

# Women in Water Diplomacy Network

Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement for RBOs



## Women in Water Diplomacy Network in Central Asia and Afghanistan



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## Who we are

### History of the Network's Establishment

In 2021, the OSCE, in partnership with CAREC and SIWI, established the Women's Network of Central Asia and Afghanistan on Water Resources Management.

The Network aims to promote inclusive and cooperative water governance and to empower women to advance their careers in the water sector

Women face a number of barriers, including limited access to information, financial resources, **lack of inclusive participation** and training.

In addition, social and cultural constraints in some countries of the region may restrict their active participation in higher-level decision-making

Traditional cultural and social norms often limit women's participation in formal decision-making processes, including in water resources management





- **Initiated in the Nile Basin in 2017**
- **Central Asia Network launched in 2021**
- **Global Strategy ‘The Way Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security’ released in 2022**
- **North America Network launched in 2023**
- **South Caucasus Network launched in 2024**
- **New basin networks under development - South Africa, Latin America**
- **The network holds regular in-person and online sessions to share experiences; collectively participates in basin, regional and international events critical to water cooperation; provides intergenerational and transboundary mentoring and joint training for women water diplomats, and much more!**



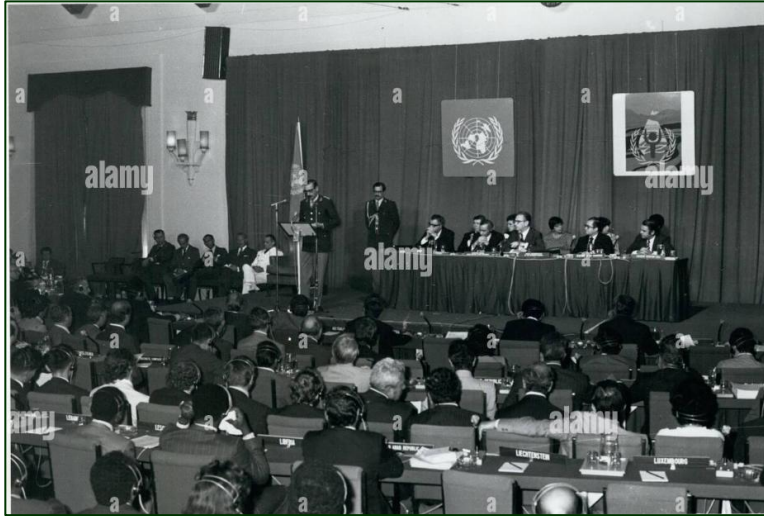
# 2025 Central Asia-Afghanistan Highlights

2025 was full of events and fruitful activities:

- ✓ Integration of women and youth in water-energy-food nexus in the region;
- ✓ Enhancing skills in water diplomacy through webinars, study tour and negotiation workshop;
- ✓ Contributing to women and youth **water and energy policy dialogue** in CA;
- ✓ Presence at global and regional fora;
- ✓ Contributing to the formation of a **community of experts** for joint research;
- ✓ **Joint publications** and gender analyses;
- ✓ Exchanges with South Caucasus Network;
- ✓ Welcoming **new members** to CA&Afg Network.



# Why a focus on *inclusive* water diplomacy?



The status quo is  
exclusive

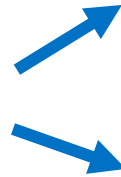


Under-represented and  
vulnerable communities  
on all sides bear  
**disproportionate and  
cumulative harm from  
water and climate  
decisions.**

# Why a focus on *women* in water diplomacy?



**Failure to include women equitably**

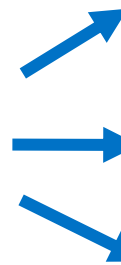


**Has direct cost** to political decision-making at transboundary level

**Undermines progress** toward cooperative and sustainable management



**Support to women water experts**



**Opportunity** to elevate distinctive knowledge, perspectives and experiences

**More comprehensive understanding** of relevant water issues and challenges

Broader set of **equitable solutions**

**Resources are scarce**



**Targeting support to women is an easy choice**

# Save the date and join us!

## Global Webinar: *Our Shared Water Visions*

Articulating and elevating shared priorities is critical to mobilizing joint actions. This global webinar aims to foster exchange around recently released shared water visions and priorities. Join us to learn more about the Africa Water Vision and Policy, young water diplomats priorities, and more!

**Online | Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 14:00 CET/ 16:00 EAT**  
English, Arabic, French, Spanish and Russian interpretation available

**Pre-registration is required here:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZN9ubWCUTiSDQML\\_yiVJuQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZN9ubWCUTiSDQML_yiVJuQ)



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