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# **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 “reinststate 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)*





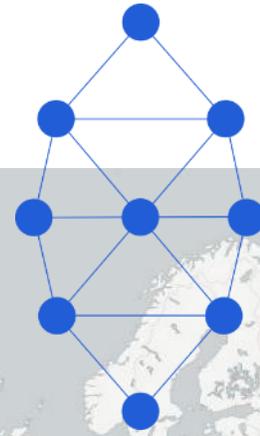
# UNESCO-IHP Resolution n.5-XXII (2018)

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

**A NEW “FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE” OF UNESCO-IHP**



# MEMBERS



# WATER MUSEUMS GLOBAL NETWORK



[www.watermuseums.net](http://www.watermuseums.net)

-  Water Awareness
-  Natural Science
-  Open air / Virtual
-  History & Heritage

**> 80 Water Museums all over the world**

**> 33 different States**

**> 30.000.000 Visitors/ Year (ante COVID)**

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# UNESCO-IHP Resolution n.7-XXIV (2021)

**‘UNESCO-IHP IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING  
FURTHER THE GLOBAL NETWORK  
OF WATER MUSEUMS’**



# **TOWARDS A ‘WORLD INVENTORY’ OF WATER MUSEUMS, VISITOR CENTRES, AND HERITAGE SITES AS ‘EXTENDED 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?

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