The contribution of the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET) to the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater

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WHY ‘WATER MUSEUMS’?

Museums are key institutions for transmitting to future generations the history of water and the social practices related to its management. In doing so, they ensure deeper understanding of the value of water.
WHY A GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS?

Water museums, visitor centres, eco-museums, ‘extended museums’ ... exhibit an outstanding repository of heritage related to water (natural & cultural, tangible & intangible) which needs to be strengthened and promoted further to target the SDGs.
OUR ENGAGEMENT TO TARGET THE SDGs AND BUILD A «NEW CULTURE OF WATER»

We must “reinstate a new relationship between humanity and water: a new ‘sense of civilization’ which can help to reconnect people and water in all its dimensions - including scientific, technical, social, cultural, artistic and spiritual”

(Charter of the Global Network of Water Museums)
UNESCO-IHP Resolution n.5-XXIII (2018)

«THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS AND UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF WATER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND WATER AWARENESS EFFORTS»

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> 80 Water Museums all over the world
> 33 different States
> 30.000.000 Visitors/ Year (ante COVID)
YOUTH CONTEST & AWARD

THE WATER WE WANT

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https://thewaterwewant.watermuseums.net
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1st Edition 2022

https://irememberwater.watermuseums.net
UNESCO-IHP Resolution n.7-XXIV (2021)

‘UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING FURTHER THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WATER MUSEUMS’
The Intergovernmental Council of IHP invites:
“the IHP Secretariat to compile an inventory of the different water museums across the world, and encourages Member States and IHP National Committees to support the Secretariat in this effort by communicating information on existing water museums”
EXHIBITION @ UN-WATER SUMMIT

VALUING ANCIENT WATER CULTURES

https://www.watermuseums.net/campaigns/valuing-ancient-water-cultures/

NOVEL INVENTORY ON HISTORICAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES?
Thank you