

# Ecocivilisation Year of Water 2023 and water as a circular system of life

## First Scientific Webinar on “Water Risk Reduction”

22 Feb 2023, Online, Hosted by Ecocivilisation Secretariat, Slovenia

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 Feb 2023  
**Time:** 10:00am – 11:30am CET, 90 minutes session  
**Venue:** Online Virtual,  
**Host:** Ecocivilisation Secretariat, Slovenia

### Chairperson of the Webinar

Dr. hc Violeta Bulc

Founder and Curators of Ecocivilisation (<https://www.ecocivilisation.eu/en/>)

### Moderator

Drs. Alice Bouman-Dentener, Co-founder of CANSU Global, Vice President of WRTC International

### Panelists

1. Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki, Water Resources Management Specialist, Japan Water Agency and former Research Fellow of Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

<https://www.water.go.jp/honsya/honsya/english/>

2. Mr. Hans Guttman, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and former CEO of Mekong River Commission (MRC), <https://www.adpc.net/>

3. Mr. Dipak Gyawali, Academician of the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, former Minister of Water Resources, Nepal

4. Ms. Kusum Athukorala, SC member of Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), Chair GWP South Asia, and Founder, NetWwater, Sri Lanka

5. Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein, Founder of Myanmar Water Academy, Ecocivilisation Wing Myanmar Chair, and HELP Expert Advisor, <https://www.wateranddisaster.org/>

### About the webinar

This webinar is part of the Ecocivilisation 2023 the Year of Water and Water as a Circular System of Life. The opening ceremony of the Year-Long-Event was introduced on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023.

This webinar is the first scientific webinar of the monthly webinars. The title of this webinar is “Water Risk Reduction”. It will discuss about managing water-related risks and disasters by life-long-water professionals as well as internationally well-known experts, who have been working in the field of water related disaster risk reduction, management, and governance. Their expertise and experience expressed at the Panel Discussion will be the basis for the audience to interact with panelists. One of the topics that comes out most urgent need to address is “Water and adaptation to climate change”.

Climate change is reshaping the future for freshwater. More torrential rains, floods and droughts can be expected in many areas. Changing precipitation patterns are shifting rainy seasons and affecting the timing and quantity of melt water from snowpack and glaciers. Impacts on water quality can be expected and freshwater ecosystems are especially vulnerable. Adaptation is not about maintaining the status quo at all costs. Instead, it is about better managing water risks for an uncertain future. The next one comes as “Nature-based Solutions to Tackle Water-related Climate Risks”. Healthy ecosystems, and their associated services, can provide effective natural protection against water-related climate risks. Nature-based solutions have recently gained momentum in international policy discussions due to their potential to foster synergies between ecosystem health and human wellbeing, while also offering economic benefits.

JWA, ADPC, GWP-SA, WfWP, MyanWA, Academicians and NGOs tackled these two main topics for many years. We will hear the firsthand experience from the relevant professionals and get the opportunity to interact with them.

## Agenda

Wednesday, 22 February 2023	
10:00-10:02 (am CET)	<p><b>“Announcement of house rules for the webinar”</b></p> <p>Ms. Natasa Campelj</p>
10:02 - 10:07 (am)	<p><b>“Opening remark and Grandmothers Prayer MUSIC”</b></p> <p>Dr. hc Violeta Bulc</p> <p>Founder and Curator of Ecocivilisation (<a href="https://www.ecocivilisation.eu/en/">https://www.ecocivilisation.eu/en/</a>)</p>
10:07 - 10:10 (am)	<p><b>“Introduction of the participants by the Moderator”</b></p> <p>Drs. Alice Bouman-Dentener</p> <p>Co-founder of CANSU Global and Vice President of WRTC International</p>
PANEL PRESENTATIONS	
10:10 - 10:20 (am)	<p><b>“Mobilizing WISDOM for Water Risk Reduction”</b></p> <p>Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki, Water Resources Management Specialist, Japan Water Agency and former Research Fellow of Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</p> <p><a href="https://www.water.go.jp/honsya/honsya/english/">https://www.water.go.jp/honsya/honsya/english/</a></p>

<p><b>10:20 - 10:30</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p><b>“Asian Disaster Preparedness in the area of Water Risk Reduction”</b> (The title may be edited further) Mr. Hans Guttman, Executive Director, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), and former CEO of MRC <a href="https://www.adpc.net">https://www.adpc.net</a></p>
<p><b>10:30-10:40</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p><b>“Climate Risk as Primarily Water Risk: Cultural Theory understanding of its pluralized social construction”</b> Mr. Dipak Gyawali, Academician of the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology, former Minister of Water Resources, Nepal</p>
<p><b>10:40-10:50</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p><b>“Women in Water Risk Reduction”</b> (The title may be edited further) Ms. Kusum Athukorala, SC member of Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), Chair of GWP-South Asia, and Founder, NetWwater, Sri Lanka</p>
<p><b>10:50-11:00</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p><b>“HELP policy recommendations to Water Risk Reduction and its flagship initiatives”</b> Prof. Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein, Founder of Myanmar Water Academy, Ecocivilisation Wing Myanmar Chair, HELP Expert Advisor <a href="https://www.wateranddisaster.org/">https://www.wateranddisaster.org/</a></p>
<p><b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION</b></p>	
<p><b>11:00-11:25</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p>All Participants and Panelists moderated by the Moderator</p>
<p><b>CONCLUSION</b></p>	
<p><b>11:25-11:30</b> <b>(am)</b></p>	<p><b>“Concluding remark and next step”</b> by a co-organizer of the Ecocivilisation Year of Water 2023 and water as a circular system of life</p>

## Background of the Event

# Year of Water 2023

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#EcocivilisationMovement

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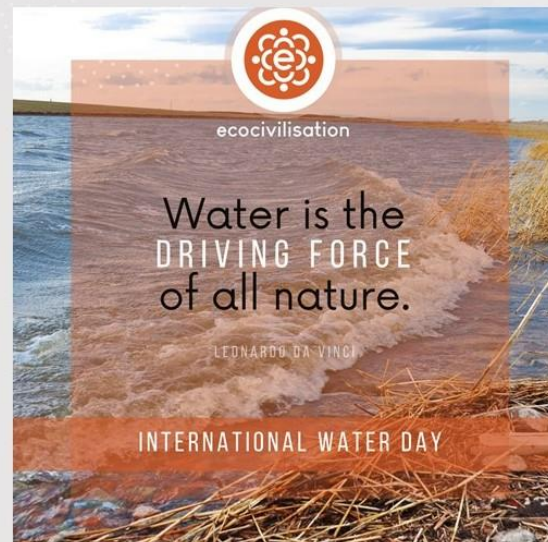
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2023  
The Year of Water

moderated by:  
prof. dr. Khin NiNi Thein  
dr. Rajni Vohra  
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#EcocivilisationBook

2024  
Water, The Inner Strength of Life





# The Year of Water

## The Purpose

To bring forward fresh views for the demanding challenges from around the world related to water, including accessibility to drinking water, gender perspective, the management, the role, the essence, the inspiration of water in the framework of glocalization.

## The Vision

The right for drinking water into every constitution in the world.

## The Mission

To re-invent the integration of the water topics into the emerging (eco)civilisation.

To acknowledge water as the inner strength of life.

to raise the awarness about the essencial role water plays for the life on the planet Earth.

## Goals:

1. Rise the awareness about the topics related to water challenges.
2. Create a focus group dedicated to the water topic and cross-integrate with groups that share the vision and the mission of the EYoW23
3. Deliver a new EcocivilisationBook: Water

## The Team:

Ecocivilisation Movement in collaboration with Myanmar Water Academy and WahWoman



# The Content

- **Feb (1.st week):** Water as a circular system of life
  - oceans, in-land waters, clouds, rain, beings, the circle of life
- **Feb (the last week):** Water Risk Management &The Climate Change
  - (issues of risk water management; why that is important for migration, health, community resilience)
- **Mar:** Water & Circular Economy
  - the role of different stakeholders in sistemic approach to water management, the role of water in circular economy; water as an information system of the planet Earth
- **Apr:** Responsible Investments in Sustainable Water Management
  - (how financial organizations address investments in water, evaluation criteria, opportunities with new innovative financial tools)
- **May:** Legal Rights for Water
  - (the right for a fresh water in every constitution in the world; the role of a legal system in democratization of water)
- **Jun:** Water & Gender perspective
  - why the water issues are also gender issues
- **Jul:** Regional events by the Ecocivilisation Wings
  - (regional issues, possible ways forward by activating regional and global strengths: how, when)
- **Aug:** Regional events by the Ecocivilisation Wings
  - regional issues, possible ways forward by activating regional and global strengths: how, when
- **Sept:** Water, Art & Culture
  - the mening of water for art and culture
- **Oct:** The role of water in rituals, festivals
  - what are historical perspectives of water; wisdoms, stories, rituals and the ancient future wisdoms that the water is sharing with us)
- **Nov:** A New Water Management Paradigm
  - wrap-up session; water manifesto; creation of a focus group: Ecocivilisaion Water Essential Group (EWEG)
- **March 2024:** #EcocivilisationBook: Water, The Inner Strength of Life
  - event(s), social media promotional activities, web page promotion

# Invitation for sponsors to join and cocreate



type	All of the session for the year of water 2023	The book to be published in 2024	Provide a video to be screened at the beginning of the sessions	A special closed event for the	Selected sessions	Total
<b>Co-creator (1)</b>	x	x	x	x		EUR 7.000
<b>Supporter (up-to 3)</b>	x	x				EUR 4.000
<b>Friend (up to 5)</b>		x			x (up to 4 sessions)	EUR 2.000
<b>Acquaintance (up to 10)</b>					X	EUR 600/1session

## #Ecocivilisation movement

The IDEA: it has been emerging since 2012.

The START of the movement in May 2020

### PROJECTS:

#EcocivilisationRelationshipModel, #EcocivilisationTalks, #EcocivilisationInAction, #GlobalOpenHouse (in partnership with 8One), #EcocivilisationPodcasts, #EcocivilisationBooks #Connectathon (in partnership with Social System Labs and CoDo)

### 2 LUNGS:

1. THE management and the network expansion TEAM; partners & friends (12)
2. WINGS – country nodes/chapters (34) + Denim Partners (3);
3. #EcocivilisationVolunteerStudentResearchProgram (2)
4. Co-creators (12)

