

# Ecocivilisation Year of Water 2023 Water Webinar Series

## Webinar on “Water and Gender Perspectives”

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Accelerating SDG 6 performance by mainstreaming Gender Perspective in the New Water Governance/Management Paradigm proposed by Ecocivilisation

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# The Main Message

**Gender Mainstreaming is a SDG 6 Accelerator!!!**

## SDG 6 Indicators

- 6.1.1 Drinking Water
- 6.2.1 Sanitation and Hygiene
- 6.3.1 Wastewater
- 6.3.2 Water Quality
- 6.4.1 Water Use Efficiency
- 6.4.2 Water Stress
- 6.5.1 Water Management
- 6.5.2 Transboundary Cooperation
- 6.6.1 Ecosystems
- 6.a.1 International Cooperation
- 6.b.1 Stakeholder Participation
- Institutional and Cross-Cutting
- Gender Contextualization

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♥ Management Paradigm ♥  
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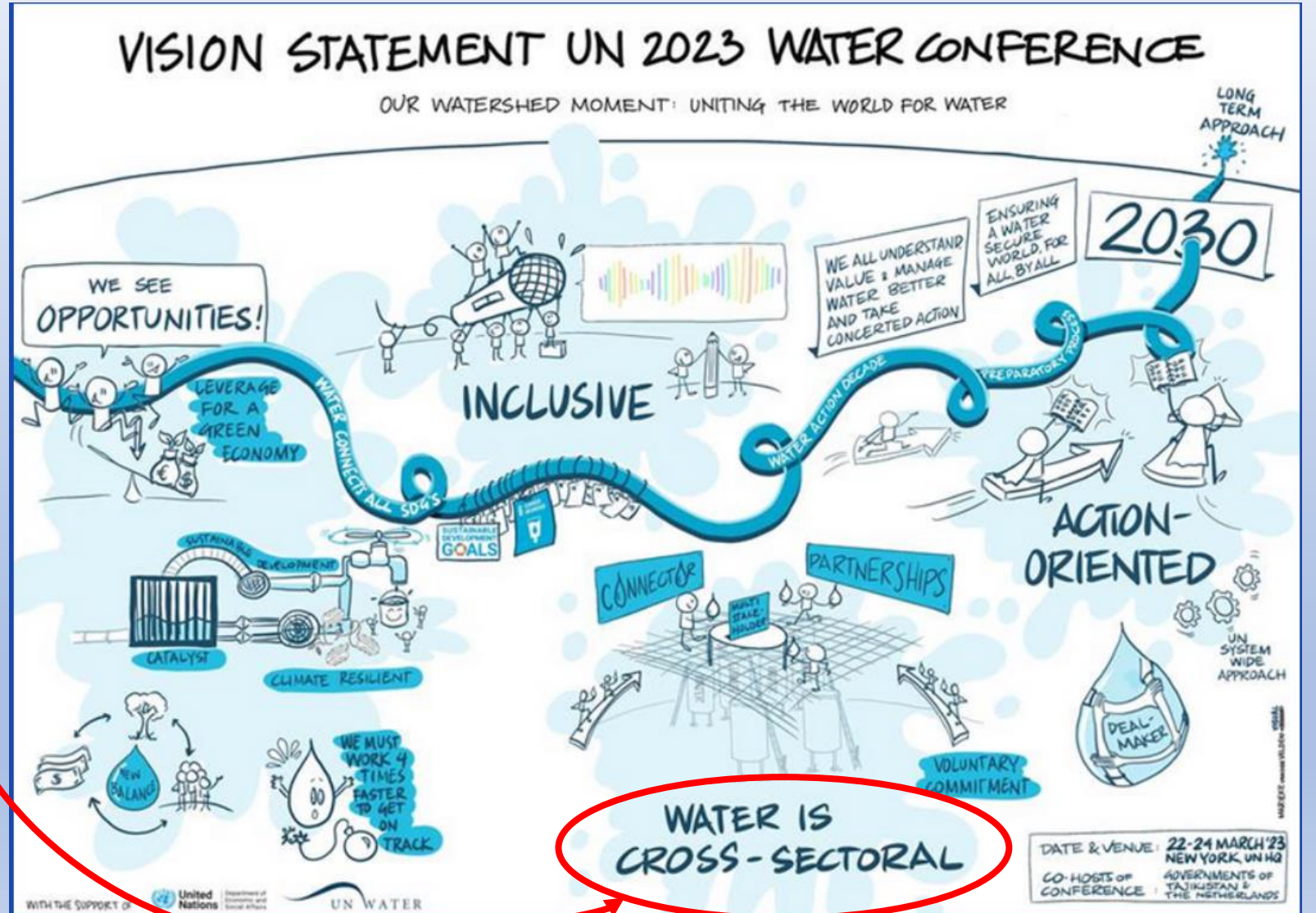


# Rationale

- A Framing Paper for the High-Level Panel on Water began with this quote, “The lack of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities that meet women and girls’ needs can be largely attributed to the absence of women’s participation in decision-making and planning” (*Mr. Léo Heller, second Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, 2016*)
- *The adoption of CEDAW was a remarkable achievement in the history of the women’s movement. Its ultimate aim was to catalyse social transformation that transcends cursory legislative reform (Facio & Morgan, 2009). Article 3 of CEDAW promotes this social transformation, calling for state parties to ‘take all appropriate measures’ to achieve gender equality. (M. Guthridge et. al. 2022)*
- *UN Water Conference 2023 as Mid-term Review of the 2030 Agenda REPORT FINDINGS!*  
<https://www.un.org/pga/77/2023/05/08/letter-from-the-president-of-the-general-assembly-water-for-sustainable-development-conference-summary/>
- *Gender Equality and Goal 6 are inseparable – gender mainstreaming is of critical importance in SDG 6 implementation*

# Rationale (contd.)

Gender  
Is  
Cross-cutting  
issue



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## Human beings play the central role: *for better or worse*

- Need to promote the balanced development (17 Sustainable Development Goals harmoniously), which include Water, Energy and Food Security, Happiness, Peace, and Conscious Cooperation.
- HUMANS are the ACTORS and DRIVERS
- The first three are part of natural sciences and the latter three are part of social sciences.
- Purposeful sustainable development is people-centred and happiness-centred, **should be implemented by the people for the people**
- Technological-means alone only bring unbalanced development which leads to unsustainable development unwittingly.
- **The really important work is the prevention of man-made disasters (in terms of economic, political, wars, health, food, water, energy, transboundary cooperation, etc.) on Earth.**
- Co-creation of Ecocivilisation, Circular Economy, Water Integrity Network, Circles, many more . . . . i.e. **Human realization => Adaptation**

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## Proposed New Water Management Paradigm

- A variety of paradigms shape water resources management, reflecting the evolution of policy developments and transient societal values.
- Tug of war between repression and resistance (conservatives and progressive thinkers)
- IWRM has been a predominant management framework from 1990s to date, however, since 2010 UNGA Human Rights-based Approach (HRBA)
- Proposed Paradigm: **A New Paradigm (3-Ply)**  
(Socio-technology + Systems Science + Spiritual transformation - begin with leadership principles)  
(Hydroinformatics Tools + Systems Science + AEIOU Leadership)  
**To revive Human Greatness and Nature together!**
- Reason: to dissolve potential paradigm clashes over the tensions and promote synergies between IWRM and the Human Rights-Based Approach
- Problems were found in implementation!

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## Evolution of Consciousness and Future of Humanity

### Evolution of Consciousness



Source: Sharon Gal-Or, 2022

ALL THE LIFE IS BERATHING TOGETHER



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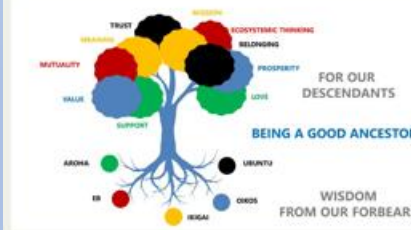
## AEIOU Leadership Principles



### Water as fundamental right for all

November 17, 2016: the new article 70A of the constitution: every citizen of Slovenia has the right to drinkable water.

July 11, 2021: Referendum: The government will no longer have the right to determine exceptions for construction in areas next to rivers and lakes.



Source: Sonja Klopčic, 2022m Slovenia

### Mind&Heart-shift for the New Water Management Paradigm

- Ego-centric → Ecosystemic approach
- Competition → Collaboration
- Exploitation → Regeneration
- Business as usual → Living on purpose
- Managing with power over → Leading with love, aroha

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# Impact on SDG 6

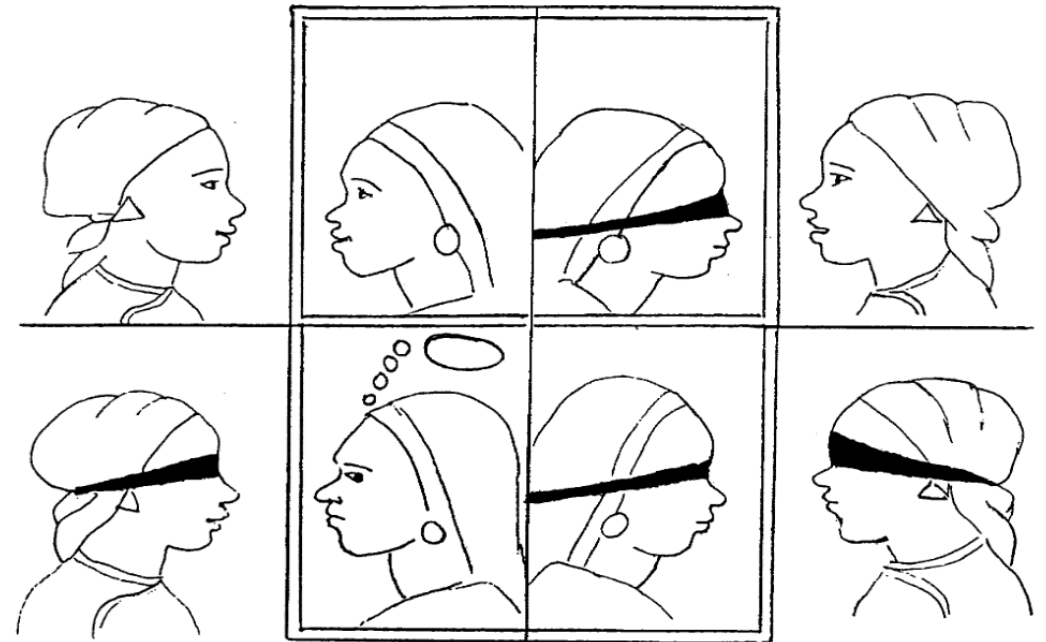
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## JOHARI'S WINDOW

**OPEN** - Both parties know each other at least superficially and the relationship seems friendly.

**BLIND** - The outsider (extension agent) can see problems and their solutions clearly but the insider (villager) does not see them at all.



**HIDDEN** - The insider (villager) has certain feelings, beliefs, values, fears, etc. which only insiders are aware of. They are hidden from outsider's view.

**UNKNOWN** - Neither party knows the other well. They may however get to know each other better in the future in the course of working together over a period of time.



# Call for Unity in Action

- Gender is not about being a person of the male or female sex. It is about stakeholder for water stewardship!
- Both men and women can work together in the business of gender mainstreaming in the sustainable water governance/management!
- It means active participation in the Water Action Agenda: Through a conscientious cycle of commitment, implementation and review, and peer-learning among actors, the Water Action Agenda enables replication and scaling up of workable solutions at a global scale.
- The process allows for change and adaptation, if commitments are less successful, and thus becomes a mechanism for review, capacity and innovation.
- This is where gender role is obvious. Alarm Time!



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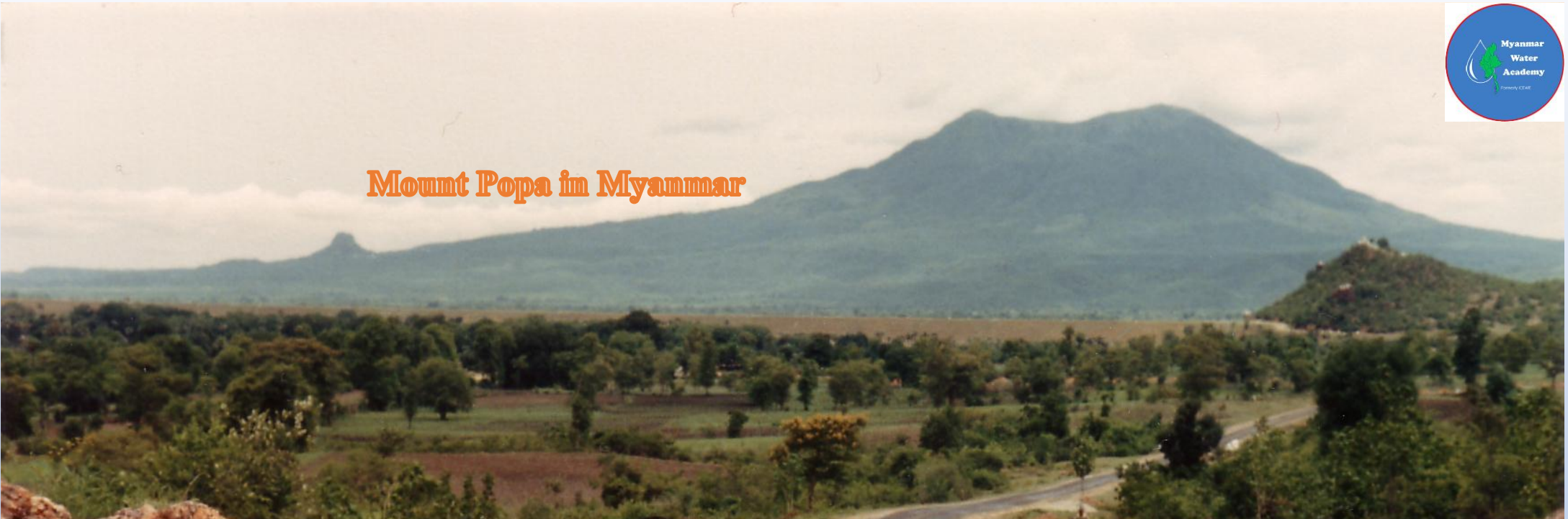
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