

Women in Water Diplomacy Network Second Global Network Forum

Logistical Guidance and Network Forum Program
Vienna, Austria | March 4-7, 2024



The Women in Water Diplomacy Network was initiated in 2017 *to improve gender equality in high-level decision making in transboundary basins with focus on women's leadership in regional dialogues around shared waters.* The Network was developed in the Nile Basin and later adapted and replicated in other water regions including Central Asia and Afghanistan and other partner basins across Africa, Asia, and the Americas through the 2022 Global Network Strategy *'A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security.'* In



person 'Network Forums' been a central feature of Network engagements since the first Nile Forum in as described in the Network's inception and development report *'Laying the Bedrock of Transformation.'* In 2022, the Network convened its **first Global Network Forum** alongside the release of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Global Strategy at the 2022 World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden as described in the [2022 Global Network Forum After Action Report](#).

The Women in Water Diplomacy Second Global Network Forum will be held in Vienna, Austria from March 4-7, 2024. The second Global Network Forum is being organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which is headquartered in Vienna, and the Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC). The Global Network Forum aims to bring together Network members from across the growing global community that make up the Women in Water Diplomacy Network with focus on engaging Network members from the Nile Basin, Central Asia-Afghanistan, Southern African basins including the Zambezi, Orange-Senqu, Okavango, as well as shared basins across the Americas. The Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Second Global Network Forum is expected to engage an estimated 90 women water diplomats and experts.

The 2024 Second Global Forum will serve as an opportunity to:

- Take stock of Network's developments and priorities with strong focus on advancing the Global Strategy's prioritized activities,
- enable joint learning and discussions between Network members and supporters,
- enable inter-basin exchange and learning,
- collectively mark International Women's Day 2024.

The Second Global Network Forum is made possible through support from the U.S. State Department, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Government of the Netherlands, and the United Nations Development Programme through the [Shared Waters Partnership programme](#) in addition to targeted support for the 2024 Forum from the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Numerous institutional partners including Oregon State University and IHE Delft, the Finnish water diplomacy network and Finnish women's mediators network, and the Valuing Water Initiative among others have provided in-kind support to enrich the Global Network

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Forum. We are extremely grateful to the growing partnership working collaboratively to enable such milestone events.

Global Network Forum Logistical Information:

Accommodation: Women in Water Diplomacy Network **sponsored participants have been booked at the Hotel Regina** located at Rooseveltplatz 15 in Vienna, Austria. For details on the Hotel Regina please visit: <https://www.hotelregina.at/en/hotels-vienna/hotel-regina-vienna>. Check in at Hotel Regina is 14:00 and check out is at 12:00 (noon). Please note that for SIWI sponsored participants arriving before 9:00 AM early check in has been arranged. For sponsored participants departing Vienna after 20:00 late check out has been arranged. Please confirm your arrangements directly with the organizing team. Please note that SIWI/ OSCE will not be responsible for any room charges (room service, mini bar etc.)

Self-sponsored participants are welcome to book accommodation directly at the Hotel Regina or any other accommodation option of their choice. A limited number of rooms are available to self-sponsored participants at Hotel Regina at our group rate (144 EURO) using this access link: <https://onpagebooking.com/hotelregina/allotments/14257?allotmentcode=NetworkForum&lang=de>.

Primary Program Venue: Monday March 4 – Wednesday, March 6, 2024

The initial three days of the Global Network Forum will be hosted at the conference facilities of the **Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof** located at Herrengasse 10 in Vienna, Austria. For details on the conference facilities please visit www.herrenhof-wien.steigenberger.at. The Hotel Herrenhof venue is a 12-minute walk from Hotel Regina. Link in Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8Q85a5brtWaqiNEaA>. The name of the Hotel Herrenhof WiFi is H-Rewards by Steigenberger. The access code is: CYdK7wtjUn. Please follow the Women in Water Diplomacy Network signs to get to our conference room.

Secondary Program Venue: Thursday, March 7, 2024 (only)

On Thursday March 7, 2024 the Global Network Forum will be hosted at the **OSCE premises within Hofburg Congress Center** on Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Ratsaal room (5th floor). For details on the conference facility please visit HOFBURG Kongresszentrum Vienna - Hofburg Home. For access to the Hofburg Ratsaal, we will assist you at the entrance area (please look for the “OSCE” logo at the main door). **All participants are required to present their passport/ID in order to enter the OSCE premises.**

Translation: We will not have formal translation services during the Global Network Forum. Let us know if you anticipate this to be a challenge.

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Meals:

Monday, March 4 – Thursday, March 7 all participants will be provided **with lunch and coffee breaks**. Please inform us in advance about food allergies or dietary restrictions.

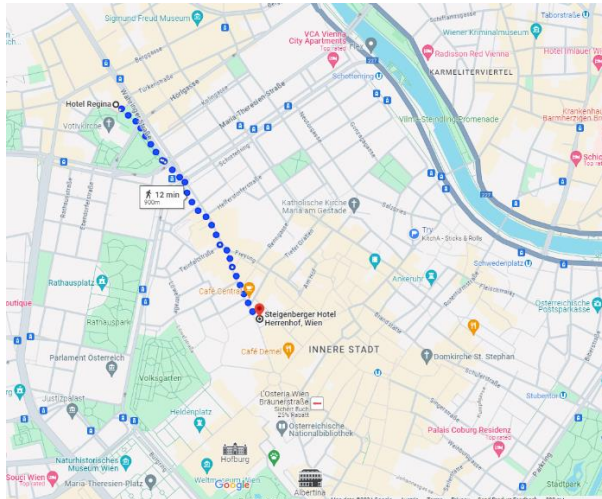
On the evening of **Monday, March 4, all participants will be invited to a joint networking dinner** at the Palmenhaus Restaurant, Burggarten 1, 1010, Vienna. Monday's dinner at Palmenhaus is the only all participant dinner and not to be missed! Feel free to dress up for this evening together if you would like!

Women in Water Diplomacy Network sponsored participants will be provided with DSA (daily subsistence allowance sufficient for meals outside of the program, as set by government rates) to cover **independent dinners on all other evenings**. Below you will find some suggested restaurants. Enjoy!

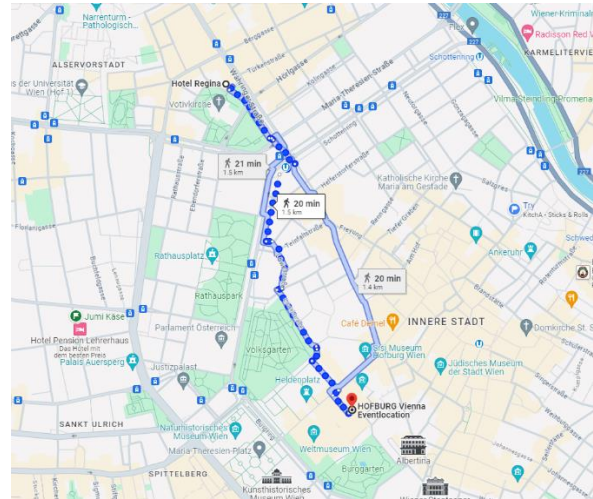
Restaurant	Cuisine	Location	Walking distance from Hotel Regina
Café Central	Austrian	Herrengasse 14, 1010 Vienna	11 minutes
Fat Monk	Bowls	Schottengasse 7, 1010 Vienna	7 minutes
LETO Restaurant and bar	Mediterranean	Zelinkagasse 2, 1010	15 minutes
The Burger Bar	Burgers	Liechtensteinstrasse 8, 1090	5 minutes
Cocore	Italian	Berggasse 14, 1090	5 minutes
Weinschenke Berggasse	Burgers	Berggasse 8, 1090	4 minutes
Restaurant Königshofer	Austrian	Beethovengasse 2, 1090	6 minutes
Das 1090	Fusion	Bauernfeldpl. 2, 1090	10 minutes
QERO Cuisine and Bar	Peruvian	Borsepl. 5, 1010	13 minutes
Superfood Deli	Healthy/Vegetarian	Maria-Theresien-Strasse 5, 1090	5 minutes
Taj – Indian Restaurant and Bar	Indian	Kochgasse, 9, 1080	16 minutes
Swing Kitchen	Vegan	Universitätsring, 1010	7 minutes
Verde	Italian	Wallnerstrasse 2, 1010	15 minutes
Riva Pizzeria	Pizza	Turkenstrasse 27, 1090	8 minutes

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Area map with route between Hotel Regina and Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof (venue Monday March 4-Wednesday March 6, 2024)



Area map with route between Hotel Regina and the OSCE premises within Hofburg Congress Center (venue on Thursday, March 7, 2024)



Useful travel information

Currency: Austria uses the EURO. Vienna Airport has a number of banks, ATMs, and bureaux de change. These can be found in the arrival’s hall.

Electrical: Type C plug sockets are used in Europe, Africa and Asia (pictured). Type C has two round pins and no grounding pin. These plugs are typically used with devices that have a voltage of 220-240V. This outlet is rated for 2.5 amps. Plug Type E, and Type F are compatible with this socket. All other plug types will need an adapter.



Transport between the airport and Hotel Regina:

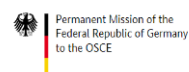
Participants are responsible for organizing transfers to/from the Vienna International airport to Hotel Regina. SIWI sponsored participants will be reimbursed for round trip transportation on the S7 train between the Airport and the Hotel Regina. The railway station is located inside the building of the Vienna International Airport: when you exit the arrival area, turn right and follow the symbol of the train.

Participants are recommended to take **Railway Express Train Line S7 S-Bahn city train** into Vienna from the airport to **Rennweg station** (7 stops) there you will change to the **Tram line 71** and ride 9 stops to the **Schottentor U station**. From there you will have a 5-minute walk to the Hotel Regina. Please note that the subway U2 line is not working the weekend of March 2-3.

Buying a train ticket at Vienna International Airport: Make sure you purchase a roundtrip train ticket at the ticket machines before departure. Ticket machines (red machines) are located in the arrival’s hall and on platforms 1 and 2. Ticketing machines accept both credit cards and cash.

Buying a tram ticket: once you arrive to Rennweg station and move towards Tram line 71. You can buy a tram ticket on the tram itself.

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Weather and Dress:

The weather in Vienna in March is cold with temperatures **between 3°C and 10°C, warm clothes are a must! Rain and snow are possible!** Dress code for the Global Network Forum is 'business casual'. **We will be walking everyday so comfortable walking shoes are needed!** Dinner on Monday evening will be semi-formal with national dress encouraged from all participants.

Global Network Forum On-site Communications:

All Global Network Forum participants are requested to join the 2024 Global Network Forum Whatsapp Group to receive updates and information in advance and throughout the Global Network Forum. The Whatsapp group will be opened at the end of February. **Join the Global Network Forum Whatsapp Group here:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JXu11Qvn7R73jIGaYlzRmL>

Online Participation Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Online participation will be made possible on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 (only) for the International Women's Day Water Diplomacy Symposium program. Pre-registration is required for online participation. **To register please see this OSCE zoom link:** <https://osce-org.zoom.us/join/register/tJEudOiuqzWuEtMrMV0Gj6WsnGseWKERNzsj>

Participation Code of Conduct

To help all participants make the most of their participation in the 2024 Global Network Forum, the Women in Water Diplomacy Network and its convening partners are committed to providing a friendly, safe and inclusive environment for all, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, disability, religion or other status. The code of conduct outlined below includes expectations for participant behavior during the Global Network Forum – both in-person and online, and the consequences for unacceptable behavior. All participants at the 2024 Global Network Forum are required to agree to the code of conduct.

Expected behavior

- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behavior and speech.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Alert staff if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.

Some venues are open to members of the public; please be respectful to all visitors of these locations.

Unacceptable behavior

Examples of unacceptable behavior include: intimidating, harassing, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory or demeaning conduct. Harassment of all kinds are unacceptable such as (but not limited to): offensive verbal comments related to gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, religion, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

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Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior

Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated – whether by participants, media, speakers, volunteers, venue staff, partners, or exhibitors.

What to Do If You Witness or Are Subject to Unacceptable Behavior

If you are subject to, or notice that someone else is being subjected to unacceptable behavior, or have any other concerns, please notify a member of staff as soon as possible. All reports will remain completely confidential.

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Tips to prepare your participation:

- Carefully read THIS document
- Consider key questions you have around the different session themes in the program. When do you want to make sure to add an idea or share an experience?
- Read the collected participant short biographies – who do you want to make sure to spend some time with?
- Do you want to arrange any side meetings with other participants? Reach out in advance to set a time/date for discussions.
- Which session are you speaking in? Schedule preparation session in advance of the Forum to plan and coordinate your session inputs with others as needed!
- Print anything you want in hard copy at home! We will not be providing print outs of the program.
- Refresh your memory and READ the Women in Water Diplomacy Network's [Global Strategy 'A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security'](#)
- Review reports from recent Network events such as the [After Action Report from the 2023 UN Water Conference](#), the [After Action Report from the 2023 Year in Review online event \(you can watch the recording here as well\)](#), and the [After Action Report from the North American Women in Water Diplomacy Network launch event](#)
- Follow the Women in Water Diplomacy LinkedIn page here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/women-in-water-diplomacy-network>
- Update your LinkedIn profile and connect with other participants online!

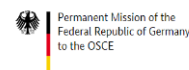
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Women in Water Diplomacy Global Network Forum Programme:

All times in this program are local Vienna time – the Central European Time zone (UTC+2).


CET	Sunday, March 3, 2024 – All Participant Arrivals
All Day	<p>Participant Arrivals <i>Participants are responsible for organizing transfers to/from the Vienna International airport to Hotel Regina. Please see travel guidance above for details.</i></p> <p><i>Women in Water Diplomacy Network Process Support Team members Julienne Ndjiki and Katie Goldie-Ryder will meet participants on arrival in lobby of Hotel Regina to support check-in.</i></p> 
16:00-18:00	<p>Women in Water Diplomacy Leadership Council and Process Support Team Meeting <i>Members of the Women in Water Diplomacy Leadership Council and Process Support Team (SIWI, ELI, CAREC, OSCE) will hold a final preparatory meeting. Agenda circulated separately.</i></p> <p>Participants: Leadership Council and Process Support Team Location: Salon Alt Wien Conference Room, Hotel Regina</p> 
18:00-19:00	<p>Process Support Team setting up Conference Room (volunteers welcome to help)</p>
18:30-19:30	<p>DSA distribution for sponsored participants Location: Salon Alt Wien Conference Room, Hotel Regina</p>
18:30 - 20:00	<p>Dinner: Participants are encouraged to have dinner with new colleagues from across the growing Network! DSA have been provided to sponsored participants. ENJOY!</p> 





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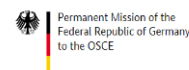
CET		Monday, March 4, 2024 – Day 1 of Second Global Network Forum	
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at Hotel Regina for SIWI and OSCE sponsored participants		
9:00 – 9:15	Walk to Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof from Hotel Regina (15 min walk) <i>All participants staying at Hotel Regina in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i>		
9:15 - 10:00	Second Global Network Forum Registration <i>All participants are invited to sign-in, collect your name tag, Network 'Rising Tide' Clip, and greet your fellow participants as they arrive!</i>		
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Part 1: Welcome and Introduction <i>Objectives and program overview; introduction of the Network's Process Support Team and partners.</i></p> <p>Elizabeth A. Koch, Senior Manager, Environmental Law Institute (ELI) and Process Support Team Lead, Women in Water Diplomacy Network</p> <p>Welcome remarks from partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antti Rautavaara, Special Envoy for Water, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland • Kerry Schneider, Shared Waters Partnership Senior Manager, SIWI • Dr. Saule Ospanova, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe 		
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break		
11:15 - 12:45	<p>Part 2: Thinking big - together <i>Interactive networking session to get to know Network Members and supporters joining the Global Network Forum from around the world!</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Julienne Ndjiki, Process Support Team, SIWI, Tais Reznikova, Process Support Team, CAREC, Letizia Zuliani, Process Support Team, OSCE, Katie Goldie-Ryder, Process Support Team, SIWI and Tim Kraenzlein, Process Support Team, OSCE</p> <p><i>Special artist 'live drawing' by Daria Orchakova, Vienna Art School</i></p>		
12:45 - 14:00	Group Lunch at Hotel Herrenhof for all Global Network Forum participants		
14:00 - 14:15	Day 1 Group Picture & Grab a coffee before heading back into the room for the World Café!		





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<p>14:15 - 16:45</p>	<p>Part 3: World Café: This session will provide an interactive opportunity to share updates and advancements specifically related to each of the regions and basins engaged in the growing global Network! Facilitated by: Elizabeth A. Koch, Senior Manager, ELI and Process Support Team Lead, Women in Water Diplomacy Network</p> <p><i>Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the Global Strategy in advance of this session!</i></p>	
<p>14:15-14:30 Intro</p>	<p>We will have three 30-minute World Café rotations</p> <p>At each regional/basin table participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a short overview of basin/region/theme from Table hosts; • Share and discuss what has been accomplished by the regional/basin Network this last year under each pillar of the strategy (i.e. empowerment, peer-to-peer learning/ capacity building, research cooperation, collective engagement at key meetings/ events); • Share and discuss what do we want to achieve this coming year under each pillar; • Ideas and opportunities for inter-basin engagements? 	
<p>14:30-15:00 Rotation 1</p>	<p>Table 1 - Nile Basin Facilitated by: Yodit Balcha, Climate Adaptation Research Officer, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT-Africa Hub, Tumaini Mwamyalla, National Desk/ Focal Officer for the Nile Basin Initiative, Ministry of Water, Tanzania, and Julienne Ndjiki, Process Support Team, SIWI</p>	
<p>15:00-15:30 Rotation 2</p>		
<p>15:30-16:00 Rotation 3</p>	<p>Table 2 - Central Asia-Afghanistan Facilitated by: Tais Reznikova, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre, Lyazzat Syrlybayeva, Project analyst, UNDP Kazakhstan, Katie Goldie-Ryder, Process Support Team, SIWI, and Tim Kraenzlein, Process Support Team, OSCE</p> <p>Table 3 - Orange-Senqu Basin Facilitated by: Commissioner Bogadi T. Mathangwane, ORASECOM/ Botswana, Dr. Zodwa Dlamini, Former South Africa’s Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission and independent consultant, and Sogol Jafar Zadeh, Process Support Team, Consultant/ SIWI</p> <p>Table 4 - North America Facilitated by: Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Co-Chair, Indigenous Women’s Leadership Network, Gabriela Caloca Michel, Water and Rivers Coordinator/Pronatura Noroeste, A.C., Jesse Ferraioli, Process Support Team, ELI</p>	

<p>16:00-16:45</p>	<p>Table 5 – Early-stage Networks/ new basins under development Facilitated by: Tracy Molefi, Programme Coordinator for the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission (OKACOM) and Elizabeth A. Koch, Process Support Team, ELI</p> <p>Table 6 - Male Champions of the Network Facilitated by: Assefa Gudina Muleta, Regional Social and Environment Officer and gender focal point at Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO), Dr. Anders Jagerskog, Program Manager, CIWA and Global Transboundary Focal Point, World Bank, and Kerry Schneider, Process Support Team, SIWI</p> <p><i>One table facilitator will report back to the plenary</i></p>
<p>16:45 - 17:00</p>	<p>Wrap Up and Closing Reflections Jacqueline Nyirakamana, Transboundary Water Resources Cooperation Specialist and Nile -Technical Advisory Committee Member, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda and Begishbek kyzy Minura, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Assistant, Mercy Corps, Kyrgyzstan</p>
<p>17:00-17:15</p>	<p>Walk back to Hotel Regina (15 minute walk) <i>All participants in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i></p> 
<p>18:15-18:30</p>	<p>Bus Transfer to Palmenhaus for Dinner https://www.palmenhaus.at/</p> 
<p>18:30 – 21:00</p>	<p>Welcome Dinner at Palmenhaus with guests and partner representatives. Address: Burggarten 1, Vienna</p> <p><i>All participants are invited to wear your Network Symbols as well as festive national dress for this first evening together!</i></p> <p><i>Dinner will include a short program including a welcome address from the Women in Water Diplomacy Network’s Leadership Council</i></p> 
<p>21:00 – 21:15</p>	<p>Return Bus Transfer to Hotel Regina</p> 

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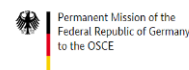


CET		Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – Day 2 of Second Global Network Forum	
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at Hotel Regina for SIWI and OSCE sponsored participants		
9:00 – 9:15	Walk to Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof from Hotel Regina (15 min walk) <i>All sponsored participants staying at Hotel Regina in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i>		
9:15 - 9:30	Morning Welcome and Reflections on Day 1 of the Global Network Forum Meerim Seidakmatova , Postgraduate Student, Coordinator of Regional Environmental Youth Network and Nompumelelo Ntshalintshali , Interim Executive Director for GlobeCare Foundation		
9:30 - 11:30	Part 4: ‘Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges’ <i>In this session Network members will share experience around initiatives that succeeded in improving gender equality in water diplomacy decision making</i> Facilitated by: Prisca Nandede , Senior Sociologist, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda Expert Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verdiane Nyiramana, Regional Chairperson of Nile Basin Discourse and Founder and chair of women for water and climate cooperation network, Rwanda • Rehab Abdelmohsen, independent journalist, Egypt • Foman Forough, Water Resource Specialist, Engineering at South Nation Conservation Authority, Canada and Former General Director of the Kabul River Basin, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority, Afghanistan • Gulzhan Makhmudova, Member of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network for Central Asia and Afghanistan, Expert on Environment and Climate Change Security • Dr. Maria A. Gwynn, Former Governing Council Member of the Binational Entity ITAIPU (2019-2023), Paraguay Q&A time permitting		
11:30 - 11:50	Coffee Break		
11:50 - 12:30	Part 5: Host Country Experience Sharing: The International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Helene Masliah Gilkarov , International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Facilitated by: Tim Kränzlein & Letizia Zuliani , Process Support Team, OSCE		

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12:30 - 14:00	Group Lunch Break at Hotel Herrenhof <i>Suggested to organize group lunches to discuss regional/ basin Network programming updates and next steps.</i> 
14:00 - 15:30	Part 6: Co-creation of proposed 2024 Oregon State University & IHE Delft e-course for Women in Water Diplomacy Network members Dr. Aaron Wolf and Zoe Rosenblum, Oregon State University 
15:30 - 16:30	Part 7: Advancing our commitment to the UN Water Action Decade & preparing for the 2026 UN Water Conference Facilitated by: Kerry Schneider, SIWI  <p>Expert inputs from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Tanja Miskova, Ambassador-at-Large for Water Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia and Sava Basin Deputy Commissioner • Commissioner Maria Amakali, Orange Senqu River Basin Commission • Nazokat Isaeva, National Programme Consultant, Water Quality Monitoring Project, Tajikistan
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee Break 
16:45 - 17:15	Awarding of Participant Certificates On behalf of the organizing team: Kerry Schneider, SIWI; Elizabeth A. Koch, ELI; and Dr. Saule Ospanova, OSCE 
17:15-17:30	Guidance and preparation for tomorrow's Water Diplomacy Symposium for International Women's Day Julienne Ndjiki, Process Support Team, SIWI
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner: Participants are encouraged to have dinner with new colleagues from across the growing Network! DSA have been provided to sponsored participants. ENJOY!  <p>Dinner: OSCE sponsored participants from Central Asia- Afghanistan Network Members will have a separately organized dinner together this evening. Location: Salon Plafond, Stubenring 5, Vienna</p>

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Women in Water Diplomacy Network International Women's Day Water Diplomacy Symposium



Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 9:00-17:30 CET | [Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof](#), Herrengasse 10, Vienna





CET	Program	
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at Hotel Regina for SIWI and OSCE sponsored participants	
9:00 – 9:15	Walk to Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof from Hotel Regina (15 min walk) <i>All sponsored participants in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i>	
9:15-9:40	<p>Welcome to the Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Water Diplomacy Symposium organized in honor of International Women's Day</p> <p>Elizabeth A. Koch, Senior Manager, Environmental Law Institute and Process Support Team Lead, Women in Water Diplomacy Network</p>	
9:40-10:00	<p>Keynote: 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'</p> <p>Katja Ahlfors, Director, Centre for Peace Mediation at Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland</p>	
10:00-11:15	<p>Session 1: Tools at the intersection of women, water, peace, and security</p> <p>Facilitated by: Jessica Troell, Director, International Waters, Environmental Law Institute</p> <p>Expert Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Erika Weinthal, Professor of Environmental Policy and Public Policy at Duke University • Dr. Marisa O. Ensor, WPS Index from the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) • Lena Salame, Lawyer, Senior Lecturer on Water Conflict and Cooperation, OSCE expert (online) • Dr. Nehal Adel, Head of Central Department for External Cooperation, Nile Water Sector, Ministry of Water, Egypt • Sogol Jafar Zadeh, UNU-INWEH's Governance and Gender Coordinator for East and Southern Africa <p>Plenary Discussion/ Q&A</p>	
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break	

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<p>11:30-12:45</p>	<p>Session 2: Anticipating future water scenarios: planning for uncertainty Facilitated by: Natasha Carmi, Geneva Water Hub</p> <p>Expert Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Muna Musnad, Water Resources Modeler, Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office of the Nile Basin Initiative, Sudan • Foman Forough, Water Resource Specialist, Engineering at South Nation Conservation Authority, Canada and Former General Director of the Kabul River Basin, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority, Afghanistan • Tanja Miškova, Ambassador-at-Large for Water Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Sava Basin Deputy Commissioner, Slovenia • Margaret Irungu, Deputy Director, Transboundary Water Policy Division, Nile Basin Desk Officer, Ministry of Water, Kenya • Mwasiti Ally Rashid, Programme Manager for Strategic Planning, Zambezi Watercourse Commission <p><i>Plenary Discussion/ Q&A</i></p>
<p>12:45 - 14:00</p>	<p>Group Lunch at Hotel Herrenhof</p>  <p><i>The working group on Indigenous water governance will be meeting over lunch. Please contact Jessica Troell for details as relevant.</i></p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Session 3: Investing in Women Water Diplomats Facilitated by: Kerry Schneider, Senior Manager, SIWI</p> <p>Expert Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Florence Grace Adongo, Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) Secretariate • Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River • Oygul Usmanova, Head of International Co-operation, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia • Dimka Stantchev, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation <p><i>Plenary Discussion/ Q&A</i></p>

15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 - 17:00	<p>Session 4: Leading Collectively across Generations for Inclusive Water Diplomacy: Inspiring Stories of Women from around the World Facilitated by: Cholpon Aitakhunova, Project Manager, Collective Leadership Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Co-Chair, Indigenous Women's Leadership Network • Zoe Rosenblum, PhD student, Water Conflict Management and Transformation, Oregon State University • Commissioner Bogadi T. Mathangwane, Orange-Senqu River Commission • Tais Reznikova, Water Initiatives Support Program Manager, Central Asia Regional Environmental Centre <p><i>Plenary Discussion/ Q&A</i></p>	
17:00 - 17:15	<p>Closing Reflection on behalf of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Leadership Council Dr. Zodwa Dlamini, Former South Africa's Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission and Women in Water Diplomacy Network Leadership Council Member</p>	
17:15 - 17:25	<p>Guidance and preparation for tomorrow's OSCE focused day Letizia Zuliani & Tim Kränzlein, Process Support Team, OSCE</p>	
17:25 - 17:40	Group Picture	
17:40 - 18:00	<p>Walk back to Hotel Regina (15 minute walk) <i>All participants in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i></p>	
18:30 - 20:00	<p>Dinner: For sponsored participants DSA has been provided. Enjoy dinner with friends and colleagues 'on your own' in Vienna!</p>	

CET	Thursday, March 7, 2024 – Day 4 of Second Global Network Forum Location Venue: RATSAAL/HOFBURG	
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at Hotel Regina	
8:30 - 8:45	Walk to OSCE Hofburg premises (15 min walk) <i>All participants in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i>	
8:45 – 9:30	Registration at the OSCE Hofburg premises and group picture	
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Moderator: Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helga Maria Schmid, Secretary General OSCE • H.E. Ambassador Susanne Schütz, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE • H.E. Ambassador Raphael Naegeli, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and the other International Organisations • Francesca Bernardini, Chief, Transboundary Water Cooperation Section, UNECE Water Convention (TBC) 	
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:15	<p>Spotlight: OSCE perspectives on water, women, security and co-operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giulia Sechi, OSCE Gender Issues Programme: Networking for Gender Equality: WIN initiative • Alexandra Pfefferle, OSCE Conflict Cycle and Mediation: OSCE conflict cycle tools and practices 	
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Facilitated exchange <i>“Identifying synergies and cooperation opportunities for Water Diplomats in the context of peace building and security”</i> <i>Moderator TBC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Finnish mediators’ network • Valentina Ceres, Representative of the Dniester River Basin Commission, Republic of Moldova • Gulzhan Makhmudova, Member of the Central Asia-Afghanistan Network, Expert on Climate Change and Resilience in Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan • Yodit Balcha, Climate Adaptation Research Officer, Alliance of Bioersivity • International and CIAT-Africa Hub and Member of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network Leadership Council 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Imane Messaoudi-Mattei, Geneva Water Hub/UNESCO Chair on hydropolitics, University of Geneva <p>Q&A from the audience (15-30 min)</p>
12:45 – 14:00	<p>Group Lunch</p> 
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Addressing inclusive water governance: a moderated interactive panel <i>Moderated by Saule Ospanova, OSCE and Kerry Schneider, SIWI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace Mediation Centre/MFA Finland • Oygul Usmanova, Head of International Co-operation, Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (SIC ICWC) in Central Asia • Dr. Zodwa Dlamini, Former South Africa’s Chief Delegate and Permanent Representative on the Lesotho Highlands Water Commission and Women in Water Diplomacy Network Leadership Council Member • Shohida Tulieva, National Expert on Gender and Social Equality and Youth engagement in Tajikistan and Women in Water Network in Central Asia and Afghanistan • Dr. Erika Weinthal, Environmental Peacebuilding Association and Professor Duke School of the Environment, USA • Dr. Yumiko Yasuda, Senior Network and Transboundary Water Cooperation Adviser, Global Water Partnership <p>Q&A with Audience (30 min)</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Coffee Break</p> 
16:15 – 16:45	<p>Day 4 Wrap Up and Closing of Day 4 Closing remarks from OCEEA and donors</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Walk back to Hotel Regina (15 minute walk) <i>All participants in need of car transportation should inform process support team in advance.</i></p> 
18:30 - 20:00	<p>Dinner: Participants are encouraged to have dinner with new colleagues from across the growing Network! DSA have been provided to sponsored participants. ENJOY!</p> 

CET	Friday, March 8, 2024 – Participant Departures	
7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast at Hotel Regina	
ALL DAY	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Second Global Network Forum <i>Your inputs are essential to the continuing development of the Network! All participants are required to submit an evaluation form before departing!</i>	
ALL DAY	All participant departures today!	
10:00-12:00	Women in Water Diplomacy Process Support Team and Leadership Council - Debriefing the 2024 Global Network Forum Meeting Location: OSCE Secretariat, Room 425, Wallnerstrasse 6, Vienna	

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