

# GA no.17: Ongoing projects and notes to upgrade the WAMU+NET Charter

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March 22, 2025: World Water Day  
Inauguration of the new office in Ala (Trento, IT): a  
new phase for WAMU+NET?



# Soil Art Tales: Living Ecosystems for Shared Futures

## Binta Diaw, Joe Pearl, Miguel Teodoro and Nikki Lindt

### Travelling exhibition curated by Stefano Cagol

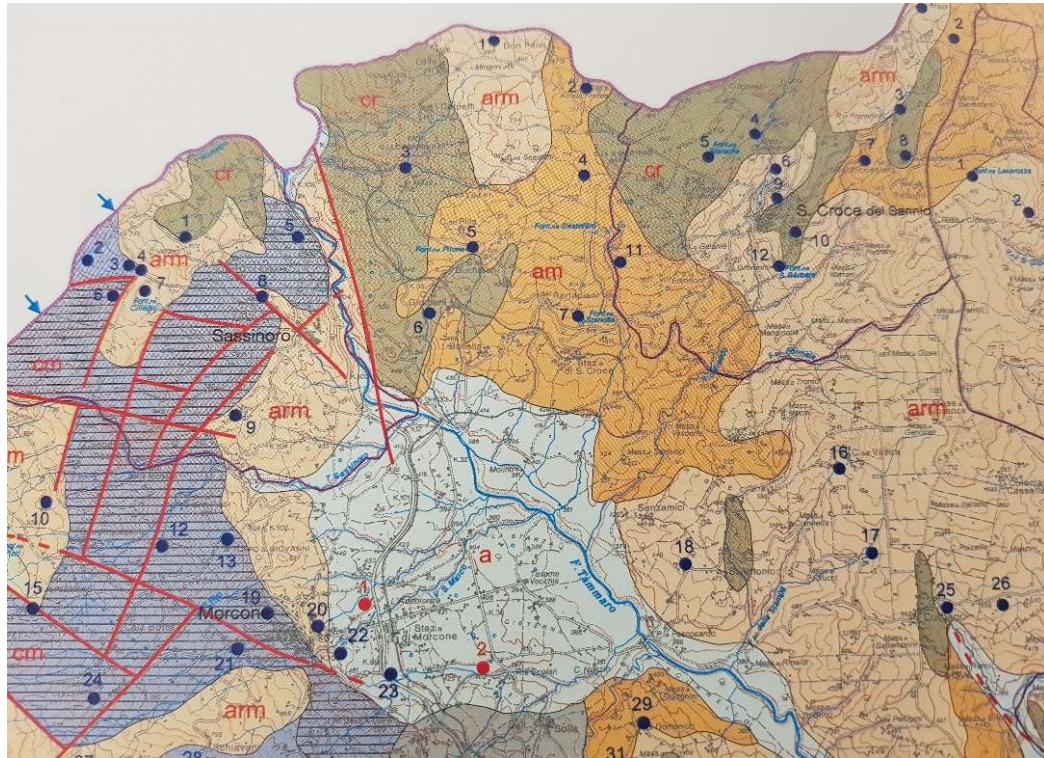




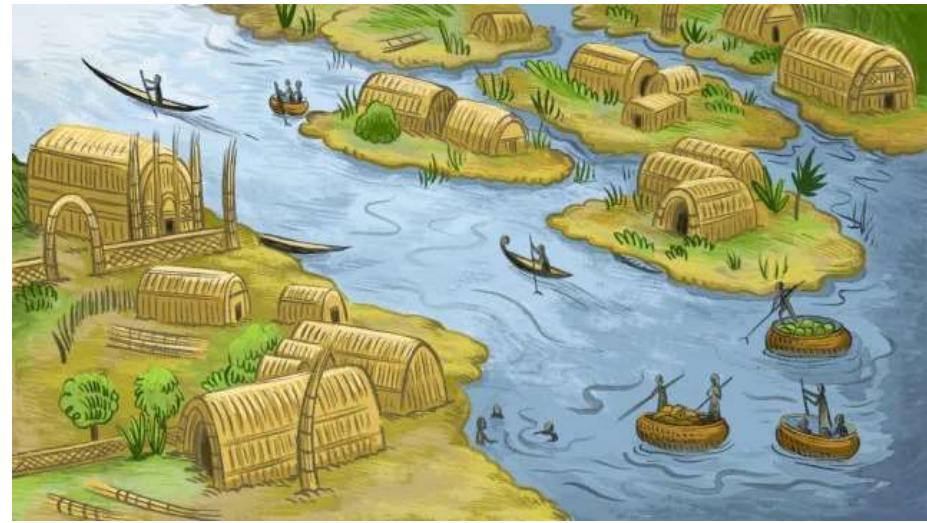
Stefano Zamagni, Lukas Taido, Sara Bonaventura  
No.3 art residencies hosted (co-funded) by Italian  
members: Acque di Romagna, National Archaeological  
Park 'Campi Flegrei' and Museum of Thermal Spas  
Montegrotto



“Heritage Mapping and Community Engagement for Water Sustainability Education”:  
Heritage Mapping, Community involvement, creation of Digital and Virtual Tours and Eco-museums  
A useful Toolkit to create new museums



The Tammaro River Speaks: a new Interpretive Centre  
Commissioned by: S.Croce Sannio & Paese dell'Acqua  
Incl. specific sections on freshwater ecosystems, water  
heritages, and installations on TWWW & TVOW



Expanding WAMU+NET's exhibition on TVOW  
New cases for UNESCO's Virtual Science Museum

# New part-time staff members employed thanks to new EU projects\* & the institutional partnership with Trento's Province\*\*

Irene Leonardelli (\*)

Giada Tognon (\*)

Lucio Bonato (\*)

Monica Benetazzo (\*)

Eriberto Eulisse (\*\*)

(Fiorenza Tisi: \*\* from January 1<sup>st</sup>)



# Resolution n.7-XXIV (2021)

titled

## «UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING FURTHER THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS»

Provides a framework for all kinds of institutions to support  
WAMU-NET financially or with seconded staff

# WHAT NEXT?

For 2026-27 (next 18 months) sustainability is guaranteed by the Province of Trento and Civiltà dell'Acqua International Centre

50% of the Secretariat's costs (40k) are covered by WAMUNET's annual fees

Its economic sustainability must be guaranteed by a WAMU+NET member

# Upgrading the Charter (2017 > 2026)

Must reflect the evolution of WAMUNET!

The new Charter must provide for a basic distinction between (a) WAMU+NET's 'institutional activities' managed by the Secretariat and (b) other thematic activities / projects managed by members with specific WGs

# 1. Activities of WAMU+NET's Secretariat

Activities carried out by the WAMU+NET Secretariat,  
(based in Venice & Trento):

- 1) managing / coordinating memberships
- 2) institutional communications
- 3) representation at the international level
- 4) relations with UNESCO-IHP
- 5) fundraising incl. EU-funded project
- 6) overall administration (budget preparation,  
records for GA and MB, annual reports...)

## 2. Other Thematic Activities / Projects managed by members & WGs

- Members can be active in contributing to WAMU+NET's thematic activities (education, traditional knowledge, eco-museums... etc). They can propose a specific thematic area of interest and develop activities through a specific WG
- Each WG will be goal-oriented
- Each WG can nominate a President of the WG who reports at the MB, GAs etc and represent WAMU+NET at international meetings and conferences

# Water museums committed to promote water awareness as part of IHP-9

(119): “*UNESCO-designated sites and the Global Network of Water Museums will be mobilized in raising awareness and improving water culture of citizens*”

2.1 Public awareness raised for better understanding of the important multifunctions of water in domestic life, ecosystems, and productive development.

Expected deliverables: new interdisciplinary materials, guidelines, briefing papers, case studies on leading practices in water education

**How can we monitor this? >>> World Café**

# WATER CLOUD (special project)



**Open Access Repository  
of Educational Resources  
for Inclusive and Sustainable Futures  
Incubator: WAMUNET + co-managed by HI**

# THE VOICES OF WATER (special project)



**Traditional water cultures for climate  
adaptation**

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e Saneamento Básico do Distrito Federal

# Results of fundraising activities and agreements (2024-5) implemented by the Secretariat

EU-funded project **Soil Tribes** (2025-27)  
EU-funded project **AQUA MOTION** (2025-26)  
EU-funded project **AQUATIK** (2025-26)  
Pilot Interpretive Centre ‘**Tammaro River**’

# WORLD CAFÉ

Main goal:

Discuss the distinction between (A) 'ordinary' institutional activities and (B) other thematic activities / projects of the network (carried out either by the Secretariat or by Members, on a voluntary basis, on behalf of the network)

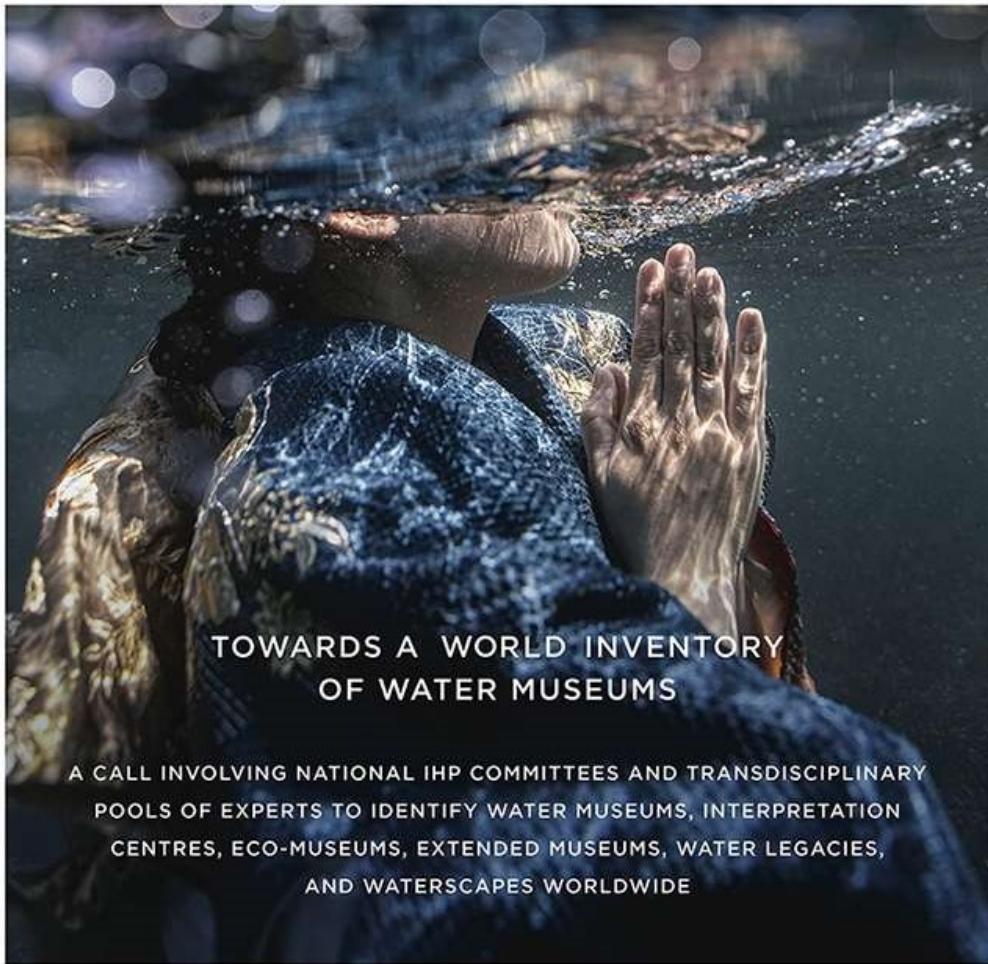
Reporting baseline activities and WGs' activities/projects for Phase 9



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TOWARDS A WORLD INVENTORY  
OF WATER MUSEUMS

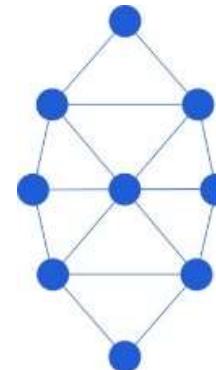
A CALL INVOLVING NATIONAL IHP COMMITTEES AND TRANSDISCIPLINARY  
POOLS OF EXPERTS TO IDENTIFY WATER MUSEUMS, INTERPRETATION  
CENTRES, ECO-MUSEUMS, EXTENDED MUSEUMS, WATER LEGACIES,  
AND WATERSCAPES WORLDWIDE

Resolution n. XXIV-7 of the Intergovernmental Council of UNESCO-IHP  
titled "UNESCO-IHP in support of developing  
the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET)"

DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT FOR THE TWO-STEP IMPLEMENTATION @



<https://www.watermuseums.net/world-inventory/>



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