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FAROE ISLANDS - SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2024



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# Vision and Framing

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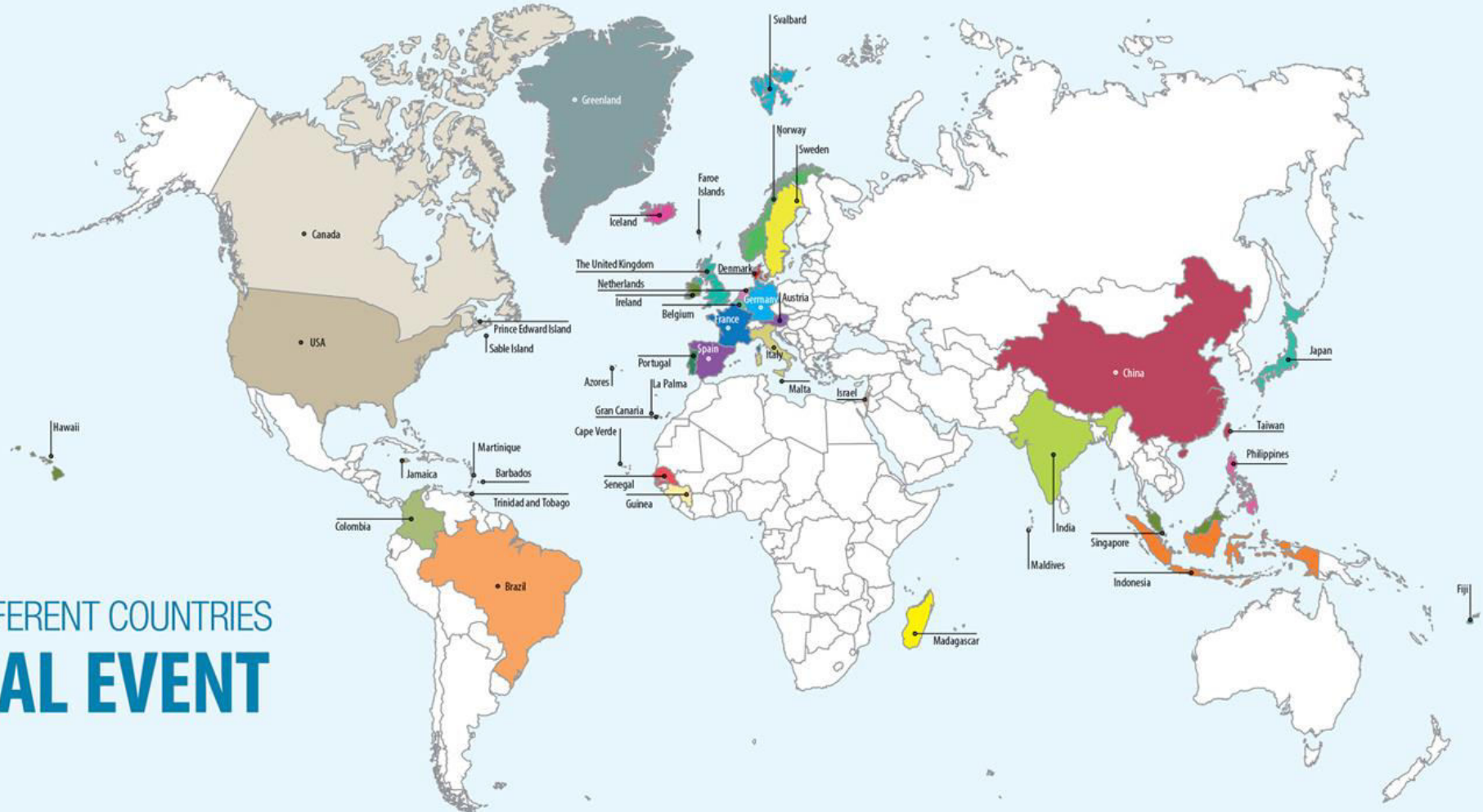
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# Content

- Delivering on our vision
- Faroese policy context
- Key framing questions and considerations

## Bringing together a community of practice on freshwater and islands

*Connecting Islands  
for global water solutions*



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33 islands

Arctic / Northern Europe (10)  
Mediterranean (3)  
Atlantic Ocean (5)  
Indian Ocean (3)  
Pacific Ocean (2)  
Caribbean (4)  
Canada / North America (4)

SIDS  
European Islands  
African islands  
Caribbean islands



## Bringing together a community of practice on freshwater and islands



12/22  
UNESCO Paris  
UN  
Groundwater  
Conference

05/23 IWRA  
Field visit to the  
Faroe Islands

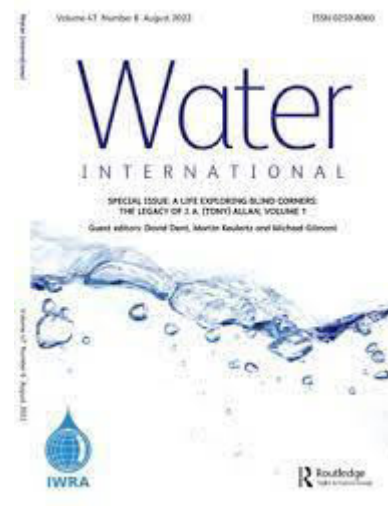
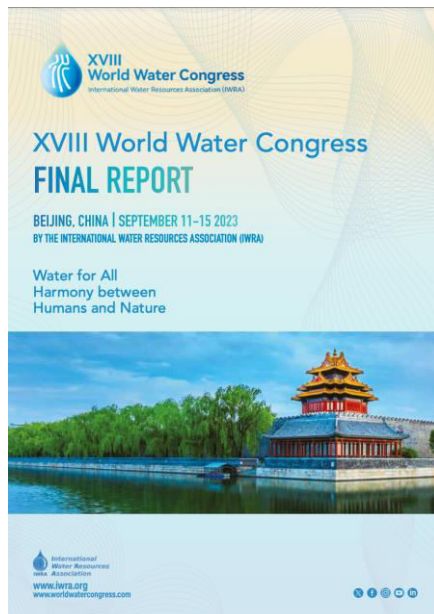
09/23 IWRA  
XVIII World  
Water Congress  
in Beijing

09/24 | IWRA  
Islands Water  
Congress



## Bringing together a community of practice on freshwater and islands (1) to share knowledge and good practices

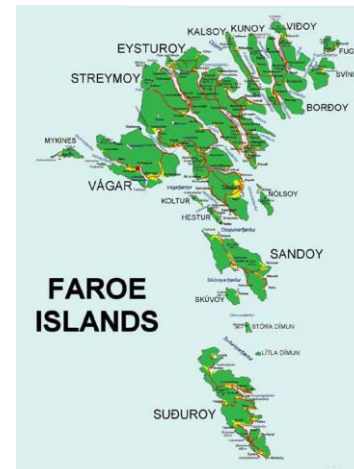
- Congress proceedings
- Journal special issues





Bringing together a community of practice on freshwater and islands (2) **to take action and move forward national and international agendas**

- Congress policy report (Faroe Islands focus and global island audience)



- MoU establishing the Torshavn Dialogue on the Sustainable Freshwater Management on Islands



## Raising awareness of freshwater and of its importance in a changing climate





## Fragmented freshwater management landscape



## Awareness of freshwater: from the Nordic House to the classrooms

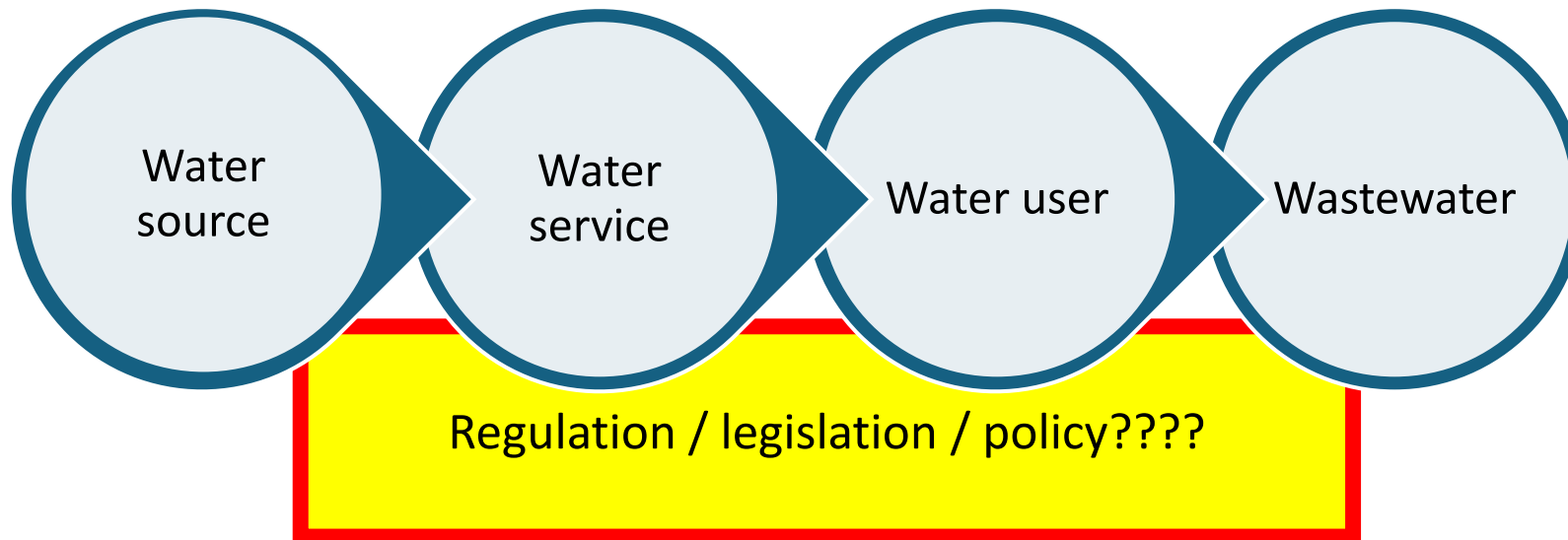


# Key framing questions and considerations

- From administration, collaboration and innovation to
  - Administration
  - Climate change, nature and nexus
  - Groundwater resources management
  - Data and innovation

Climate change?

Island dimension?





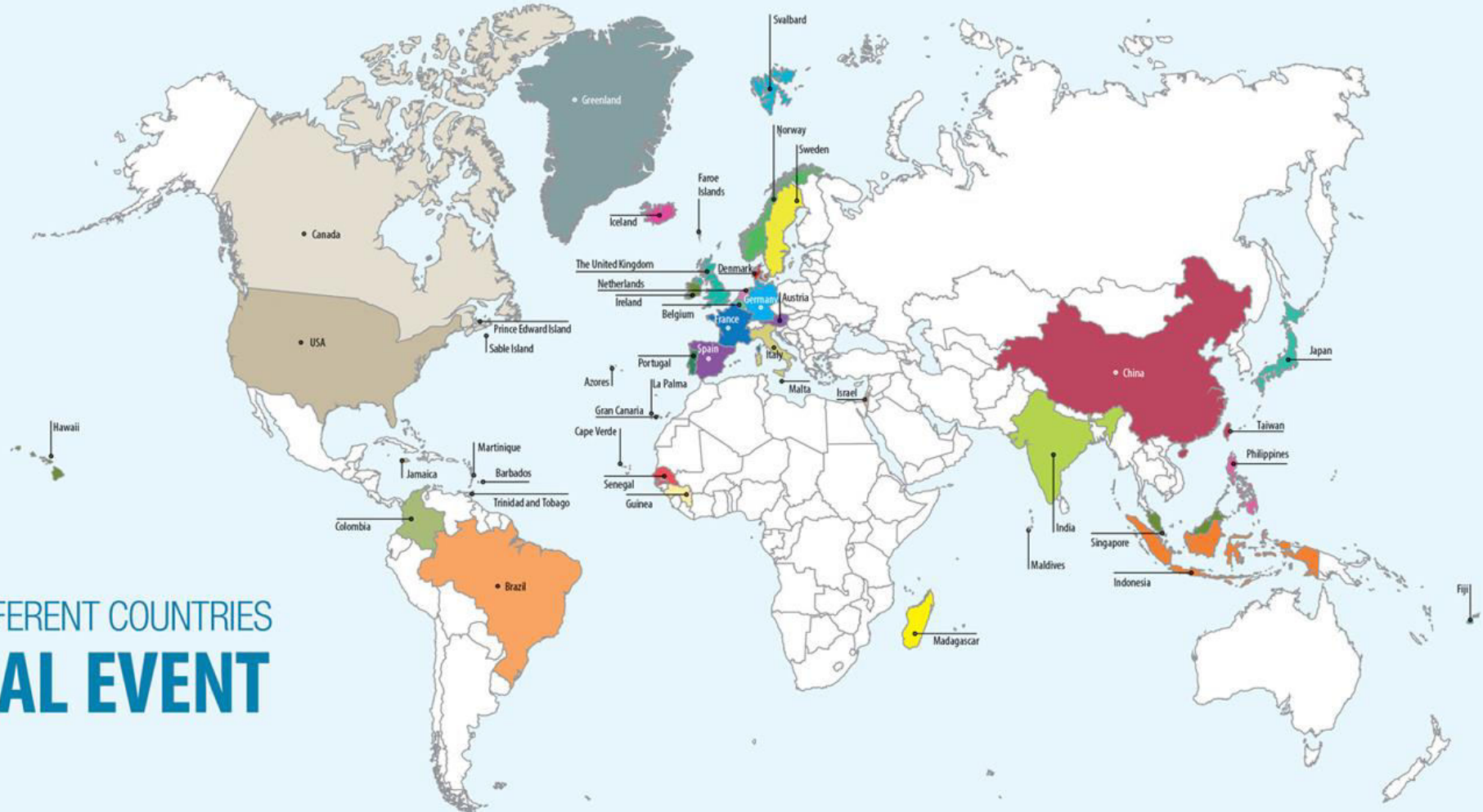
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- Relationship between the IWRA Islands Water Congress and other similar initiatives focusing on islands and freshwater / sustainability
- UN Local Islands 2030 Water Resilient Community of Practice
- Contribute to Water Scarcity “postcards”



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