

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!