

IWRA World Water Envoys - XIX World Water Congress

Description

The IWRA World Water Envoys Programme, honoured with the ICCA-BestCities Incredible Impacts Award in 2022, is designed to amplify the voices of young water professionals committed to addressing the world's most pressing water challenges. This initiative empowers emerging leaders to bring global attention to the unique water issues faced by their communities while sharing and exploring innovative solutions on an international platform.

As part of the programme, Envoys will actively participate in IWRA's [XIX World Water Congress](#), which will take place **1–5 December 2025 in Marrakech, Morocco**. This includes benefiting from mentorship, presenting their insights during the Congress, engaging in meaningful discussions with global experts, and building long-term networks for the professional careers in order to drive positive change in their communities.

For the XIX World Water Congress, IWRA seeks to highlight diverse voices and stories from around the world, particularly from the next generation of water leaders. We are looking for representatives who can share the critical water challenges their communities face and showcase how they are innovating and adapting to address these issues in the context of a changing world. Selected representatives will become **“World Water Envoys”** and will be featured prominently at the XIX Congress.

Activities during the Congress

During the XIX Congress, each World Water Envoy will have the opportunity to briefly introduce the water challenges faced by their community, particularly focusing on how they are innovating and adapting to address these issues in a changing world. They will highlight the impacts these challenges have on everyday life and share insights into the strategies their communities are exploring to overcome them.

Over the following days, Envoys will have the chance to delve deeper into these topics through discussions with experts attending this event and by participating in a dedicated special session workshop. This will provide a platform to exchange ideas, refine their approaches, and gain valuable feedback from global water professionals.

During the Closing Ceremony, Envoys will summarise their key takeaways from the Congress, including what they have learned throughout the week and the connections they made that could support their communities in addressing water challenges more effectively.

Application Process

To apply, candidates must provide the following:

- A **video recording of up to 2 minutes** (recorded on a camera, phone or laptop, landscape mode) introducing a significant water challenge in their community related to innovation and adaptation. The video should explain the problem, how it is impacting their community, and the solutions that have been implemented or are being explored.
- **One high-resolution digital photo** that best illustrates the water challenge or solution in their community. The candidate must be the author of the photo, briefly explain its significance in the application form, and consent to its use.
- A **short resume (1 page max)** detailing the candidate's academic and professional journey.
- A completed [consent form](#).
- A **completed [application Google form](#)**, which includes all the above requested information and consent form for IWRA to use all submitted images or materials. (video recordings, profile pictures, images, etc.)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be between 18 and 35 years old.
- Candidates must be comfortable presenting their ideas in public and in English.
- Applicants may come from any country, but their application must focus on a water challenge in their community that demonstrates the need for innovation and adaptation in a changing world.

All required materials must be submitted via the [Google form](#) by the **10th March, 2025**. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Next Steps

Once the applications have been reviewed, candidates will be shortlisted for online interviews, scheduled between 17–21 March 2025.

Once the final four are selected, candidates for the World Water Envoys Programme will receive an official notification from IWRA. They will be required to confirm their participation by the specified deadline and provide the following:

- Confirmation of their ability to travel to the XIX World Water Congress, 1-5 December 2025, Marrakech, Morocco.
- A copy of a valid passport (with validity extending at least six months beyond December 2025).

Upon receiving confirmation and the necessary documentation, IWRA will proceed with arranging flights and accommodation for the selected World Water Envoys.

Awards and Benefits

Selected World Water Envoys will receive full funding to participate in the XIX World Water Congress in Marrakech, Morocco (1-5 December, 2025), including:

- One economy round-trip ticket to Marrakech, Morocco.
- Hotel stay, including breakfast.
- Travel insurance for the duration of the trip.
- Full registration to the XIX Congress, which includes access to all sessions, lunches, and a ticket to the gala dinner.
- A complimentary one-year Gold membership to IWRA.

Terms and conditions

- Awards and benefits provided through this programme are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for any other award, benefit, or monetary value.
- Travel and accommodation provided through this programme must align with the schedule of the XIX World Water Congress and cannot be modified for alternate dates.
- World Water Envoy candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be at least 18 years old by December 1st, 2025.
 - Hold a valid passport and secure any required visa for the period of travel.
- World Water Envoys must consent to being recorded and agree to the use of their names, images, videos, and the water security challenges they present for the promotion of both the XIX World Water Congress and IWRA.
- World Water Envoys must waive any and all claims against IWRA or any associated parties that may arise from travel to and participation in the XIX World Water Congress.
- World Water Envoys are expected to conduct and present themselves in a professional, respectful, and collaborative manner during the XIX World Water Congress. As representatives of their communities and IWRA's World Water Envoys Programme, each Envoy plays a key role in the XIX Congress. Maintaining these



standards ensures a positive experience for all participants and reflects the values of the programme and the Association.