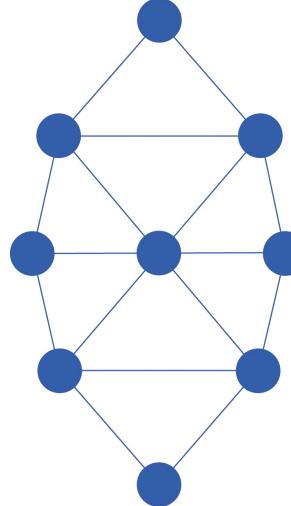


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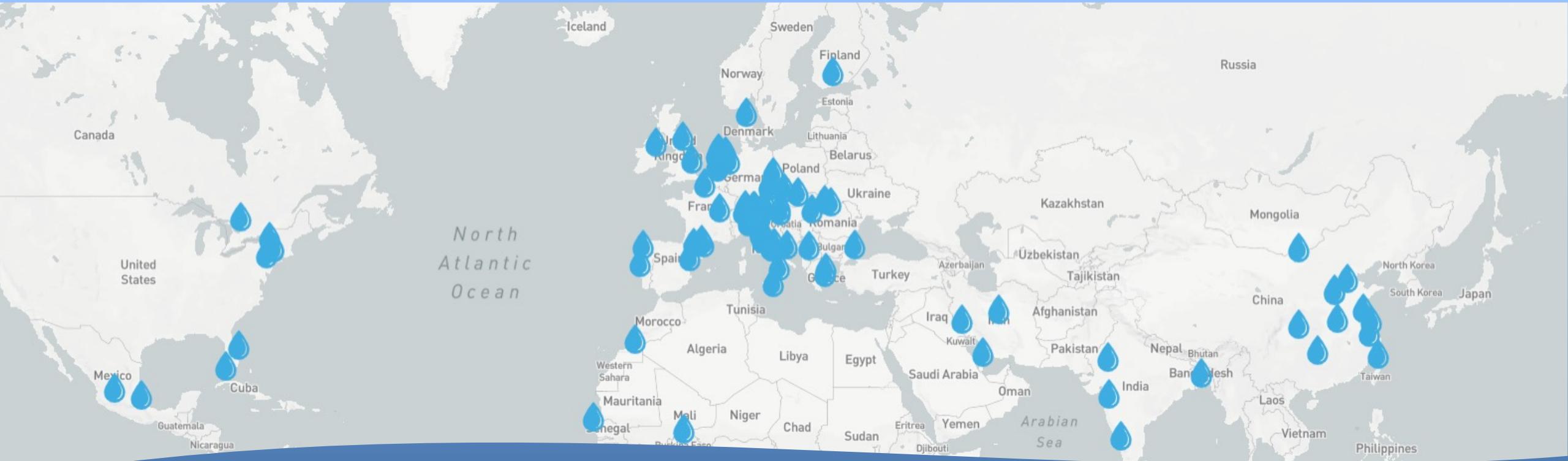
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A growing number of members (115+)



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// ABOUT US

**The flagship initiative of UNESCO-IHP
for the promotion of museums
committed to water awareness
education**

The Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET) is a 'flagship initiative' of UNESCO-IHP (Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme) which aims at fostering water awareness education.

WAMU-NET supports cooperation among museums, institutions, and people to implement **new actions** aiming to build a 'new culture of water' and repair our deteriorated relationship with the most precious element for life.

WAMU-NET is established to **re-connect people with all forms of water legacy** (both natural and cultural heritages) and highlight the natural, social, cultural, artistic, and spiritual dimensions related to water and inherited from the past.

WAMU-NET supports museums to implement ACTIONS...



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TWO KEY QUESTIONS:

1. **What** are the activities of the Water Museums Network?
2. **Who** implement them?



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TWO CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES

ORDINARY MANAGEMENT:

- Secretarial work, management of membership, documents for the General Assembly, webpage, contacts with UNESCO-IHP, overall strategy, news...
- Implemented by the Secretariat under the direction of the CEO and the overall steering of the Board.

THEMATIC ACTIVITIES:

- Collective efforts in relevant thematic areas like education (Water Sustainable Education), ancient hydro-technologies, Indigenous Knowledge, etc.
- Implemented by the Members composing Thematic Working Groups, with the support of experts (advisory committee), liaison with the network facilitated by the CEO, with extra-budgetary resources.
- Thematic Working Groups approved by the Board.



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NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE CHARTER

BOARD:

- 5 elected members + 1 representative of UNESCO-IHP + CEO (with no vote)
- Overall strategic planning and budget, nomination of CEO, steering of ordinary activities, approval of thematic working group, external representation.

CEO / SECRETARIAT:

- CEO nominated by Board, responsible for the work of the Secretariat
- Implement ordinary activities of the Network and represent the Network in Working Groups and outside (UNESCO-IHP, external partners, etc.)

THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS:

- No more generic “Scientific Advisory Committee”, but specific and dedicated Working Groups composed of Members and thematic advisory committees (experts, UNESCO C2C and Chairs) approved by the Board, CEO as liaison officer
- Mobilize resources and implement collective Thematic Activities of the Network