

Call for Applications to host the 2027 Global FRIEND-Water Conference

The UNESCO IHP FRIEND-Water programme is seeking applications from institutions interested in hosting the next Global FRIEND-Water Scientific Conference in 2027. This flagship conference brings together the international FRIEND network every four years to advance collaborative hydrological research, strengthen data-sharing, and support capacity building for young scientists. **Deadline to submit your application**: **31st October 2025**.

# Host Institution & Local Organisation

Name(s) of hosting/co-hosting institution(s) and contact persons.

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| Host |
| Name of institution | Name of institution. |
| Project Focal Point: Name: NameEmail : Contact email | Primary Responsible Officer:Name: NameEmail: Name |
| Co-host (please add more lines if necessary) |
| Name of institution |  |
| Project Focal Point:Name: NameEmail : Contact email | Primary Responsible Officer:Name: NameEmail: Contact email |

Local organising committee: potential members and their expertise in water sciences.

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|  | Name | Type of actor(universities, ministries, agencies, associations, etc.) | Job title |
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Relevant previous experience in organizing scientific events (national/international).

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| [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| Specify your most recent or significant experiences:Details experiences. |  |

# Proposed Venue & Logistics

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| Proposed host city |  |
| Proposed venue and characteristics (100-250+ participants) | Auditorium |  [ ]  YES [ ]  NOEstimated capacity : Number |
| Breakout rooms |  [ ]  YES [ ]  NONumber of rooms: NumberEstimated capacities: Number |
| Poster space |  [ ]  YES [ ]  NO |
| Catering space  |  [ ]  YES [ ]  NO |
| Accessibility | Detail air/rail connections | Connections |
|  | Detail transport to/from the venue | How to get to the venue. |
|  | Visa considerations | Visa accessibility, countries restrictions, easy access to embassy,... |
| Accommodation options (you can add references in the Annex) | Range of costs, proximity, ... |
| Possibility of hybrid format\* |  [ ]  YES [ ]  NOOnline/network options: Detail the options |
| Proposed dates (avoid overlap with other major water events) \* | Date |

# Thematic Orientation

Proposed conference themes or focal topics, aligned with FRIEND strategy and UNESCO IHP IX priorities (climate change, data, transboundary rivers, water quality, extremes, etc.)\*.

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Opportunities for capacity building and training, especially targeting early-career researchers and women scientists.

Opportunities for capacity building

# Financial & Institutional Support

Identification of potential sources of funding

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|  [ ]  YES  | [ ]  NO |
| Details the source of funding (governmental, institutional, international, private sector): |  |

Possible in-kind contributions (venue, staff, logistics).

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|  [ ]  YES  | [ ]  NO |
| Details the contributions: |  |

Insert a preliminary budget estimate (income/expenditures).

You can add letters of support from local partners and/or institutions in the Annex.

# Inclusivity & Added Value

Plans to ensure regional diversity and participation from low-income countries (e.g., travel grants, fee waivers).

 Details here...

Engagement of students and early-career scientists (awards, training sessions).

 Details here...

Outreach to stakeholders (policy, basin authorities, private partners).

 Details here...

ANNEX (optionnal)