



10<sup>th</sup> session  
 Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention  
 23-25 OCTOBER 2024 | LJUBLJANA | SLOVENIA

**Side event**

**“MISSING PIECES OF  
 TRANSBOUNDARY  
 COOPERATION:  
 CIVIL SOCIETY & YOUTH”**

**Friday, 25 October | 13:30 – 14:45 | Room 1&2**



Through a world café setting, this session aims to highlight the critical role of diverse voices in fostering inclusive and effective water governance across borders.

Participants will engage in 3 dynamic rounds of questions to explore the unique challenges and contributions of civil society, in particular youth in transboundary water cooperation.

Together we will try to figure out how to integrate these perspectives into diverse decision-making processes, ensuring more equitable, resilient, and sustainable water management practices.

**PROGRAMME**

**General moderator:** Noémie Plumier, Project Officer, International Secretariat for Water

**Opening remarks : 5'**

Dimka Stantchev Skeie, Program Manager, Water Section at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

**World Café : 50'** (3 x 15 min)

**Moderator 1 :** Basilio Ghisletta, Programme Manager Policy and Law, Geneva Water Hub

**Table 1 :** How can inclusive leadership and participation in transboundary water governance enhance and leverage sustainability and social cohesion, including in conflict affected regions ?

**Moderator 2 :** Coline Arnoux, Advocacy Manager Butterfly Effect, International Secretariat for Water

**Table 2 :** What are the existing ways of engaging as civil society representatives in the diverse level of decision-making of transboundary water governance mechanisms?

**Moderator 3 :** Henry Pitts, President of the North American YPW & Anesa Colakovic, Member WYPW

**Table 3 :** What are the main challenges to meaningful inclusion and participation of youth in transboundary water management?

**Wrap-up / Closing : 10'** moderators

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