

Building purpose with the SDGs. The role of the Global Network of Water Museums to foster water awareness education

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WHY 'WATER MUSEUMS'? Museums are key institutions for transmitting the history of water including social practices and cultural landscapes to future generations, in order to ensure deep understanding of the value of water









GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS

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**THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS AND UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF WATER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND WATER AWARENESS EFFORTS»

A NEW "FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE" OF UNESCO-IHP

WHY A GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS?

Water museums, eco-museums, 'extended museums', digital museums, interpretation centres etc ... exhibit an outstanding repository of water heritage (natural & cultural, tangible & intangible) which needs to be re-connected to people to face the global water crisis

OUR ENGAGEMENT TO BUILD A «NEW CULTURE OF WATER»

We must "reinstate a new relationship between humanity and water:
a new 'sense of civilization' which can help to reconnect people and water in all its dimensions - including scientific, technical, social, cultural, artistic and spiritual"

(quoted from the Manifesto / Charter of the Global Network of Water Museums – WAMU-NET)



CREATING NEW EMOTIONAL BONDS WITH WATER



INVOLVING LARGER AUDIENCES



TO RE-CONNECT OUR 'WATERY PAST' WITH FUTURE NEEDS





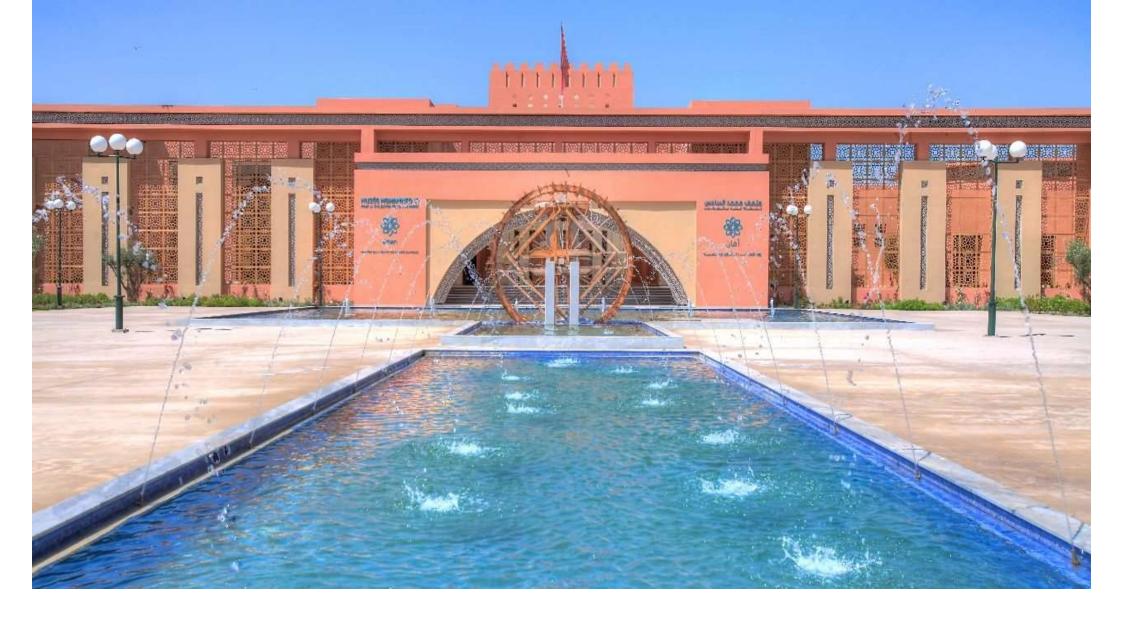
NATIONAL WATER MUSEUM OF CHINA HANGZHOU, CHINA



LIVING WATERS MUSEUM MUMBAI, INDIA



YAKU PARQUE MUSEO DEL AGUA QUITO, ECUADOR



MUSEE DE LA CIVILIZATION DE L'EAU MARRAKECH, MOROCCO



MUSEE DE L'EAU OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA PHASO



BROEKERVEILING WATER MUSEUM BROEKERVEILING, NETHERLANDS



REGIONAL PARK DELTA PO ROVIGO, ITALY



PARC DE LA SEQUIA MANRESA, SPAIN



MUSEUM 'AGUA PARA SIEMPRE!' PUEBLA, MEXICO

ACTIVITIES



全球水博物馆网络签约仪式 Signing Ceremony for Joining GNWM





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YOUTH CONTEST & AWARD

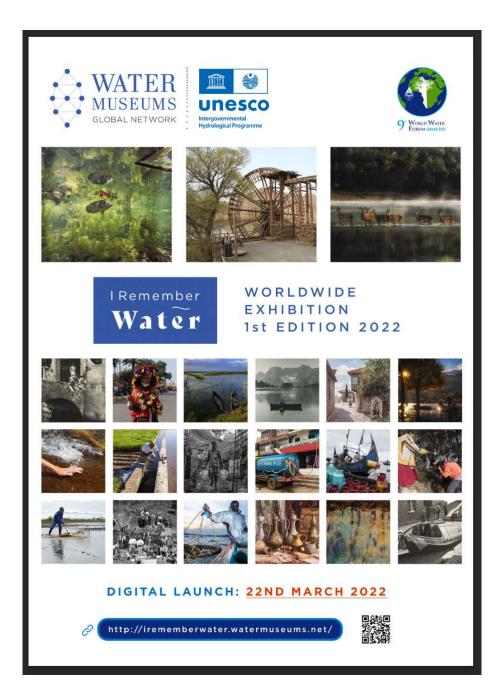


THE WATER WE WANT

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https://thewaterwewant. watermuseums.net

WORLDWIDE EXHIBITION



I REMEMBER WATER 1st Edition 2022

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WINESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING FURTHER THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS

TOWARDS A "WORLD INVENTORY" OF WATER MUSEUMS, INTERPRETATION CENTRES, CULTURAL WATERSCAPES AND ...

The Intergovernmental Council of IHP invites:

"the IHP Secretariat to compile an inventory of the different water museums across the world, and encourages Member States and IHP National Committees to support the Secretariat in this effort by communicating information on their existing water museums"

A WIDE DEFINITION OF MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS

Physical museums of different kinds (science, archaeological, history, natural science ...) **Open air museums Eco-museums & community based museums Extended museums** Visitors Centres related to waterscapes and natural and cultural heritage of water **Digital museums**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 'WORLD INVENTORY'

Toolkit for 2-steps implementation

https://www.watermuseums.net/activities/world-inventory/

Tool n.1: TAXONOMY

1st Step: remote exercise (desk study)

Tool n.2: QUESTIONNAIRE

2nd Step: contacts with museums & institutions identified through the 1st step







IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Invitation letters about to be sent to 169 National IHP Committees (in cooperation with Netherlands)

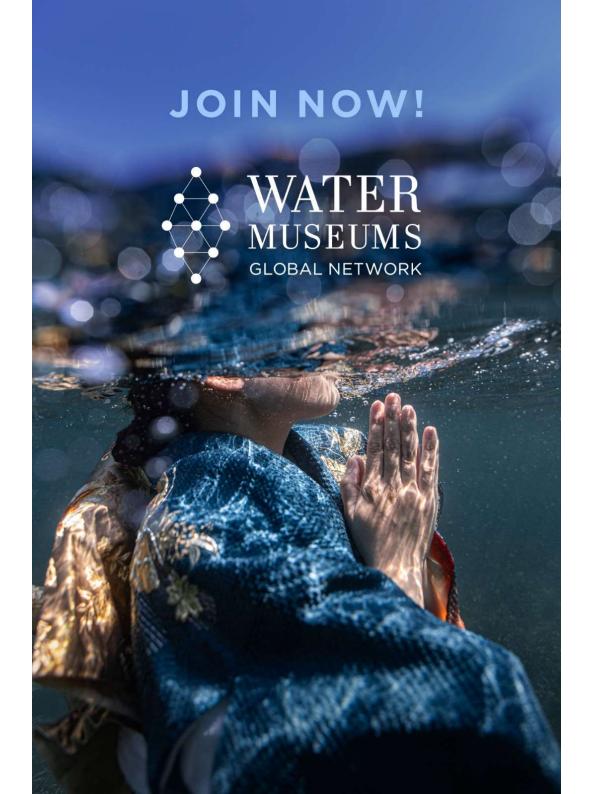
Creation of pools of interdisciplinary experts to start implementing the inventory at both regional and national level

THREE CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIPS

- 1. Museums
- 2. Associated members (municipalities, universities, water companies)
- 3. Affiliated members (non-registered entities, individuals)

ADVANTAGES

- Increase your international visibility
- Use of WAMU-NET logoblock (combined with UNESCO-IHP logo)
- Be part of a global network to share and exchange experience with other partners (78)
- Participate for free to our international conferences, webinars, and training activities
- Contribute actively to projects on water awareness education (Youth Contest and Award «The Water We Want», «I Remember Water» and other Exhibitions on SDGs (UN-Water Summits: Paris 2022-12 and NY 2023-03)





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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