financial support** is urgently needed to sustain and advance the Network’s global strategy and improve gender equality in transboundary waters - *with resultant impacts on peace and security*. Financial resources are particularly needed at this juncture to support the Nile Basin Network and global coordination.
- Many of our partners including those in the Process Support Team contribute to the Network’s Global Strategy by **aligning programming, contributing staff time or other in-kind contributions**.
- **Speaking out** about the Network, wearing the Network’s symbol, raising the importance of the intersecting themes of women, water, peace and security, and encouraging others to support our community are all essential ways to support!



Strengthen Your Contribution to the Women in Water Diplomacy Network in 2025!

Please consider if you can **volunteer** or **commit work hours as an in-kind contribution** to support the Women in Water Diplomacy Network in 2025!

By dedicating your time and skills, you can support a variety critical needs and functions for our growing community such as:

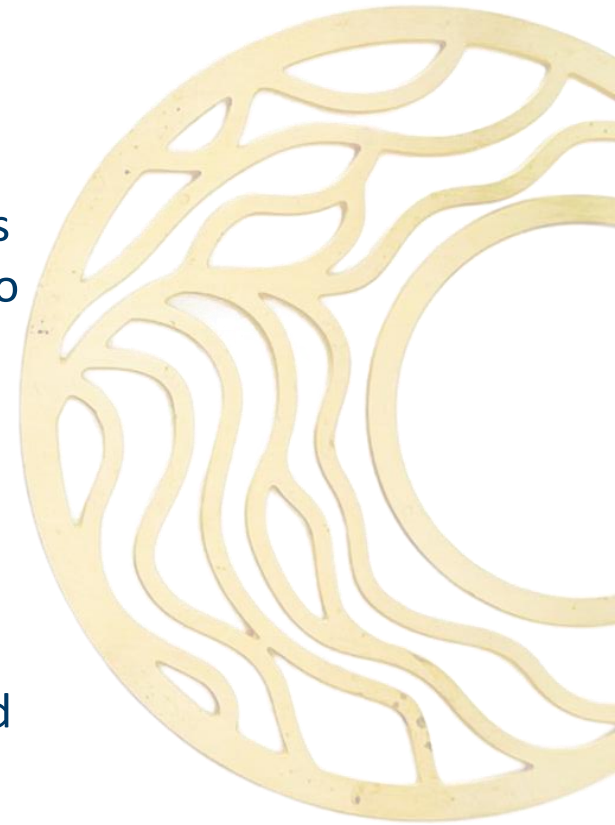
- Research collaboration and coordination
- Writing and coordinating Network related content (blogs, policy briefs, short articles etc.)
- Network Mentor - to be partnered with Network members interested in recurrent and regular mentoring sessions.
- Graphic design - illustrations, publication layout, other communications
- Network governance support (coordination of meetings, minutes, etc) and many more options!

👉 **Sign up here to join our volunteer roster:** <https://forms.office.com/r/6LXdjPdnxq!>



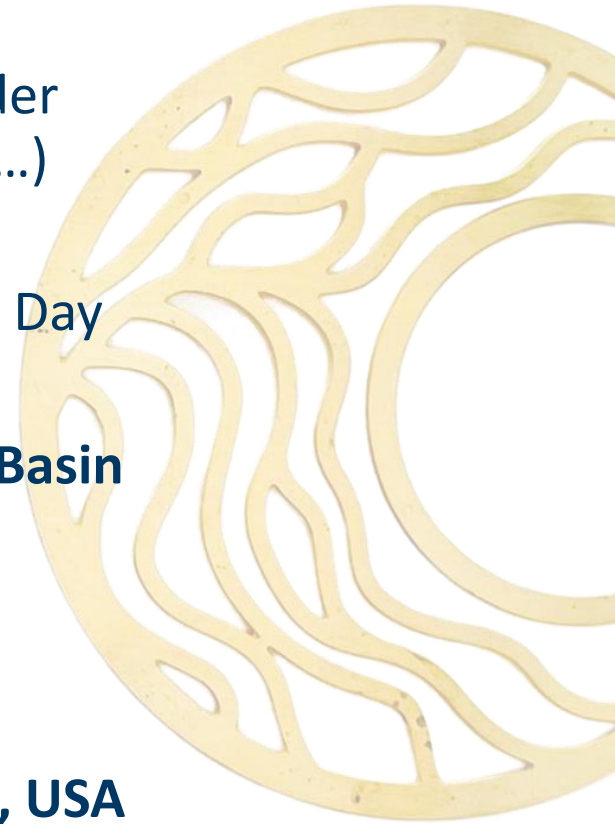
What about the Global Leadership Council?

- We are still planning on launching a new Global Leadership Council in 2025!
- This new *Global* Leadership Council will build on the amazing leadership of the Nile Network Leadership Council.
- New committed staff time support from UNU will in part support this effort.
- Expected to be made of Network Members from across Network focus regions/basins (Nile, Central Asia-Afghanistan, North America, South Caucasus, Southern Africa), who have shown particularly leadership in advancing the mission of the Network, plus representatives of the Process Support Team partners (ELI, SIWI, UNU, CAREC, OSCE).
- Leadership Council representatives will be expected to contribute up to 8 hours a month to advance Network objectives, provide mentorship and elevate the voices of the Members, and contribute to the Network's strategic and sustainable development. Council representatives are asked to take up this role for 2 years.
- We expect the application process to include a letter of motivation from all interested in applying to serve as part of the Leadership Council.
- Please note that participation in the Leadership Council is not an official role requiring nomination from your employers although Council members are welcome to seek approval to use work-time for this role as an in-kind contribution to the Network.



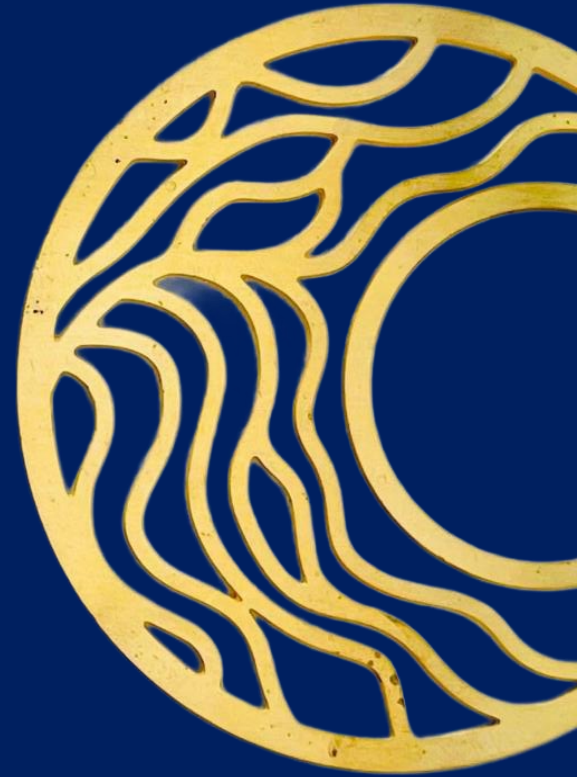
What Network activities to expect in 2025?

- **Online Experience Exchange Sessions** will continue – we are aiming for quarterly sessions open to global engagement on key topics of water diplomacy (in the pipeline: confidence building measures, local cross-border cooperation practices, climate proofing transboundary water agreements...)
- **Celebrating key international dates with ‘open’ online events** including International Women’s Day (March 8), International Women in Diplomacy Day (June 24) and Annual Year-in-Review.
- **Resource mobilization and partnership development with focus on Nile Basin Network and Global Coordination**
- **Network Newsletter will continue! Your contributions are welcome!**
- **Third Global Network Forum?? *see resource mobilization* :)**
- **TBC UN Commission on the Status of Women engagement - March 2025, USA**
- **Preparing to contribute to the UN Water Conference – Dec 2026, UAE**
- **Make sure to follow announcements on LinkedIn for details and registration!**



Time to Dig Deeper!

- 25-minute Breakout Room Discussions x 2 rotations
- Each breakout room discussion will focus on a core area of Network engagements where **your inputs are needed** and facilitated by Process Support Team members.
- You choose the breakout room themes of most interest to you.



Breakout Room Discussions Options:

Breakout Room 1: Knowledge Exchange Themes for 2025?

Facilitated by **Kerry Schneider**, SIWI and **Dr. Roisin Burke**, Utrecht University

Breakout Room 2: Global Leadership Council?

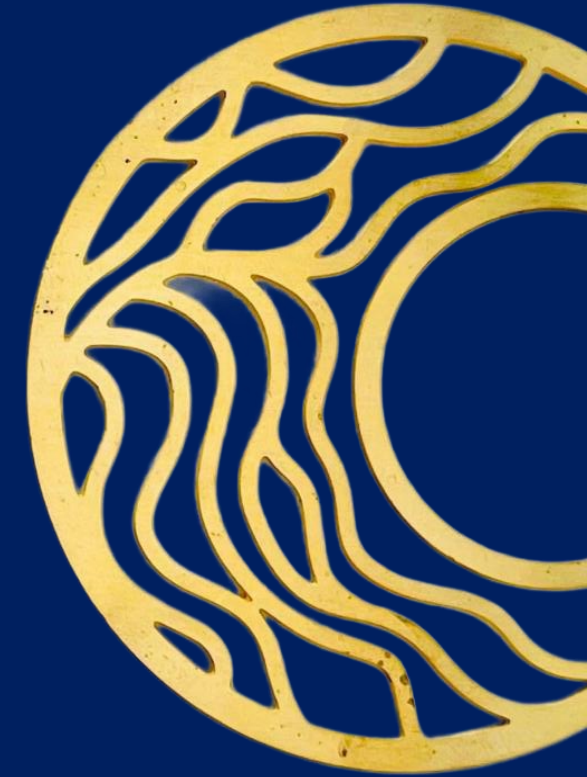
Facilitated by **Sogol Jafarzedeh**, UNU – Institute for Water, Environment, and Health and **Tim Kraenzlein**, OSCE

Breakout Room 3: Research Cooperation?

Facilitated by **Jessica Troell**, ELI and **Letizia Zuliani**, OSCE

Breakout Room 4: Resourcing our global community?

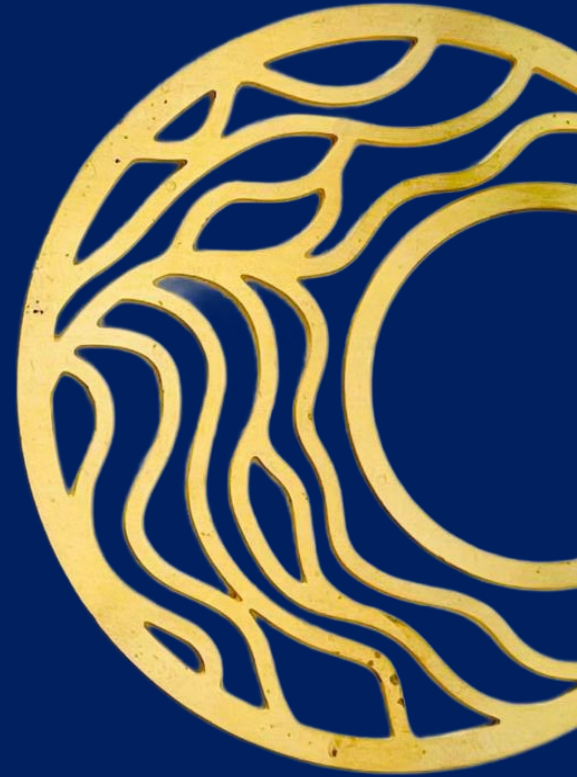
Facilitated by **Elizabeth A. Koch**, ELI and **Dr. Saule Ospanova**, OSCE



Reporting Back



Facilitated by: **Dr. Zodwa Dlamini**, Independent Consultant and Former South Africa Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission

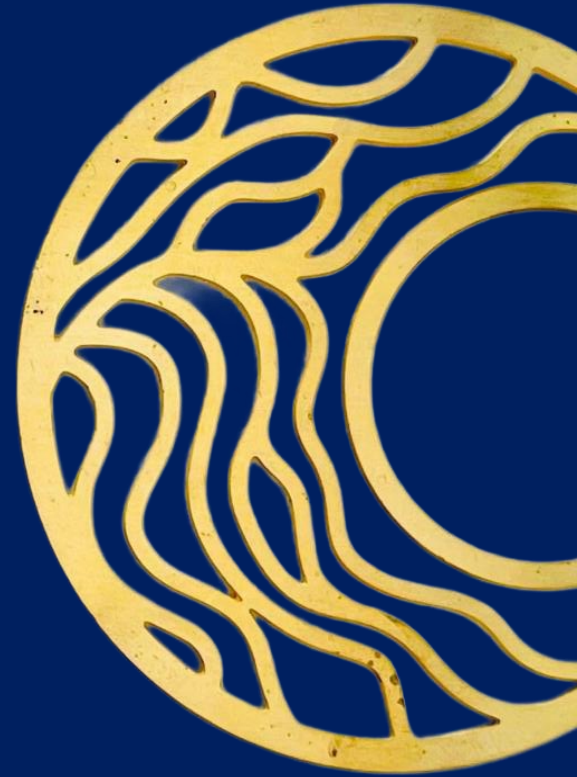


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Closing Reflection

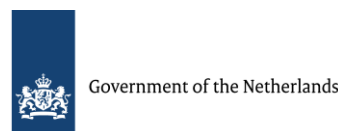
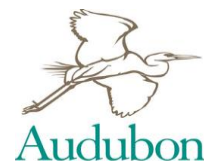


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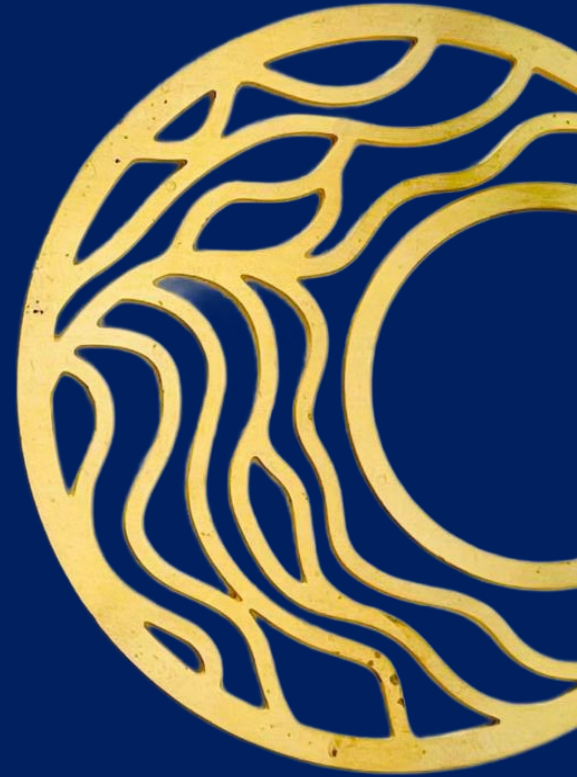
With special thanks to our community of partners!



Share your inputs in the Exit Poll



<https://forms.office.com/r/VnPEj72r4d>



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