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ABOUT THE GENEVA WATER HUB

The Geneva Water Hub is a Centre of Competence on Water for Peace based out of the University of Geneva and the Geneva Graduate Institute. Established in 2015 by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Geneva Water Hub pursues the roadmap laid out in the report of the Global High-Level

Panel of Water and Peace “*A Matter of Survival*”. Now deep into our fourth phase of support from the SDC and University of Geneva, our vision is of a world where the nourishing qualities of water are channelled to prevent and transform political and social tensions. The Geneva Water Hub’s mission is to advance the use of water for peace



in humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding efforts. Our experience has shown that when water is shared equitably, and spared from war and pollution, peace can prevail.



A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR GENERAL

Amid severe droughts and floods, vicious wars, and a smashing of the international order and norms, 2025 was a defining year for an organisation dedicated to advancing peace through water.

Throughout the year, we chose a demanding path: remaining firmly anchored in scientific evidence, international law, and human dignity, even when this meant working against the mainstream. From Mauritania to Iran, and from the UN Security Council to the International Court of Justice, the Geneva Water Hub demonstrated the relevance of its science-policy approach to this kind of world. As this snapshot of impact shows, our work helped widen political space for dialogue while enabling tangible progress on the ground - supporting and driving capacity development, innovative law and policy, and regional cooperation.

These achievements are the result of an exceptional team of boundary-spanning professionals at the Geneva Water Hub, and the steadfast support of our partners at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the University of Geneva, and the Geneva Graduate Institute.

By using politics to address water challenges, and water to address socio-political challenges, the Geneva Water Hub will continue to open doors and build pathways for peace - through 2026 and many years downstream.

Prof. Mark Zeitoun
Director General
Geneva, January 2026



A WORD FROM THE SDC

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) values its collaboration with the Geneva Water Hub and welcomes the publication of this 2025 report. The document reflects ongoing efforts to prioritise water in dialogue, cooperation and responses to today's complex global challenges.

In a year characterised by escalating conflict, climate shocks, and mounting pressure on international cooperation, the Geneva Water Hub has shown that rigorous, evidence-based research, rooted in international law and human dignity, can yield tangible results.

The Geneva Water Hub has consistently bridged research and policy in meaningful ways, from strengthening social cohesion around shared water points in fragile contexts, to shaping UN-level debates on the protection of water infrastructure during armed conflict.

This report not only highlights impressive geographic reach and technical excellence, but also something rarer: trust. Trust has been built with communities, states, multilateral institutions and emerging leaders. Whether through protecting civilians, supporting regional water diplomacy, or training the next generation of peacebuilders, the Geneva Water Hub delivers results that endure beyond project cycles.

We value the Geneva Water Hub's independence, its commitment to evidence-based engagement, and its ability to bring together diverse stakeholders to find shared solutions. This work reinforces Geneva's unique role as a centre for constructive multilateral dialogue, offering practical pathways towards peace at a time when they are urgently needed.

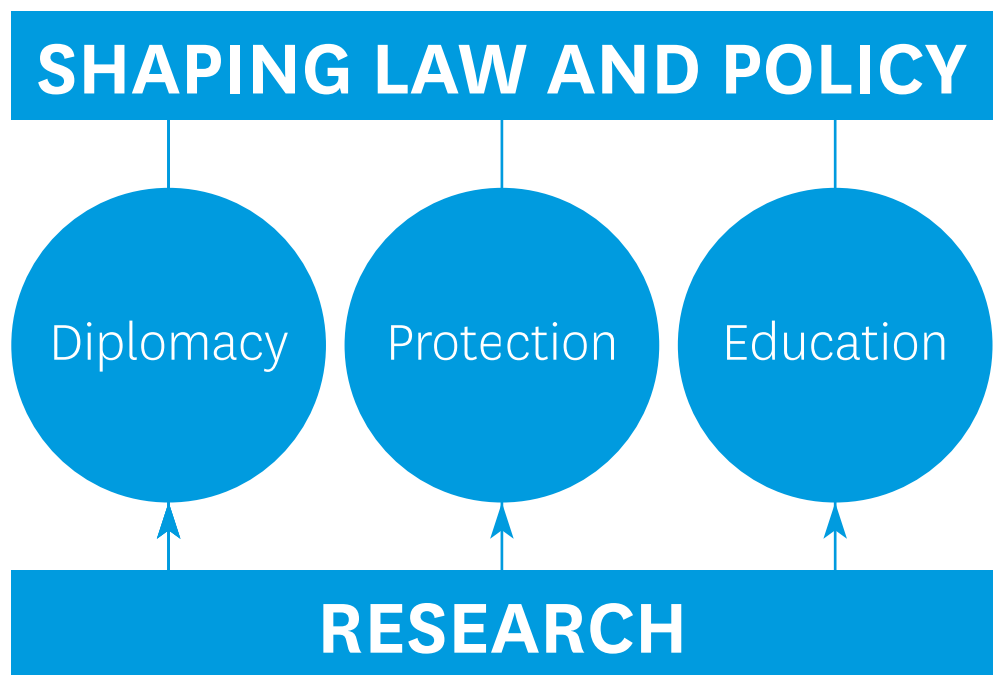
Christian Frutiger
Ambassador, Assistant Director General
Head of Thematic Cooperation
Swiss Agency for Development and
Cooperation (SDC)



RESEARCH AT THE SERVICE OF WATER FOR PEACE

As a university-based centre of competence for water and peace, science is at the core of the Geneva Water Hub's work. We build bridges between science and policy across different geographies and at different levels of engagement: from building trust in local communities, to developing shared messaging

between states at public events or in behind-the-scenes dialogue. Our approach is relational, iterative and dynamic, and designed to build trust with communities over time. We work with partners to develop new knowledge that in turn forms part of the policy processes we drive, and enables continuous learning. We also



elevate and disseminate excellent research from other academic communities – connecting research from natural and social sciences to where it is most relevant and most needed. In a world where information abounds, but truth and discernment can be scarce – the Hub remains steadfast in its commitment to

rigorous methods realising real-world objectives of peace through human dignity.

2025 AT A GLANCE

WHERE WE WORK



Active across 4 regions / 3 continents, in Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Gaza, Jordan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Japan, and throughout Europe.

CORE PARTNERS



Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, University of Geneva, Geneva Graduate Institute, Republic of Slovenia (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs), Blue Peace Middle East, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Iranian Water Diplomacy Association, Pôle Eau Dakar, UNECE Water Convention Secretariat and the Protocol on Water and Health, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHRC), Environmental Peacebuilding Association, International Association for Water Law (AIDA).

See Annex A for a full list of our partners and collaborators.

BUILDING SKILLS AND EXPERTISE



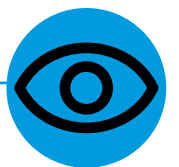
Eight flagship educational programmes and tailor-made training sessions reaching over 200 participants from 27 countries.

MOBILIZING NEW FUNDING



- 4 grants secured for ~ CHF 750,000 (SNSF MAPS, SPI/UZH, Imperial College & AUF) for research throughout Europe and Western Asia
- EUR 1.25M from EU and the City of Geneva for work in Sahel
- CHF 100,000 from MFA of Slovenia to protect water from armed conflict
- 2 proposals for CHF 2.4M for work along the Mekong and in Afghanistan starting in 2026
- 4 large and 6 medium-size research proposals developed and submitted

OUTREACH AND VISIBILITY



- 6 public events organised; taken the floor at over 15 events in seven countries
- 3 newsletters
- +1,100 new professionals in our network (with more than 10'000 subscribers on all our online platforms and newsletter)
- 11.3% engagement rate on LinkedIn (sector average: 3–5%)
- 40% newsletter open rate (top percentile)
- 80+ countries reached through in-person events and our digital channels

THEME 1

BUILDING BRIDGES AND PREVENTING CONFLICT

GOAL: TURN SHARED WATER INTO SHARED RULES, TRUST, AND STABILITY.

“PEACE STARTS AT THE WATER POINT
NOT IN THE MEETING ROOM.”



01. WATER FOR PEACE IN MAURITANIA

LOCAL DIALOGUE AND SOCIAL COHESION AT SHARED WATER POINTS IN REFUGEE-HOSTING AREAS.

In Mauritania, the **Water for Peace** initiative improved dialogue and cooperation around shared water points in areas hosting refugees from Mali in Hodh Chargui. Through two joint field missions with local authorities and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, we assessed groundwater conditions and the governance of key water collection points. Communities co-developed a joint assessment of each point that was later validated by the Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation. We also advanced a joint pledge, with Mauritanian think tanks CEROS and IPAR, under the Global Refugee Compact and signed an MoU with UNHCR Mauritania.

The work has already strengthened local coordination and trust. Communities and authorities now collaborate more effectively to identify problems and shape solutions, supported by the region's newly appointed **Water for Peace focal point**. He guided the Geneva Water Hub supported missions with the aim to reinforce existing local conflict prevention mechanisms. The mission at water points enabled to validate with local users the need for water point charter and locally crafted technical solutions to improve social cohesion. The diagnostics also revealed urgent technical problems, allowing authorities to act quickly to repair failing water points.



Community dialogue on water issues for social cohesion in the border village of Dwenkara, Vassala commune, Hodh Chargui region, Mauritania, November 2025. © Ipar Think Tank

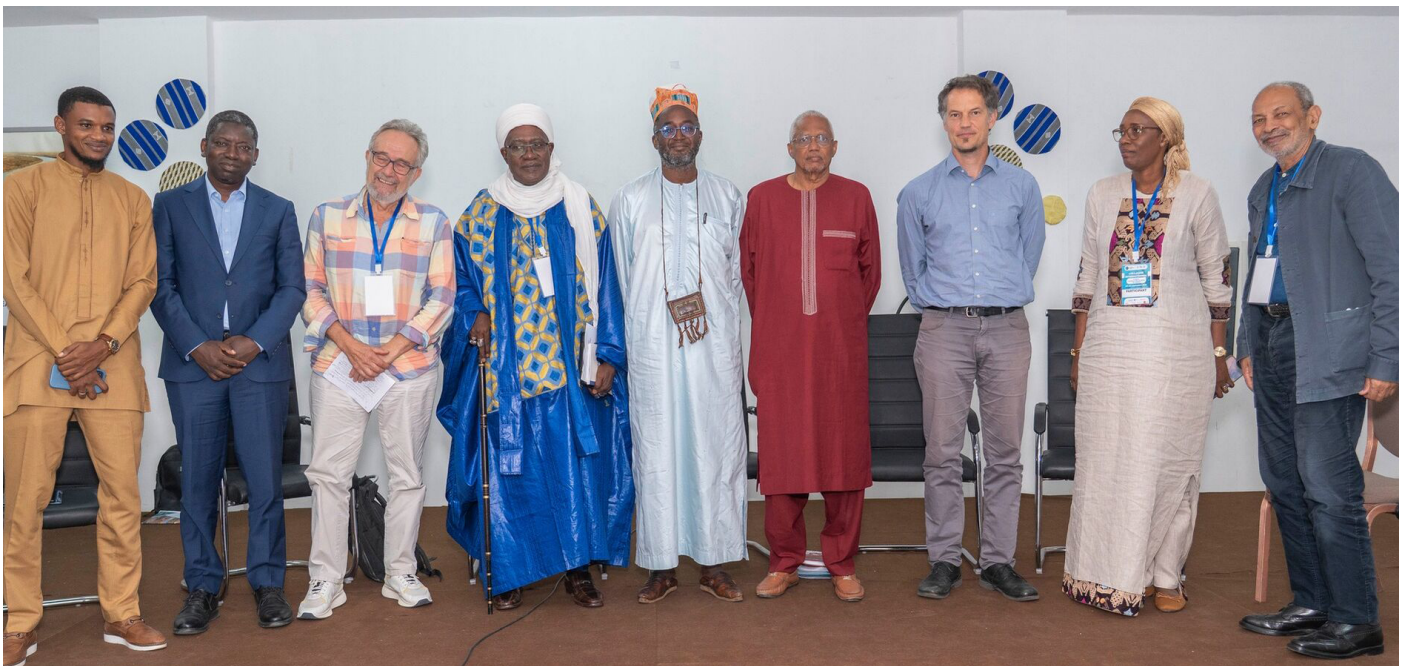
02. ACCOMPANYING THE PÔLE EAU DAKAR / DAKAR WATER HUB

A REGIONAL HUB FOR WATER AND PEACE DIPLOMACY IN WESTERN AFRICA.

The Pôle Eau Dakar (PED) has taken major steps toward establishing itself as a regional hub for Water and Peace diplomacy in West Africa. We secured €1.2M in EU funding for 2025–2029 and supported Pôle Eau Dakar operational strategy an operational strategy with Senegalese authorities to position Pôle Eau Dakar as a regional think tank on Water for Peace. The concept for a Blue Digital Platform to support youth innovation in the Senegal River Basin gained endorsement from the *Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du fleuve Sénégal* at the Podor Forum, laying the groundwork for a new initiative. We also convened the Dakar Colloquium on **Water as a Driver of Peace in the Sahel**, which offered a unique

space to gather researchers, field practitioners, authorities and institution representatives as diverse as the Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du fleuve Sénégal, Emir of Liptako and UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to water and sanitation.

As a result, Dakar is increasingly recognised as a regional centre for Water for Peace cooperation. African expertise and leadership are shaping new approaches to water governance rooted in local realities, not external templates. The long-term EU funding provides stability and enables Water for Peace initiatives to scale and deepen their impact across the Sahel.



International conference “Water: A Vector of Peace in the Sahel” panel, September 2025, Dakar, Senegal.

03. THE AL-HAWIZEH/AL-ADHIM MARSH PROJECT

UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS AND VALUE OF TRANSBOUNDARY MARSHES, FOR PEACE.

In Iraq and Iran, we are jointly analysing the status of water resources, climatic scenarios, legal frameworks, socio-economic activities, and narratives in relation to the Marsh. This multi-disciplinary approach is providing further knowledge, and is identifying potential collaboration avenues that will promote cooperation, support local economy and resilience and improve relations. Project partners include The University of Thi-Qar (UTQ), the Queen Rania Al-Abdullah Center for Environmental Science and Technology (QRACEST) and Tarbiat Madares University (TMU).



The Hawizeh Marsh as a vital source of livelihood to populations on both sides of the political borders. © Camaam

04. SUPPORTING REGIONAL ACTORS IN WESTERN ASIA - BLUE PEACE MIDDLE EAST AND WATER DIPLOMACY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

POSITIONING WATER AS A CATALYST FOR COOPERATION IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS.

Across Western Asia, we strengthened our partnership with **Blue Peace Middle East (BPME)** and the **Water Diplomacy Center (WDC)** to position water as a catalyst for cooperation in fragile contexts. We formalised collaboration through an SDC/BPME note, contributed to the WDC Advisory Committee, and provided political advisory support through our seat on the BPME Policy Advisory Committee. Training activities—including youth fellowships and scholarships—continued to build regional expertise, while a jointly organised roundtable in Doha with BPME and the Middle East Council on Global Affairs advanced dialogue on water diplomacy.

These efforts are enabling approaches successfully tested in the Sahel to be adapted for the Middle East, helping shape new regional practices in water diplomacy. Young professionals are moving from passive observers to active contributors in policy debates, expanding the region’s leadership pipeline. Water is increasingly viewed as a neutral and constructive entry point for dialogue, even amid political sensitivities. The partnership is also opening new avenues to explore Water for Peace cooperation with Gulf countries, including the Gulf Cooperation Council.



Environmental Peacebuilding Training, Geneva 2025.

05. SNSF MAPS PROGRAMME: TRANSBOUNDARY WATER GOVERNANCE ACROSS REGIONS

SCIENCE THAT STRENGTHENS DIPLOMACY.

The Transboundary Water Cooperation between EU Member States and Third Countries: Governance Resilience Analysis and Hydropolitical Model-Building (TWCEU) project is set to strengthen the link between science and diplomacy. With the Ludovika University (Hungary), and the University of Osijek (Croatia), we secured 750,000 CHF to analyse the resilience of shared waters (EU and non-EU states) under climate and geopolitical stress. By generating shared, evidence-based data, TWCEU aims to help countries cooperate rather than compete, with lessons from Europe positioned to inform water-for-

peace negotiations in Africa and the Middle East. Researchers will be actively involved in producing policy outputs, ensuring that knowledge travels from field stations to policy briefs to negotiation tables.



The Vidin-Calafat Danube Bridge provides a reliable link between Bulgaria and Romania. © Stoyan Haytov

THEME 2

PROTECTING CIVILIANS AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL: ENSURE WATER CAN NEVER BE USED AS A WEAPON OF WAR.

“SHIELD WATER. PROTECT LIVES.”



01. GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO SPARE WATER FROM ARMED CONFLICTS: A INITIATIVE TO END THE WEAPONISATION OF WATER

FROM ADVOCACY TO INFLUENCE.

As secretariat of the **Global Alliance to Spare Water from Armed Conflicts (GASWAC)**, we are delighted to work with co-founding Partners Switzerland and Slovenia. The GASWAC grew steadily in 2025, and now includes Costa Rica, Hungary, Indonesia, Kuwait, Mozambique, Panama, The Philippines, Senegal, The Geneva Call, The Global Wash Cluster, IUCN, PAX for Peace and UNICEF. We advanced the protection of water in conflict settings from advocacy to tangible UN influence. Our work contributed to an informal meeting of the UN Security Council (“Arria-formula”) on 23 May 2025, resulting in an official UN document that incorporated key Geneva Water Hub recommendations. GASWAC was referenced in the UN Secretary-General’s Annual Report on the Protection of Civilians.

These achievements have shifted the global conversation: attacks on water infrastructure are now formally recognised as threats to civilian safety. Major humanitarian actors, including UNICEF, have acknowledged the Geneva Water Hub and GASWAC as leading voices on this issue, and several states have adopted the Hub’s language—“Sparing water saves lives”—at the UN, embedding water protection firmly within international security discourse.



Water Tower destroyed in Khan Younis, Gaza 2014. © CAFOD

02. BUILDING A BETTER LEGAL AND KNOWLEDGE BASE

TURNING LEGAL PRINCIPLES INTO OPERATIONAL PROTECTION.

We are turning legal principles into operational protection for water infrastructure. Training sessions for military advisers, humanitarian teams, legal experts, and national authorities—combined with guidance based on the Geneva List of Principles (a practical guidance document) and international law—have created a shared understanding of how to safeguard water services during conflict. We further advanced this understanding through a review of the ingenious ways communities adapt to the destruction of water systems (conducted by Graduate Institute master’s students), as well as a two-day dialogue with military commanders and lawyers on the foreseeability of impacts when water is targeted. As a

result, we have helped build a growing community of practice in which emerging legal guidance supports military and humanitarian actors in reducing the risk of attacks on or misuse of water systems, and in which more states are beginning to integrate water protection into their national policies and planning.



“Law, policy, and science in environmental peacebuilding” training, Ljubljana Slovenia 2024.

03. REAL-TIME INTELLIGENT SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCIES (JI-RISE PROJECT)

ACCURATE AND REAL TIME DATA DELIVERY FOR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE.

Through the **JI-RISE project**, the Geneva Water Hub joined a consortium led by Imperial College London's Jameel Institute to develop digital tools that give responders up-to-date information to guide decisions in humanitarian emergencies. This digital initiative aims to transform responses for people injured, malnourished, or at risk of disease in conflict zones by providing accurate, timely data. In its initial phase, JI-RISE will support agencies responding to crises in Gaza and Sudan, with the potential to benefit hundreds of thousands globally. The Geneva Water Hub's role ensures that the system reflects

social realities on the ground and is embedded within appropriate governance frameworks, making emergency responses more effective and context-sensitive.



A young girl collects water at solar-powered water well in Yemen. © Ezra Millstein/Mercy Corps.

THEME 3 SHAPING POLICY AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

GOAL: EMBED WATER FOR PEACE IN POLICY, GROUNDED IN STRONG INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

“ELEVATING WATER FOR PEACE THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY”



01. GROUP OF FRIENDS ON WATER AND PEACE

A PLATFORM FOR DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE ON WATER AS A CATALYST FOR PEACE.

Active since 2017, the **Group of Friends on Water and Peace** (an informal gathering of state representatives to the UN Office in Geneva”) serves as a platform for diplomatic dialogue on water as a catalyst for peace, from the climate–water nexus to sensitive transboundary issues. In 2025, we convened two meetings in Geneva with 20 to 40 Permanent Missions, including a session on youth, water, and peace, and another on the role of the UN Special Envoy on Water. These discussions elevated Water for Peace narratives to provide young people a more meaningful role in peacebuilding, as well as creating momentum toward a more inclusive and action-oriented UN Water Conference 2026.

“ The Group of Friends for Water and Peace brings International Geneva together - transforming shared waters into shared responsibility and cooperation into peace. ”

H.E. Ms. Anita Pipan
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia in Geneva



Group of Friends on Water and Peace focusing on Youth, peace and security and its contribution to the 2026 UN Water Conference.

02. INTERACTIVE MAP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PROCEEDINGS

SUMMARIZING AND CONSOLIDATING 1,500+ PAGES OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS
→ A TOOL FOR DIPLOMATS.

The **International Court of Justice's interactive map on climate change and human rights advisory proceedings** transforms 1,500+ pages of legal arguments into a practical tool for diplomats. By visualising every country's legal position on climate change and the human right to water, informed by submissions to the International Court of Justice, the map enables instant comparison of national stances. This strengthens countries' negotiating power—especially those most affected by climate change—and reinforces Switzerland's role as a global hub where law, science, and diplomacy converge to support fair and informed international negotiations.



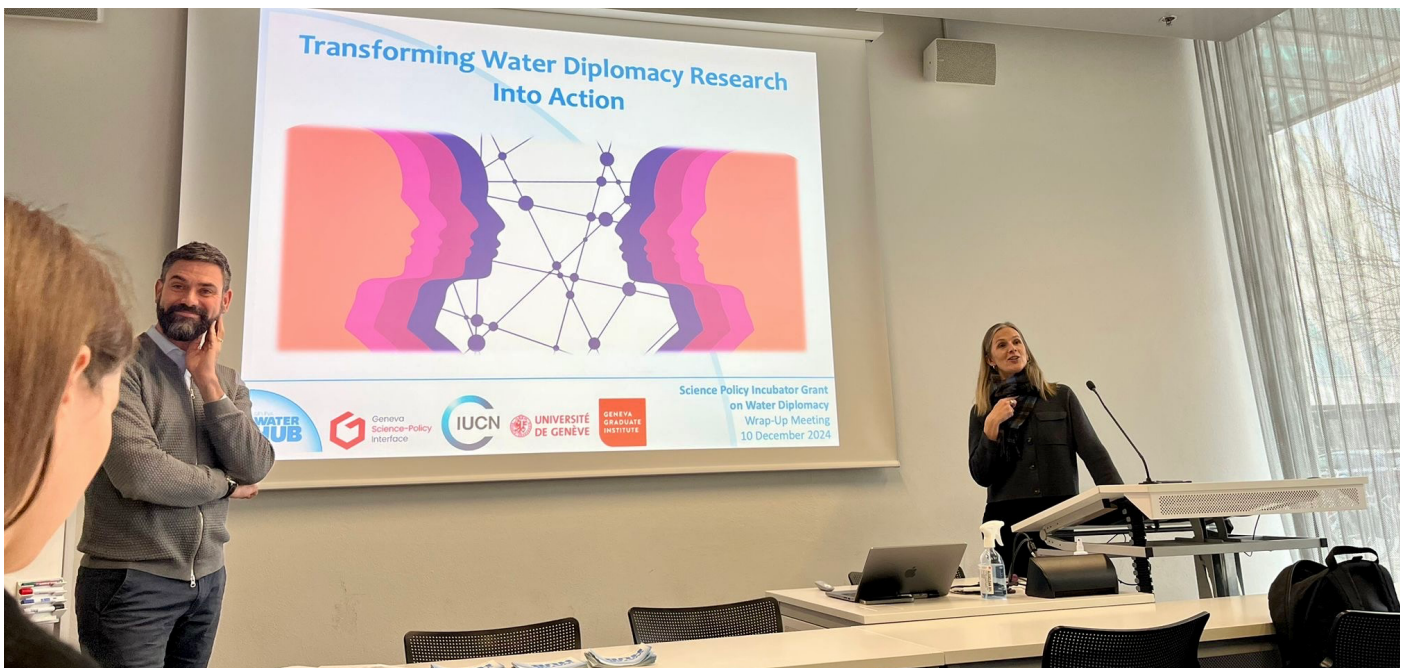
The ICJ Interactive Map online.

03. SCIENCE-POLICY INCUBATOR (SPI) GRANT

WHERE EMERGING RESEARCHERS BECOME DIPLOMATIC ACTORS.

The Geneva Water Hub launched its second edition of the **Science-Policy Incubator (SPI) Grant on Water Diplomacy** in 2025 with two projects selected from a competitive global process: one exploring emotions and water governance (UK) and the other investigating the role of new and emerging technologies, including blockchain, for community-led water governance (Namibia). The programme empowers researchers to participate directly in diplomatic and policy discussions, bringing local perspectives and innovative approaches to the table. These projects are moving beyond theory to inform

real-world decisions, with government ministries and river-basin agencies applying the evidence to guide planning and strengthen water governance.



Geneva Water Hub's inaugural science-policy event; PhDs share their experience using the science policy incubator grant in water diplomacy to bridge their research to practice and policy.

04. FROM RESEARCH TO GLOBAL ADVOCACY AND ACTION

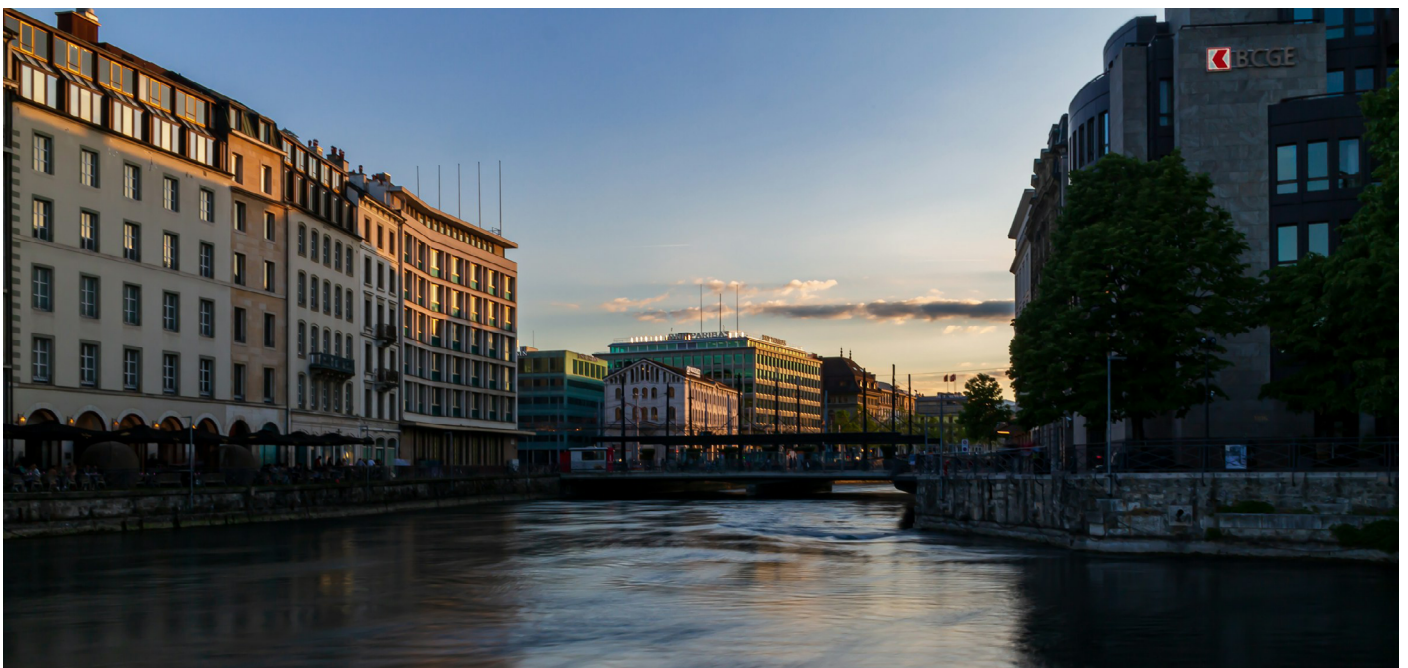
RESEARCH THAT DRIVES POLICY DECISIONS AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

The Geneva Water Hub's research advances peacebuilding and water diplomacy through a relational, iterative, and dynamic approach, grounded in strong scientific evidence. This foundation has enabled the Geneva Water Hub to build trusted partnerships and contribute to major international processes and high-level forums, including the UNFCCC COP 30 Water for Climate Pavilion in Belém, the preparatory process for the UN Water 2026 Conference in Dakar, the Water for Peace and Security Conference in Nairobi and the Geneva Cyber Week 2025.

In 2025, the Hub informed negotiations and future research agendas through strategic legal analyses, glossary entries, and a systematic literature review linking water and peace. The interactive International

Court of Justice map further enhanced diplomatic practice by distilling more than 1,500 pages of State submissions into an accessible tool, enabling rapid comparison of legal arguments. Together with conference interventions, newly funded projects, and advocacy that embedded peacebuilding in the UN-Water 2030 Strategy, these outputs strengthened legal clarity, reduced disputes, and accelerated cooperation among countries.

Recognizing the importance of global outreach, the Hub actively communicated its research through diverse media channels. Throughout 2025, leading international outlets sought the Geneva Water Hub's expertise on issues at the nexus of water, conflict, and international law, with Hub experts interviewed and cited in stories reaching global audiences.



Downtown Geneva and the Rhone River. © Devon Rogers/Unsplash.

- Our peer reviewed publications appeared in leading international journals including Environmental Science and Policy, Water International and International Journal of Water Resource Management
- Our experts provided inputs into numerous policy documents and conference preparations including recommendations to the 2026 UN Water Conference, the 2025-2028 Collaborative Implementation Plan of UN Water, and to the EU Blue Diplomacy and Water Resilience Strategy.
- Our experts reach global audiences through their contributions to diverse media outlets including blogs (e.g. Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, ICRC Humanitarian Law and Policy Blog, ExpertISE blog of the University of Geneva, and International Water Law Project blog) and press (e.g. Associated Press, BBC, RTS).

A full list of our 2025 publications and media contributions can be found in Annex B.

THEME 4

TRAINING PEACEBUILDERS AND WATER DIPLOMATS

GOAL: TURN WATER PRACTITIONERS INTO PEACEBUILDERS.

“BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF INFORMED
AND ENGAGED WATER *WARRIORS* FOR PEACE”



01. ENGAGING WITH YOUTH ON WATER FOR PEACE AND LEGAL EMPOWERMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY THE FUTURE OF DIPLOMACY – THEY ARE THE ACTIVE PRESENT.

The Geneva Water Hub has actively brought youth into the heart of Water for Peace diplomacy, convening intergenerational panels with leaders from peace, humanitarian, and water sectors, and providing expert briefings to 500 high school delegates at Yale Model United Nations Europe. We facilitated youth exchanges, supported the inaugural UNESCO Water Youth Dialogue, and helped develop the first UNESCO Water Youth Strategy. By creating these platforms and amplifying their voices, we ensured

young professionals move from trainees to policy influencers, shaping legal and political positions and embedding youth participation into the structure of Water for Peace diplomacy. We regularly welcome groups of students and introduce them to our work through dynamic discussion and interactive activities. We also hosted three interns this year, and benefit enormously from their inclusion in the team and meaningful engagement.



Engaging youth as key actors in advancing Water for Peace within global policy processes. Water Youth Dialogue, co-organized by UNESCO from 12 to 13 June 2025 in Paris.

02. CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

TRAINING LEADERS WHO NEGOTIATE PEACE.

Our flagship programmes, the **Certificate of Advanced Studies in Water Governance and Negotiations** in Geneva and the **Law-Policy-Science Peacebuilding Executive Programme**, train leaders who negotiate peace, equipping them with skills and influence to act in real-world governance and diplomatic roles. To date, these in-person and blended programmes have reached over 200 participants from 27 countries, with roughly 50% women, spanning Geneva, West Africa, South America, and the Middle East. More than 40 alumni have moved into diplomatic or governance functions, applying negotiation frameworks in policy processes and advocating for water protection in conflict contexts.

In addition, in 2025 we delivered targeted initiatives

such as the OSCE digitalisation training for water authorities and launched the new online course on Legal Protection of Water in Armed Conflict, expanding our reach and reinforcing Water for Peace globally.

“ Now I feel much more equipped to reflect on the global challenges water faces, both locally and globally. ”

Ms. Solenn Le Goff
Department of Economics
University of Zurich



Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) “Water Governance: Frameworks and Negotiations” class session.

Programme	Format	Who we trained
Water Governance Frameworks and Negotiations	Two-week intensive Summer School in Geneva (certified) with University of Geneva	Practitioners and basin authorities 13 participants/alumni
Law–Policy–Science Peacebuilding Training	Executive programme (Geneva) with MFA Slovenia	Academic, Civil Society, UN staff, militaries and staff from ministries. 18 participants/alumni
OSCE “Data Sharing and Digitalization in the Water Sector”	Online training on data and Information exchange in transboundary basins.	Water authorities and policymakers (OSCE Member States)
Legal Protection of Water in Armed Conflict	Online Course with Sanremo Institute of International Law (certified)	Academic / legal students 18 participants/alumni
Water for Peace Diplomacy	Full Master’s course (certified) with Geneva Graduate Institute	30 Master’s students

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

SEPTEMBER 2024 – AUGUST 2025

During Fiscal Year 2024/25, the Geneva Water Hub:

SPENT

CHF 3,148,296* across its five programmes.

RAISED

CHF 2,044,282, which includes CHF 944,659 (289,477 in-kind) from partners UNIGE and IHEID, and CHF 655,182* from collaborators (e.g. University of Lyon, UNDP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, City of Geneva, World Bank), and CHF 1,099,623 from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.**

Beyond the *fiscal* year, the Geneva Water Hub also:

RAISED an additional CHF 1.3M in 2025 for water diplomacy projects with EU in West Africa and with the Jameel Institute / Imperial College for waterborne disease prediction in Gaza, and SECURED CHF 2.4M in 2026 for projects in Afghanistan and along the Mekong River.

Notes

Geneva Water Hub finances are audited annually by KPMG and Mazars, and reported on twice annually to Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. Full financial statements are available upon request.

* Because the Geneva Water Hub fiscal years run from September to August, the figures do not include projects the Geneva Water Hub secured during the last quarter of 2025 (see above).

** As reported in the audited financial report for FY 2024/25. Any difference in sums may be attributed to delays between accounts recorded and payments received at the time of reporting.

ANNEX A PARTNERS

Any impact the Geneva Water Hub can claim is due to the trusted relations it has with its strong partners.

FOUNDATIONAL

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- University of Geneva
- Geneva Graduate Institute

STRATEGIC

- Blue Peace Central Asia
- Blue Peace Middle East
- Canton de Genève
- Club Diplomatique de Genève
- Doha Institute for Graduate Studies
- Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
- Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean
- Institute of Economics and Peace

- International Committee of the Red Cross
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Iranian Water Diplomacy Association
- Majlis el Hassan
- Middle East Council on Global Affairs
- Pôle Eau Dakar
- Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- UNECE, Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

OPERATIONAL

- Association Globe / Festival à Sahel Ouvert
- Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur l'Ouest Saharien
- Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Centre National des Ressources en Eau, Mauritanie
- Conseil Régional du Hodh Chargui, Mauritanie
- Diplo Foundation
- Dropstone
- Eau Vive Internationale
- Environmental Peacebuilding Association
- Geneva Call
- Global Forum on Law, Justice, and Development
- High-Level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters
- Initiative pour la Prospective Agricole et Rurale
- International Association of Lake Regions

- International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Laboratoire d'Analyse Régionale et d'Expertise Sociale du Bénin
- Middle East Desalination and Research Centre
- Milk Music
- Office Cantonal de l'eau du Canton de Genève
- Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Gambie
- Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du fleuve Sénégal
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
- PAX for Peace
- PeaceNexus Foundation
- Peace Operations Training Centre Ljubljana
- Queen Rania Al-Abdullah Center for Environmental Science and Technology
- Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of the Interior
- Réseau International des Organismes de Bassin
- Secrétariat international de l'eau - Solidarité Eau Europe
- Swisspeace
- The Water Diplomat
- Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition
- TRENDS
- UN Water
- UNICEF
- United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Water Convention Secretariat
- United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- United Nations Development Programme

- United Nations Office at Geneva
- Unité Scientifique Mobile de Genève
- Ville de Genève
- World Bank Group
- World Economic Forum
- World Health Organization
- World Meteorological Organization

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies
- Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
- Deutsch-Kasachische Universität
- IHE Delft Institute for Water Education
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
- Institute for the Study of War
- International Water Management Institute
- International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- Jordan University of Science and Technology
- Oregon State University
- Tarbiat Madares University
- The Arctic University of Norway
- Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar
- Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Université de Montréal
- University of Thi-Qar
- UN University - Institute for Water Environment and Health
- Water Diplomacy Centre, Jordan University of Science and Technology

ANNEX B

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Submitted recommendations, delivered statements, and co-organised a Peace Panel with Ministers from Senegal and the UAE in preparation for the 2026 UN Water Conference.
- Secured the inclusion of peacebuilding in the 2025–2028 Collaborative Implementation Plan and committed to two Contributing Actions on Water for Peace with UN-Water.
- Submitted recommendations influencing the European Union’s approach to Blue Diplomacy and water cooperation.
- Submitted recommendations to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation.

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