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GIWEH Champion for Water & Ecosystem at 1st Asia International Water Week (AIWW), and Korea International Water Week 2017 (KIWW)

GIWEH- Champion of theme 5: Water for ecosystem and waterfronts at the 1st AIWW - First Asia International Water Week 2017 and Korea International Water Week 2017, September 2017 at The AIWW is a triennial water gathering, organized by Asia Water Council (AWC), which aims to discuss regional water problems and try to solve them by proposing effective action plans.

GIWEH was honored to be the Champion for Ecosystems at the 1st Asia International Water Week (AIWW) which was held in Gyeongju, Korea between 20-23 September2017. GIWEH developed the theme “Water for Ecosystems and Waterfronts”.



			
Theme	Champion (Organizer)	Topics	Coordinator(Sub-Organizer)
Water for Ecosystems and Waterfronts	Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH)	Ecosystem for water services, biodiversity and sustainability	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
		Sustainable waterfront settlements development	K-water
		Water, land, food and governance	Korea environment Institute(KEI)
		Ensuring sustainable withdrawals of water resources	UNEP Nairobi
		Emerging and cross-cutting issues at local, regional and national level	Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH)

AIWW consisted on Five main themes and twenty- Five sub- themes/ sessions, with Five Champions. The themes were Water and Climate Change, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Water Resources Management, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Water for Ecosystems and Waterfronts.

GIWEH a Committee Member of the Citizen Forum/ of the 8th World Water Forum (WWF8)

GIWEH is a committee member of the Citizen Forum of the WWF8. The Citizen's Forum is a process that aims to encourage creative and effective participation of civil society, organized or otherwise (NGOs, local communities, farmers, business people and indigenous movements, gender and youth...). Thus, it is a way of involving citizens, who generally cannot be informed about water issues, in the discussions. For more information for the click here: [citizens-forum-commission](#).



International Representation

Stockholm Water Week 2017

GIWEH, represented by its staff members, was involved within a very busy agenda during Stockholm World Water Week 2017 held on 28th August to 2nd September 2017 at Stockholm, Sweden. GIWEH used the opportunity of its place in the Brazil Booth and within the Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) to strengthen existing connections and to expand its network.



Throughout the week, GIWEH focused on supporting and promoting the World Water Forum 8 (WWF8), networked with a wide range of organizations, and joined the different events of the World Water Council and the Secretariat of the World Water Forum 8.

COP23- Bonn



GIWEH actively participated to the COP23 - the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 6th to 17th November 2017 held at Bonn, Germany, where GIWEH supported the role of civil society on Water and climate change issues, as part of the organization's goal to promote this topic at the World Water Forum 8.

GIWEH joined the World Water Council activities at the water day on 10th November.

This official “Water Action Day” has been organized on Friday 10th of November 2017, on the Global Climate Action (GCA) Campus of the Bonn Zone. GIWEH also held meetings with key organizations to enhance and support the cooperation programs related to water, food and energy, among these organization UNCDF- United Nations Capital Development Fund, UNEP- United Nations Environment Program, ICARDA- International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Regions, Kewasnet- Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Network and other.

GIWEH at 1st AIWW- Asia International Water Week and KIWW

On 20th to 23rd September 2017 at Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, with the main theme of the Asia Water Issues, AIWW program was dedicated to introduce different solutions by learning from good practice and was organized by Asia Water Council. Program aimed to discuss regional water problems and try to solve them by proposing effective action plans. GIWEH was actively involved at all the different processes of AIWW- Asia International Water Week, from the preparatory phase until the results and recommendations of the event.



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GIWEH involved as a champion of Water for Ecosystem and waterfronts, Theme 5, as a member of the task force of AIWW and as a sessions leader of 5.5 Session, "Emerging and Cross-cutting issues at local, regional and national level" and speakers & moderator at different sessions. GIWEH also presented on VIP Networking, coordination with governments, private sector, Academia and civil society in Asia and other parts of the World, joined the General Assembly of Asia Water Council (AWC) and joined the Steering Committee meeting as a board of Governance member (BOG).

4TH Arab Water Forum

GIWEH participated to the 4th Arab Water Forum as a representative of the citizen forum for the 8th World Water Forum on 24th November to 26th November 2017, where GIWEH participated as a coordinator and panelist for two sessions i.e. SS2: "Arab Region on the way to the World Water Forum 8: Towards active contribution" & SS7: "Arab Water under occupation. A main challenge to achieve SDG's". The outcome of the meetings will be included in the regional report which will be submitted by the Arab League for the Regional process.



GIWEH- UN Agenda

36th Session of the Human Rights Council

Within the 36th session of the Human Rights Council held at UN office, on 15th November 2017 GIWEH presented two statements on the Right of to water. GIWEH first statement was at the right for water and second one was on right for development.



GIWEH at the UN Water - Global Workshop for integrated monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation, Den Haag- The Netherlands, December 2017

GIWEH at Global Workshop on the Water-Food-Energy- Ecosystems Nexus

GIWEH at Innovation and Sustainable Development, UNRISD Seminar



GIWEH- Partnership

GIWEH built 5 effective partnerships

With le Département de l'Instruction Publique Suisse, IEPF-Azerbaijan, KEWASNET- Kenya, Soutien Sans Frontières- Somalia & UTAP-Tunis

GIWEH – IEPF Cooperation- International Eurasia Press Fund, Baku – Azerbaijan

GIWEH and IEPF International Eurasia Press Fund (IEPF), based in Baku, Azerbaijan signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which is based on 4 pillars:

- Joint efforts and participation at International events.
- Held conferences, workshops and activities with common interests together, and
- Develop research programs and youth leadership especially in the Middle East, Caucasian region and central Asia and give the refugees and most vulnerable regions the priority at their programs.
- Hydrodiplomacy as a tool for peace making and cooperation in areas of dispute or conflict.



SSF - Soutien Sans Frontières, Somalia

GIWEH presented by Director General Dr. Nidal Salim signed MOU with a Swiss NGO (Soutien sand Frontier) SSF presented by President Mr. Ali Ahmad Sugulle at GIWEH office in Geneva on 16 October.

The MoU establishes a platform between SSF and GIWEH for the improvement of water, sanitation and agriculture environment in Somaliland.

SSF and GIWEH agree that improvement of domestic and agricultural water use is a key to sustainable development in Somalia.

Public Private Partnership

GIWEH highlighted the Public Private Partnership (PPP) as one of the main priority for its strategic plan between 2016 and 2020. GIWEH aimed to build strategic relations with private companies that provide technology on the eld. During a meeting held at Thurgau, Switzerland on 12th December 2017 that included the private sector, GIWEH and investors, all the parties agreed to adopt a three way collaboration model among them, that would rst focus on the water desalination plants project in Mombasa, Kenya.



Korea International Water Week 2017 (KIWW)

GIWEH is at the advisory board of the Korea International Water Week , and event taking place in Gyeongju (Korea) from 20 -23 September 2017. GIWEH will also be intervening as a speaker and is part of the jury for the “World’s Water Challenge 2017”, an international contest and award for individuals (or organizations) in water-related problems and solutions.



**KOREA
INTERNATIONAL
WATER WEEK**

World Water Challenge: Korea International Water Week 2017

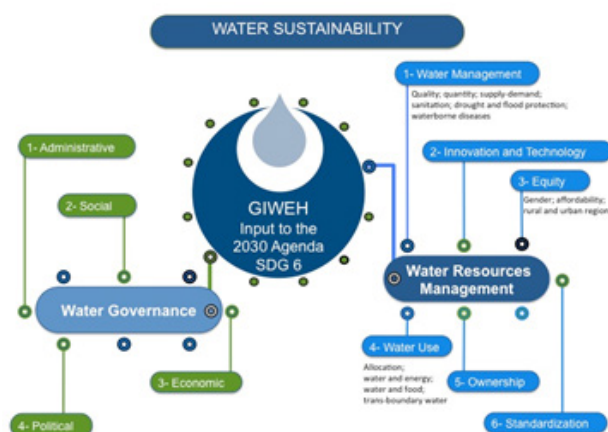


GIWEH presented by Dr. Nidal SALIM was pleased to be part of the referee committee for the second time at Korea international Water Week. The 8 best solutions awarded during the Korea International Water Week 2017.

Integrated Water Resources Management

As part of GIWEH Flagship project: “Support 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda -Goal 6) "GIWEH hosted a water experts meeting on 15th November 2017 at Geneva, Switzerland to discuss the monitoring of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). GIWEH presented an innovative toolkit which can be used to quickly and easily measure the progress towards IWRM implementation. This initiative came as a follow up of GIWEH activity to support the 2030 which started by a side event within Budapest Water Summit, 2016.

The event discussed the indicators for targets 6.5, 6.6 and 6b of the Sustainable Development Goals. Under the supervision of Dr. Tobias Schmitz and Dr. Nidal Salim, GIWEH is developing GIS and IT based systems to support national governments in the collection, collation and analysis of water data relevant for reporting on national, regional and global water goals.



GIWEH-Workshop in Georgia

GIWEH, interacted as a speaker for the workshop “Resources management policy in Georgia & strategies for project participation of international enterprises” held on 22nd August 2017. Members from the academia, private, public sector discussed the current and future hydropower projects of the country, specially the “Nenskra Hydropower Project” which will guarantee the energy supply needed during the winter season and maximizes export benefits in the summer months.



State of Refugees in Europe

The main speakers of this evening were Mme Lisa Mazzone (member of the National Council, Green Party) & M. Juan Carlos Torres (CEO Vacheron- Constantin). The meeting discussed the status of refugees in Europe and how it must integrate them in a better way with the principles of dignity and equity. The presentations were followed by an open discussion between the participants.

GIWEH hosted a dialogue evening within La Rencontre Genève on 3rd October at the Institute of Peace and Justice, in Geneva, Switzerland, on the state of refugees within their communities and in Europe. The meeting hosted almost 40-50 persons. La Rencontre Genève is a private NGO, which receives neither subsidies nor aid from public funds. It is a platform for Dialogue, which invites persons of influence from different cultural, economic, legal, medical, political, scientific and academic backgrounds.



SWP Steering Board

GIWEH hosted the Swiss Water Partnership (SWP) steering board meeting on 4th October 2017 at GIWEH Office, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting included updates on planned initiatives, including an update on preparations to the World Water Forum 2018 and different events the SWP organizes in Switzerland.

Dr. Nidal Salim gave some additional information about the Citizen process for WWF 2018, i.e. that it will strongly be linked to the thematic process and the sustainability one. Dr. Salim and Tobias Schmitz presented GIWEH's activities



GIWEH built strong connections and shared information through :

2 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

Environmental Governance at the Graduate Institute of Geneva

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