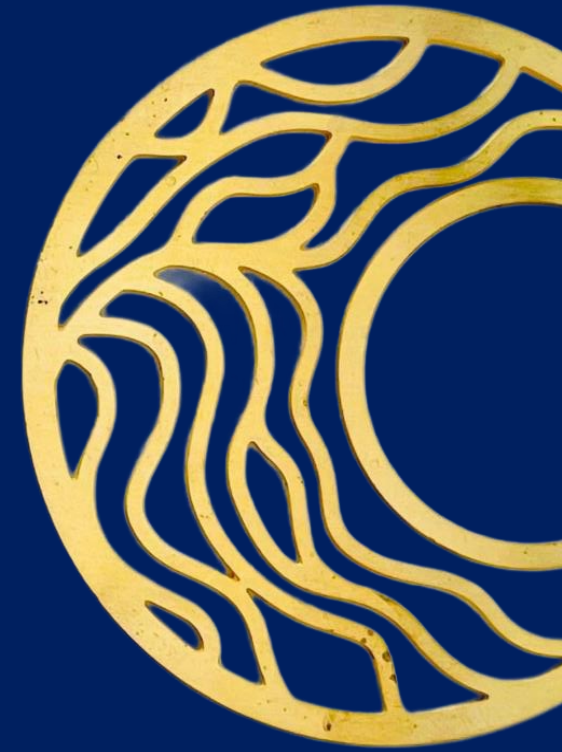


# **Women in Water Diplomacy Network**

## ***Networking and Leading Across the Globe***



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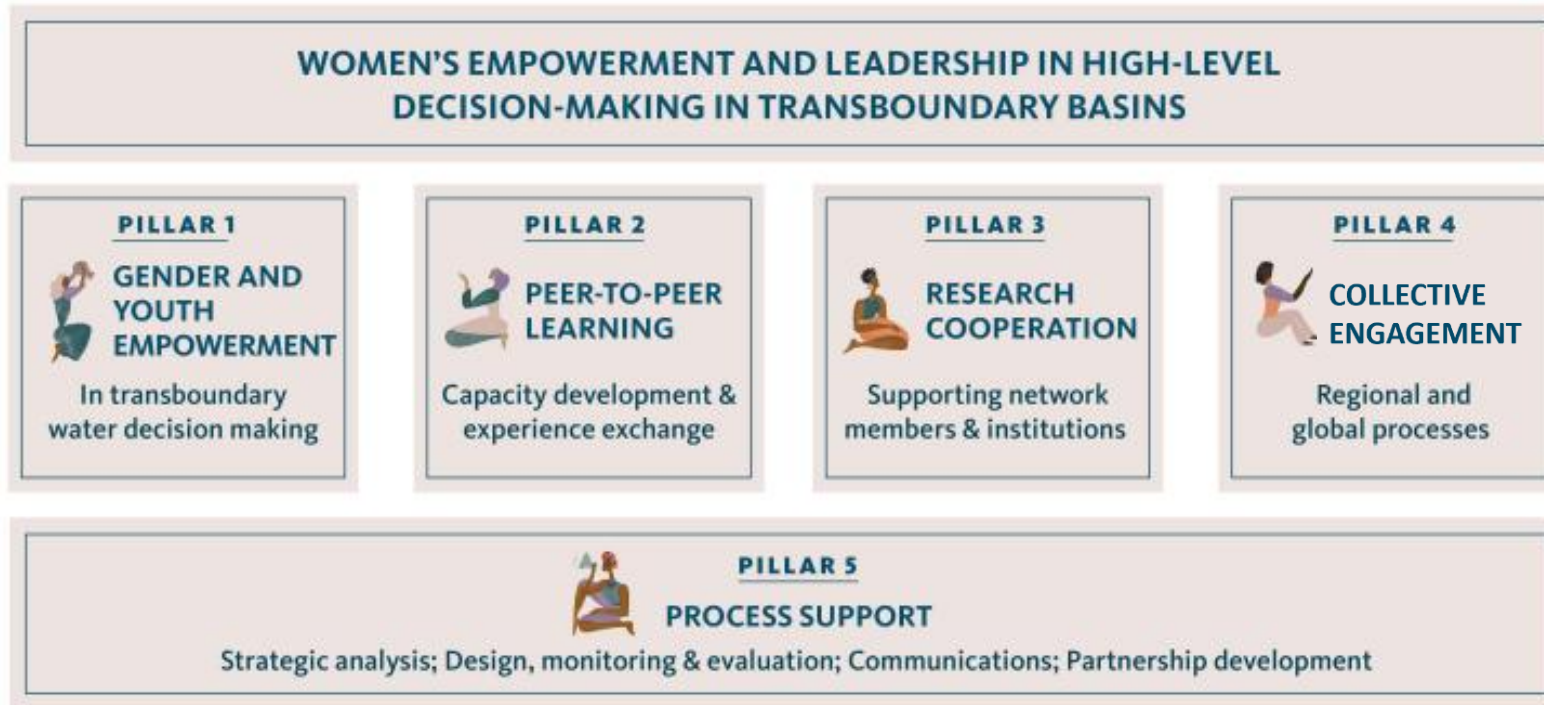
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## Snapshot: Women in Water Diplomacy Network

- Initiated in the Nile Basin in 2017
- Central Asia-Afghanistan Network launched in 2021
- Global Strategy 'A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security' released in 2022
- North America Network launched in 2023
- South Caucasus Network launched in 2024
- New basin Networks under development – Southern Africa, Latin America

# Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Global Strategy "A Path Forward for Women, Water, Peace and Security"



# 2022 Call to launch a Network in North America



*'There has never been a more important time for a Network like this to exist. The challenges we are facing are so significant – while we all face them – the impacts are most severely on those that are marginalized and vulnerable. We have a very long way to go and one of the things that I think is most valuable about this Network is its role in helping us challenge assumptions about the way things are, how we make decisions, and the way things should be.....'*

**Canadian Commissioner Merrell-Ann Phare,  
International Joint Commission,  
World Water Week 2022**

# Women in Water Diplomacy UN Water Conference 2023



# North American Women in Water Diplomacy Network

- Aug 2022: Call to establish a North American (US, Mexico, Canada, Indigenous Nations and Communities) chapter of the Women in Water Diplomacy Network at Global Strategy launch
- Engagement and support for **Global Network events** (UN Water Conference Water Diplomacy Symposium, World Water Week)
- December 13, 2023: **Launch Event CRWUA** in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A
- Feb 2024: Ten Tribes Partnership Consultation
- April 2024: IJC session
- Ongoing: Resource mobilization, partnership development



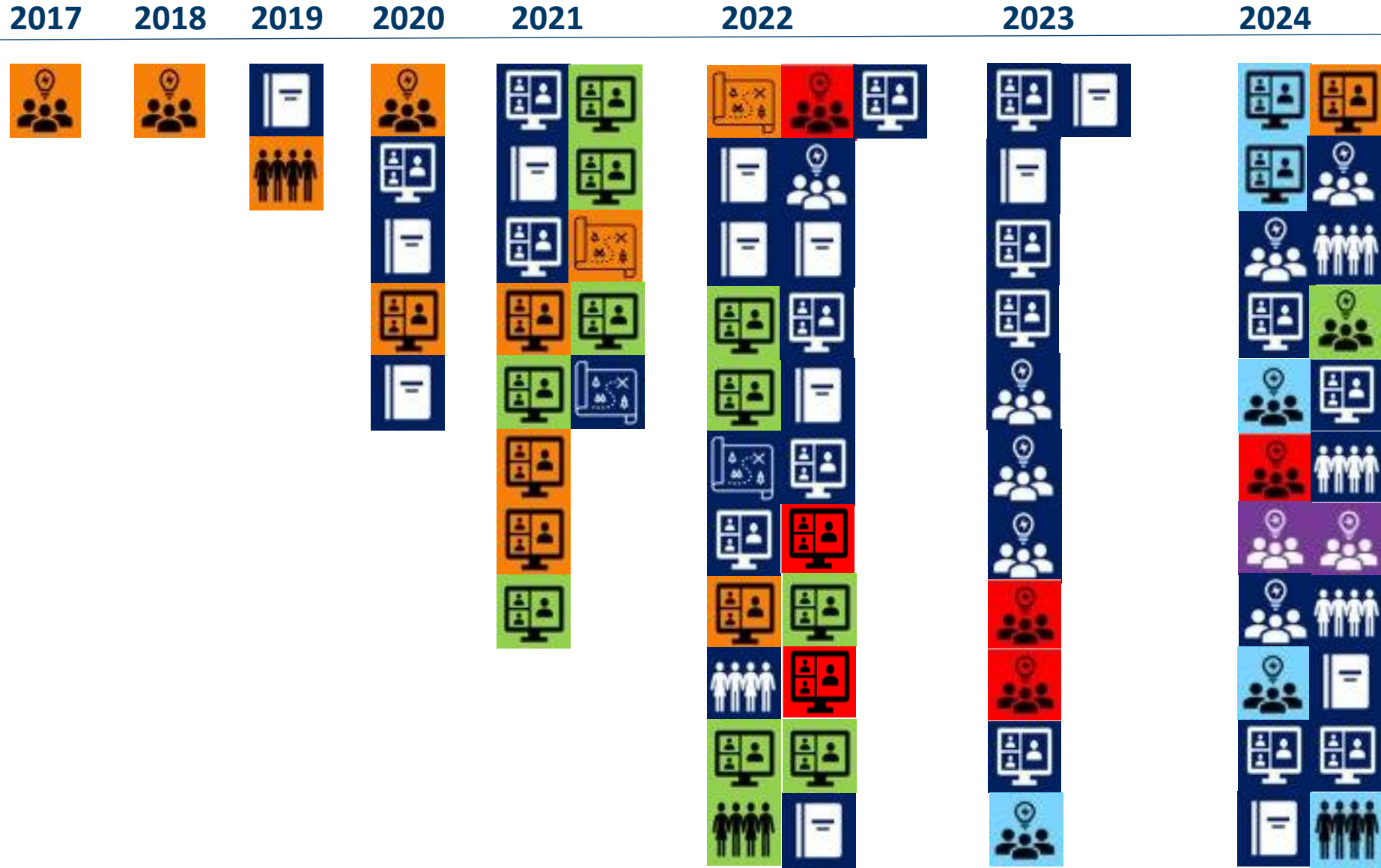
# Global Network Forum March 2024 Snapshots



# Network Activity Snapshot....

Geographic focus of engagements:

Global	Nile
Southern Africa	North America
Central Asia-Afghanistan	South Caucasus



- 20**  In-person Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
- 35**  Online Trainings, Knowledge Exchange workshops
- 12**  Reports and Communications
- 7**  Collective engagement at regional/ global water policy event
- 5**  Strategic development milestones





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2024



North American Network  
Consultation (Jan 2024,  
Online)



Ten Tribes Consultation  
(Feb 2024, Online)



Key

Nile	Central Asia- Afghanistan
Global	Southern Africa
North America	South Caucasus



2<sup>nd</sup> Global Network  
Forum (March 2024,



Women + Water, Water  
and Peace Webinar  
(March 2024, Online)



International Joint  
Commission Semi Annual  
Conference Session (April  
2024, United States)



Orange Senqu Basin  
Consultation (April 2024,  
Botswana)



South Caucasus Network  
Inception Workshop (April  
2024, Georgia)



# 2024 (continued)


 **New York Meet-Up UN GA (May 2024, USA)**

 **Women in Environmental Law Session (June 2024, United States)**


 **Network Newsletter Edition 7 (June 2024)**

**Key**


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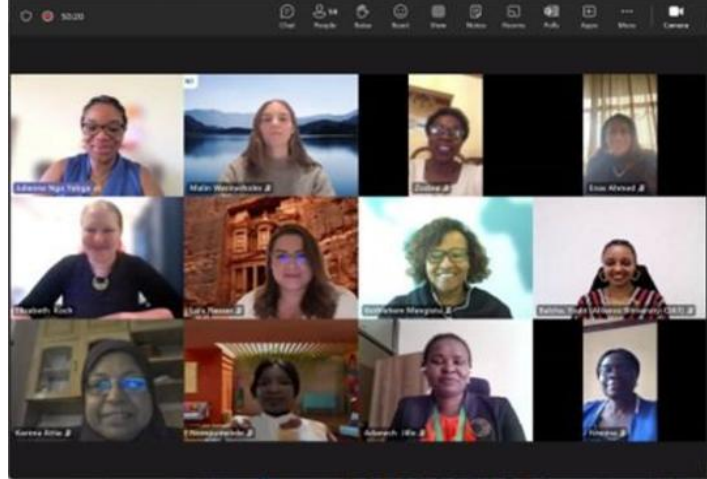
 **Women in (Science) Diplomacy Day Event (June 2024, online)**



 **Network Engagement at UN Water Action Decade 'Dushanbe Process' (June 2024, Tajikistan)**



 **Experience exchange - WEFE Nexus (July 2024, Online)**



 **Pretoria Meet-Up (Aug 2024, South Africa)**





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# 2024 (still more...)



Stockholm Meet-up & World Water Week Engagement (August 2024, Sweden)



## Key

Nile	Central Asia- Afghanistan
Global	Southern Africa
North America	South Caucasus



Experience Exchange Workshop (Sept 2024, Tajikistan)



Engaging male allies (Sept 2024, online)



Cairo Meet-up & Africa Water Week Engagement (Oct 2024, Egypt)



South Caucasus Water Diplomacy Workshop (Oct 2024, Georgia)



Ljubljana Meet-up & UN Water Conference MOP Engagements (Oct 2024, Slovenia)



Baku Meet-up & COP29 Engagements (Nov 2024, Azerbaijan)



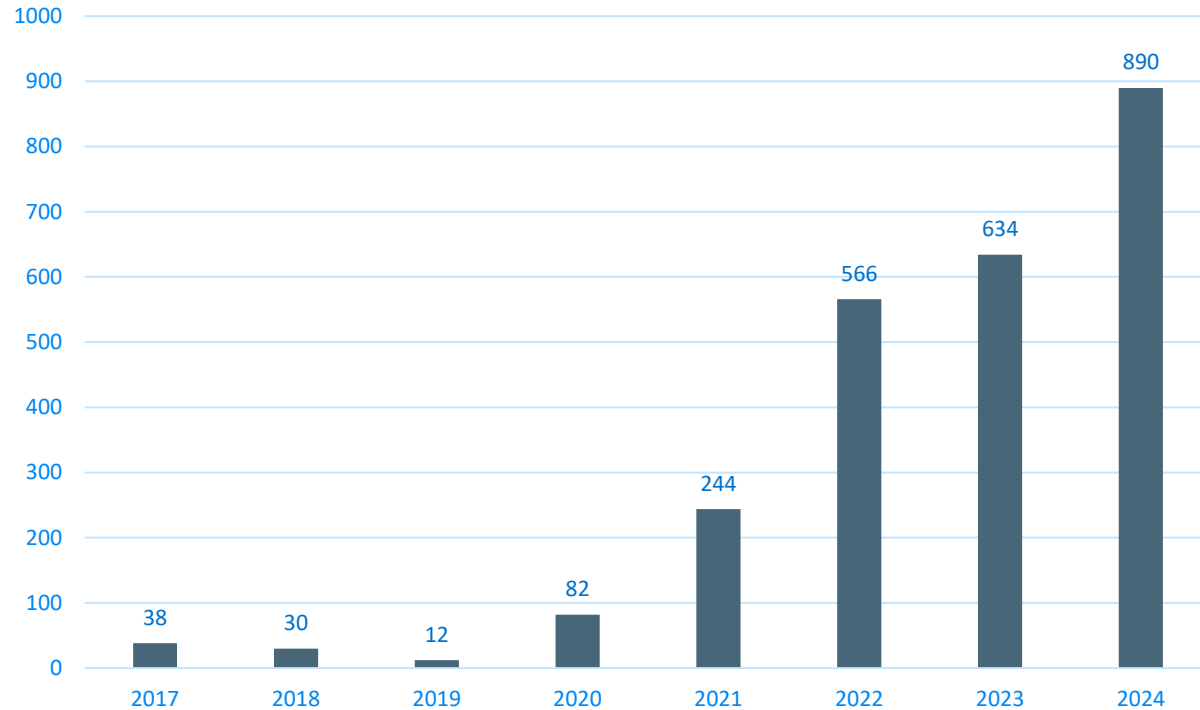
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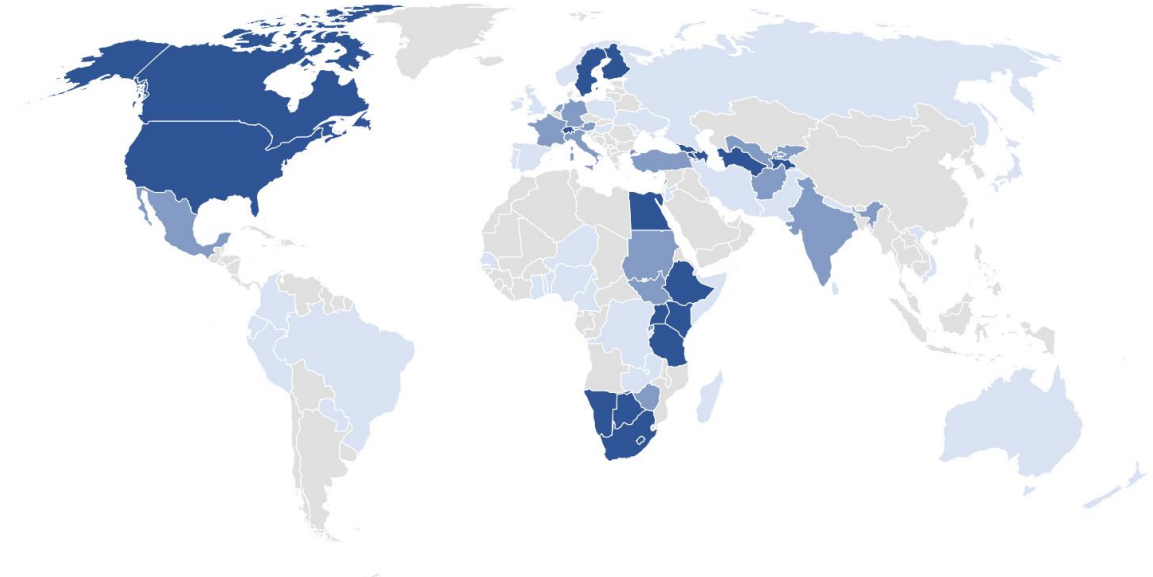
Year-in-Review (Dec 2024, Online)

# Network Engagement Snapshot:

Total number of individual participants engaged in Women in Water Diplomacy Network activities by year 2017-2024.  
200+ have participated in more than 3 engagements.



Network participant engagement - geographic distribution 2017-2024



A strongly engaged online community



- ✓ 5K followers
- ✓ 2K newsletter subscribers
- ✓ 50+ countries
- ✓ Avg. engagement rate +20%



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# What have we been learning about together?



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# How can I become a Network “member”?

Anyone can become a member simply by actively *engaging with* and *contributing to* the mission and values of our Global Strategy!

## What does *engaging* with the Network mean?

- Network members **actively** and **recurrently** engage in Network activities each year.
- Anyone who participates in at least **three Network events including one in-person engagement in any region** is welcome to request a certificate of membership and Network clip!!

## What does *supporting* the Network mean?

- **Financial support** is urgently needed to sustain and advance the Network’s global strategy and improve gender equality in transboundary waters - *with resultant impacts on peace and security*.
- Many of our partners including those in the Process Support Team contribute to the Network’s Global Strategy by **aligning programming, contributing staff time or other in-kind contributions**.
- **Many in our community volunteer their time to support our engagements**.
- **Speaking out** about the Network, wearing the Network’s symbol, raising the importance of the intersecting themes of women, water, peace and security, and encouraging others to support our community are all essential ways to support!



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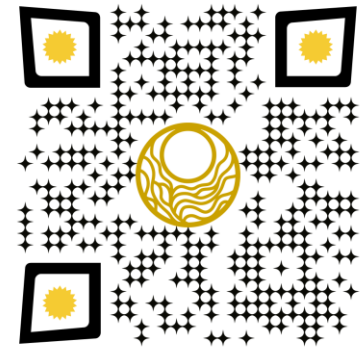
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# What Network activities to expect in 2025?

- **New Global Leadership Council** – deadline to submit nominations is Feb 3, 2025.
- **Online Experience Exchange Sessions** will continue – we are aiming for quarterly sessions open to global engagement on key topics of water diplomacy. Registration is open for Feb 11 session on confidence building mechanisms in water diplomacy.
- **Celebrating key international dates with ‘open’ online events** including International Women’s Day (March 12), International Women in Diplomacy Day (June 24) and Annual Year-in-Review.
- **Resource mobilization and partnership development** to enable in-person North American Network branch engagements.
- **Network LinkedIn page and newsletter**

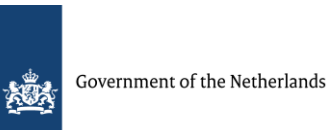


Scan to register for  
Feb 11, 2025 session



Scan to register for March  
12, 2025 session

# With special thanks to our community of partners!

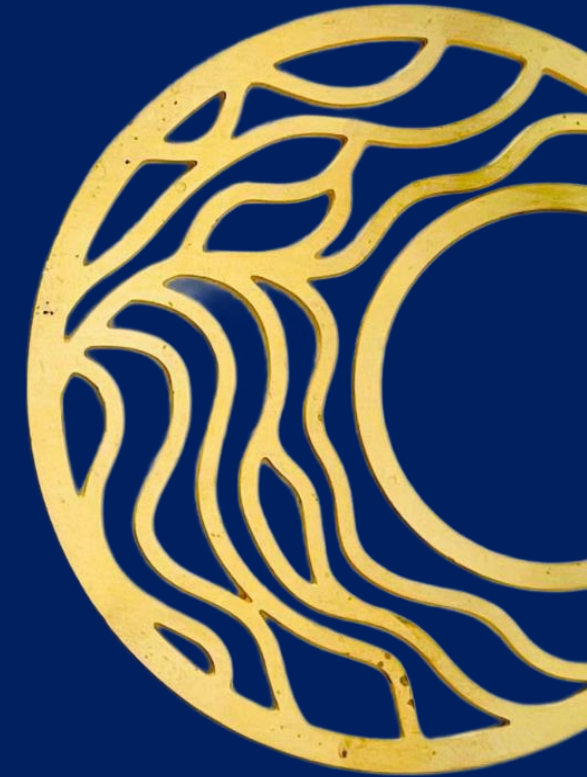




# Thank you!

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