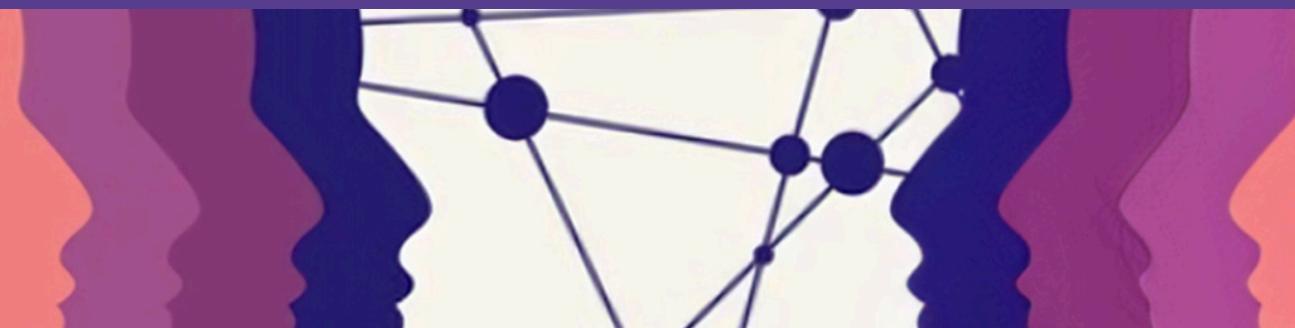


# Transforming water diplomacy research into action



Please join us for a half-day seminar of presentations and discussion on the frontier of science-policy for water diplomacy. Presentations will be given by two recent grant winners who transformed their PhD findings into policy-facing approaches, from the Geneva Science Policy Interface (GSPI), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**Tuesday February 10th 2026, 13:30 – 16:30**  
**Salle 001, 66 Boulevard Carl Vogt, University of Geneva**

## AGENDA

**13:30- 13:45**

### Welcome and Introduction

- Laura Turley & Christian Bréthaut, *Geneva Water Hub*

**13:45-14:00**

### Framing the Science-Policy Interface

- Frédérique Guerin, *Geneva Science Policy Interface*

**14:00-15:00**

### Science Policy Incubator Grants on Water Diplomacy – Results & Reflections

- **Emotions & Gender in Water Stewardship, Management, and Diplomacy**  
Lauren Smith
- **Ethical AI and Blockchain for Water Diplomacy: Translating Smart Metering Research into Governance Tools for Transboundary Cooperation in Southern Africa**  
Maria Kanyama

**15:00-15:15**

Short coffee break

**15:15-16:00**

### Science-policy, boundary work and joint knowledge creation over shared waters

- Cyrille-Lazare Siewe, *UNEP*
- Maria Carreno Lindelien, *International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)*
- UN Water Convention secretariat, *UNECE*

**16:00-16:15**

### Reflections from diplomatic and policy community

**16:15-16:30**

### Integrating social sciences into water diplomacy – opportunities and next steps

- Laura Turley & Frédérique Guerin

*Following the seminar, all are welcome to join for an apéro!*



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