11th GEF INTERNATIONAL WATERS CONFERENCE
19–22 OCTOBER 2026 • BALI, INDONESIA

# IWC11 Agenda - 12 October 2026

| | Sat, 17 Oct 2026 | Sun, 18 Oct 2026 | Mon, 19 Oct 2026 | Tue, 20 Oct 2026 | Wed, 21 Oct 2026 | Thu, 22 Oct 2026 |
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| | Pre-conference Workshops | | Day 1 - Shared Waters, Collective Knowledge: scalable and replicable solutions for a changing future | Day 2 - Technical Site Visits | Day 3 - Innovation in Action: from cooperation to systems change | Day 4 - IW Legacy to Impact: strengthened collaboration and future outlook |
| 08:00-08:30 | | | | | | |
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| 09:00 - 09:30 | | | | | | |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | | | | | | |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | | | **09:00-10:30 Opening Ceremony (Room Bali)** | | **09:00:10:30 Plenary 2 (Room Bali)** | **09:00-10:30 Plenary 3 (Room Bali)** |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | | | 10:30-11:00 Networking over coffee + exhibitions and posters | | 10:30-11:00 Networking over coffee + exhibitions and posters | 10:30-11:00 Networking over coffee + exhibitions and posters |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | | | **11:00.12:30 Plenary 1 (Room Bali)** | | **11:00-12:30 Workshops 6-10**<br>Workshop 6 - Building blocks for effective transboundary freshwater cooperation and basin management (Room Kuta)<br>Workshop 7 - Crafting a Shared Future: Innovative Approaches to Visioning in Transboundary TDA-SAP Processes (Room Beratan)<br>Workshop 8 - From Planning to Action: Harnessing Ecosystem-Based Management, Marine Spatial Planning and Surf Ecosystems to drive Sustainable Blue Economies (Room Jimbaran)<br>Workshop 9 - From Negotiation to Action: Building capacity for cross-sectoral implementation of the BBNJ Agreement (Room Batur)<br>Workshop 10 - From Investable to Bankable: Financing Transboundary Water Solutions (Room Bali) | **11:00-12:30 Special Sessions 4-6**<br>Special Session 4 - Advancing GEF-9's broader whole-of-society agenda through women's empowerment and leadership (Room Jimbaran)<br>Special Session 5 – Scaling Freshwater Solutions in SIDS: A GEF IW Dialogue (Room Kuta)<br>Special Session 6 - Managing coastal risk and building resilience through innovative finance solutions (Room Bali) |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | | | | | | |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | | **09:00-15:00 Workshop 2A**<br>SIDS Inter-Regional Dialogue<br>(Room Kuta) | | | | |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | | | 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break | | 12:30-13:45 Lunch Break | 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break |
| 13:00 - 13:30 | | **09:00-15:00 Workshop 2B**<br>Strategic Communications<br>(Room Jimbaran) | | | | |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | **08:15-17:30 Workshop 1**<br>From GEF Grants to Sustainable Investments: Financing the Future of Transboundary Waters and Shared Ecosystems<br>(Room Jimbaran) | | 13:30-14:00 Networking slot | | **13:45- 15:15 Clinics 1-8**<br>Clinic 1 - How can project twinning be turned into concrete results? (Room Kuta 1)<br>Clinic 2 - How to Move from Gender Commitment to Action: A Gender Clinic for International Waters Projects (Room Kuta 2)<br>Clinic 3 - How to Ensure the Future of Shared Lakes - Redefining Transboundary-Lakes for GEF-9 and beyond (Room Batur 1)<br>Clinic 4 – Blended Finance Clinic for International Waters (Room Jimbaran 2)<br>Clinic 5 - Stakeholder engagement fails and their hidden lessons (Room Beratan 1)<br>Clinic 6 - How to Scale and Sustain Action Across Transboundary Basins: Lessons from Indonesia–Timor-Leste and Argentina–Bolivia (Room Batur 2)<br>Clinic 7 - How to strengthen regional cooperation and innovative solutions for better resilience of transboundary waters in West Africa? (Room Beratan 2)<br>Clinic 8 - Keep calm and sail on: Practical tools and expert advice to navigate your IW Project (Room Jimbaran 1) | 13:30-14:00 Networking slot |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | | | **14:00-15:30 Special Sessions 1-3**<br>Special Session 1 - Unlocking Capital for Transboundary Waters: From GEF Grants to Blended Finance in GEF-9 (Room Bali)<br>Special Session 2 - Scaling to 30x30: A Systems Approach Effective and Equitable Marine Management (Room Kuta)<br>Special Session 3 - From Shared Stocks to Shared Futures: Scaling Practical Lessons for Transboundary Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (Room Jimbaran) | Technical site visits | | **14.00-15:30 Workshops 11-15**<br>Workshop 11- Regional Coordination in Action: Experiences of Institutional Pathways, Implementation and Systems Change from the Mediterranean, African Transboundary Processes and Eastern Pacific Corridor (Room Bali)<br>Workshop 12 - Mainstreaming Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) in the Global Agenda (Room Kuta)<br>Workshop 13 – Youth and Indigenous Peoples (title TBC) (Room Batur)<br>Workshop 14 - Overcoming barriers to effective source-to-sea governance and management: What is needed to make it happen? (Room Jimbaran)<br>Workshop 15 – Marine Game Room: Serious Play for Marine Action (Room Beratan) |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | | | | | | |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | | | | | 15:15-15:30 Take Away Coffee | |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | | | 15:30-16:00 Networking over coffee + exhibitions and posters | | **15:30-17:00 Clinics 9-16**<br>Clinic 9 – How do we choose where to conserve ecosystems and what does it take to make it work? (Room Beratan 2)<br>Clinic 10- How to Strengthen Freshwater Data Management: Approaches, Challenges and Opportunities for Replication (Room Kuta 2)<br>Clinic 11 – How to Move Beyond Projects and Ensure that Impact Last? (Room Jimbaran 2)<br>Clinic 12 - How to make Nature-Based Solutions the smart choice to key actors from source to sea? (Room Kuta 1)<br>Clinic 13 – When the Science Isn't Enough: Communicating for Cooperation and Change. Tools for Sensitive Topics, Cross-Regional Collaboration, and Multi-Stakeholder Engagement (Room Beratan 1)<br>Clinic 14 – Data Management and Strategic Storytelling to Drive Financial Sustainability in LME Investments (Room Kuta 1)<br>Clinic 15 – A Dose of Knowledge: Building a Resilient and Sustainable Seaweed Value Chain in Southeast Asia (Room Batur 2)<br>Clinic 16 - How to Accelerate Blue Innovation and Partnerships in Transboundary Marine Systems (Room Jimbaran 1) | 15:30-16:00 Networking over coffee + exhibitions and posters |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | | | **16:00-17:30 Workshops 1-5**<br>Workshop 1 - From the Cryosphere to Coastal Aquifers: Transforming Transboundary Water Governance through Science and Integrated Management (Room Batur)<br>Workshop 2 - Celebrating & Calibrating: The Next-Gen TDA/SAP for Marine Governance (Room Bali)<br>Workshop 3 - Conjunctive Management of Transboundary Water Resources in Africa, Experience Shared and Lessons Learnt (Room Beratan)<br>Workshop 4 – From Engagement to Impact: Partnering with the Private Sector for Sustainable International Waters (Room Jimbaran)<br>Workshop 5 - Knowledge for Impact: Building Connected Learning Systems for the Next Generation of International Waters Projects (Room Kuta) | | | **16:00-17:00**<br>**Closing Ceremony (Room Bali)** |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | | 16:30-19:00<br>Registration - Foyer | | | | |
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| 19:30 - 20:00 | | 19:00-20:30<br>Film Festival<br>(Room Bali) | 17:45 Departure from Anvaya<br>19:00-21:00 Welcome reception | | | |
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