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Monday, 9 July 18.30 – 20.00 • Conference Room B in the UN Conference Building

Side event: Ensuring Intergenerational Policy dialogues for the achievement of SDG 6

Convenors: Water Youth Network, UNESCO-IHP, UN-Water and WYPW.

Speakers include: SIWI.

Aiming to explore best practices and challenges in implementing and monitoring the implementation of SDG 6. Mechanisms that enable intergenerational collaboration between youth and decision makers will be highlighted as key contributions to the achievement of SDG 6.

Wednesday, 11 July 14.00 – 16.30 • Presbyterian Church of Covenant, 310 E 42nd St

Water and Faith Communities towards achieving SDG 6

Convenors: World Council of Churches (Ecumenical Water Network), SIWI, Global Water Partnership, UN Inter Agency Task Force on Religion and Development.

Aiming to foster stronger partnerships and dialogue between faith-based organizations and the broader water sector to achieve SDG 6.

Monday, 16 July 13.15 – 14.45 • Permanent mission of Sweden to the UN, 885 Second Avenue

Making the most of SDG 6 implementation – for benefits from source to sea

Convenors: SIWI, Swedish Ministry for Environment and Energy, UNDP, FAO, Delta Alliance, Action Platform for Source to Sea Management.

Aiming to present priority areas for action and discuss how the High Level Political Forum can lead the way in terms of stressing the need to consider all downstream stakeholders and ecosystems when implementing SDG 6.



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SIWI's key messages

Be transparent! Good water governance is key to achieving all SDGs and requires effective and accountable institutions.

Invest in sanitation and human health to fight poverty. Such investments pay for themselves four times over. The current trend of declining international development support must be reversed.

Involve disadvantaged groups in decision-making processes. As competition for scarce resources grow fiercer, a human-rights based approach is vital. The ethical implications of the growing water challenges must be discussed, with the role of governance as a central part of the solution.

Implement resilience and a source-to-sea approaches in both urban and rural planning. Cities can serve as a lab of what countries can do regarding water management.

Protect essential water-related ecosystems from further deterioration and overexploitation. Water management should systematically address forest and landscape degradation and incorporate appropriate forest management as natural infrastructure.

Boost sustainable productivity. Today's production and consumption patterns are not sustainable; companies need to search for more water efficient solutions. Agriculture and food value chains must also improve the productivity and nutritional value per unit of water consumed.

Cooperate! Negotiation and water diplomacy are increasingly important skills, not least for countries that share rivers or other water basins.

Water is key to the success of all the Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs that aim to transform our world into the future we want. To achieve this, a new way of managing water is needed to make societies more resilient, sustainable and inclusive. SIWI has coordinated a multi-stakeholder platform that offers a closer look at how this can be achieved and produced an open letter calling upon UN Member States, UN agencies and all relevant stakeholders to take action.

You can join the momentum at www.siw.org/HLPF-open-letter



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