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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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Dear Readers,

The world is navigating an increasingly complex period marked by converging crises. Climate change is intensifying environmental vulnerabilities, geopolitical rivalries are reshaping international relations, economic uncertainty is disrupting markets and livelihoods, and technological advancements are transforming societies. These challenges, although often addressed independently, are deeply interconnected. Their cumulative impact exposes the limitations of fragmented governance and reinforces the need for integrated, cooperative and forward-looking approaches to global development.

Climate change remains one of the most consequential challenges of our time. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, devastating floods and ecosystem degradation are affecting food production, energy security, public health and economic stability. Simultaneously, geopolitical conflicts, trade disruptions, protectionist tendencies and resource competition are adding uncertainty to the global economic environment. Together, these developments demonstrate that environmental security, economic prosperity and geopolitical stability cannot be pursued in isolation.

Water occupies a central position in this interconnected landscape. It underpins economic productivity, ecological stability, food systems and human well-being. Consequently, water security must become an integral component of climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. Emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, offer opportunities to strengthen early-warning systems, improve resource management and support evidence-based policymaking. However, their growing energy and water requirements also demand responsible and sustainable approaches to innovation.

As the international community prepares for COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9–20 November 2026, the priority must shift from climate commitments towards implementation, adaptation finance and meaningful multistakeholder partnerships. In this context, India Water Foundation will convene a High-Level Policy Dialogue on "Multistakeholder Partnerships for Climate Adaptation and Resilience via Water Transversality" on 16 November 2026 at COP31. The dialogue will explore water-centred cooperation, cross-sectoral policy coherence and innovative financing mechanisms for strengthening climate resilience.

Similarly, the United Nations Water Conference in Abu Dhabi, scheduled for 8–10 December 2026, offers a critical opportunity to accelerate SDG 6 implementation through investments, partnerships and practical solutions. Ultimately, resilience will depend on how effectively the world addresses the connections between its multiple challenges.

Advancing Water Security: Dr. Arvind Kumar on DD KISAN's 'Sach Ke Saath'



DD Kisan 24x7

We are Pleased to share that **Dr. Arvind Kumar, President, India Water Foundation**, Participated as a distinguished panelist in DD KISAN'S Programme 'Sach Ke Saath' sharing valuable insights on Water Conservation, Sustainable agriculture, and water security.

During the discussion, Dr. Kumar emphasized that water is our "**White Gold**", essential for agricultural productivity, economic growth, and future prosperity. He highlighted the importance of technology, innovation, and improved agricultural practices in strengthening agriculture. He also stressed the revival of traditional village ponds and water systems to enhance groundwater recharge. Furthermore, he advocated the use of properly treated recycled water for agriculture and other non-potable purposes to reduce pressure on freshwater resources. Emphasizing collective responsibility, he called for Cooperation, Coordination, and Convergence among agriculture, water, rural development, science and technology, industry, and local communities.

The discussion reinforced the importance of collective action in building a water-secure and sustainable future.

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Global Voices, Shared Responsibility: Four Key Messages for a Sustainable Future



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Transversality 2027: Building Momentum Through Collaboration





We are pleased to announce that UNOPS India (United Nations Office for Project Services) and GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) have joined the 3rd ESG Transversality Global Awards & Conclave 2027 as Knowledge Partners.

These strategic associations underscore the importance of knowledge-driven collaboration, sustainable infrastructure, and integrated approaches to addressing interconnected Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) challenges. By bringing together institutional expertise, diverse perspectives and cross-sectoral insights, these partnerships aim to enrich dialogue and encourage actionable solutions towards sustainable development.

Scheduled for 8–9 July 2027 in New Delhi, the Conclave will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, development institutions and sustainability experts to explore pathways for strengthening regulatory frameworks, advancing policy action and fostering trans-sectoral cooperation.



India Water Foundation Featured in the ICID Annual Report



Innovative approaches that link climate action, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable resource management. The discussion called for a shift towards a new narrative that recognises these interlinked global challenges and promotes collective action for a resilient and sustainable future. For full story please visit the link: **https://cicd-ciid.org/icid_data_web/wp2025_6.pdf**

"Bridging Continents, Building Resilience: IWF's Global Engagements 2025–26"

India Water Foundation (IWF) marked 2025-26 with a robust line-up of transformative activities, weaving global policy dialogue, regional summits, and advocacy efforts to champion water security, climate resilience, and sustainable governance. Kicking off the year, IWF hosted the High-Level Policy Dialogue on Fostering Collaborative Efforts to Protect and Preserve Glaciers on 25 March 2025 in Geneva, alongside its selection as a Mountain Partnership member, followed by the Kick-off and 1st Stakeholders Meeting for the 11th World Water Forum on 14–15 April 2025 in Riyadh. Active participation in the 68th UNHRC Session in Geneva spotlighted cultural rights and environmental sustainability, while the High-Level Multi-stakeholder Policy Dialogue on End Plastic Pollution convened virtually on 3 June 2025, and the Climate Innovation Summit unfolded on 9 May 2025 in Delhi and, Building momentum, the 1st IFAT India 2025 National Advisory Committee meeting advanced wastewater strategies, complemented by IWF's official side event on Multi-sectoral Partnerships for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems during the UN Ocean Conference on 11 June 2025, and the Bonn Climate Conference side event on Mainstreaming Water into NDCs and NAPs on 20 June 2025.

Spanning summer, FIM Samwaad 2025 in June addressed Himalayan water-health challenges, leading into the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on SDG 6 Water–Climate Nexus on 30 June 2025 with UNESCO, the Meghna Knowledge Forum in from 23–25 July 2025 in Bangkok, and Dr. Arvind Kumar's All India Radio feature on rainwater harvesting. August brought the Wetlands of India Progress Report release, the Water Sustainability Summit on 21 August 2025 in New Delhi, and the 9th South and South-West Asia Leatesgrship Forum on SDG 6 on 25 August 2025. Fall engagements included the UNHRC 20th Session Policy Dialogue on Northeast India's Reconnect 2025, and a photo exhibition on 15 September 2025, UCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, World Summit on Social Development in Doha, COP30 Side Event on Water Transversality, and UNIDO Global Industry Summit in Riyadh.

Closing strong, IWF featured All India Radio discussions on Jal Jeevan Mission, the World Summit on Disaster Management, an International Workshop on Land-Water Management, IHKW, Water-Climate Resilience Roundtable on 5 December 2025, Samvidhaan Diwas Lecture on 1 December 2025, Nurseryment Association Award on 12 February 2026, UN Commission on Social Development 64th Session side event, Leaders Award by World Federation of CSR, 13th Asia-Pacific Forum side event, IEREC Global BioTEX Award, World Water Day 2026 Workshop, and culminated in the 2nd Water Transversality Global Awards and Conclave on 6–7 March 2026, served as a high-level global platform focused on ESG and Water-Energy-Health-Environment Nexus, emphasizing the concept of "transversality" in integrated, cross-sectoral approach to development. Through these interwoven initiatives, IWF amplified India's leadership in multilateral forums, forging pathways to a water-secure future.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Mr. Aytekin Turgay (General Manager), Superlit Boru Sanayi A.Ş.

The **Ikpanta Atabey Plain Irrigation Modernization Project** in Türkiye is a landmark initiative aimed at improving irrigation efficiency and promoting sustainable water management in the agriculturally important Atabey Plain. Implemented by the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works (DSI) with financial support from the World Bank, the project involves replacing the existing 40-year-old open canal irrigation system with a modern closed pressurized pipeline network covering **3,833 hectares.** As part of the project, Kolin Construction is installing approximately **312 km of HDPE pipelines** and **56 km of Glass Fiber Reinforced Polyester (GRP) pipelines,** with the GRP pipes supplied by Supelit Boru Sanayi A.Ş. Superlit's high-performance GRP pipes, known for their corrosion resistance, smooth hydraulic characteristics, lightweight construction and long service life, play a key role in reducing conveyance losses, improving energy efficiency and ensuring reliable water delivery. The modernization is expected to reduce water losses by around **40%,** conserve water withdrawn from Lake Eğirdir, facilitate the adoption of modern irrigation methods, increase agricultural productivity and farmers' incomes, and contribute to the region's environmental sustainability and economic development. The project serves as an excellent example of successful collaboration among public agencies, the private sector and international financial institutions in advancing climate-resilient irrigation infrastructure.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla lighting the Lamp during International Conference on ESG Transversality for Sustainable Water – Energy – Health & Environment Nexus (2026).

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We are pleased to share that the India Water Foundation (IWF) has earned recognition in the **ICID Annual Report 2025–26** for its sustained international engagements and contributions to water security, climate resilience and sustainable governance.

Featured under the title "Bridging Continents, Building Resilience: IWF's Global Engagements 2025–26," the report highlights IWF's active participation in global policy dialogues, multilateral platforms and knowledge-sharing initiatives spanning water, climate, biodiversity and sustainable development. It also acknowledges the 2nd Water Transversality Global Awards & Conclave 2026, which advanced integrated perspectives on the Water–Energy–Health–Environment Nexus.

This recognition reflects IWF's continued efforts to foster international partnerships, strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation and promote sustainable solutions for a water-secure and climate-resilient future.

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Security and Dignity

The world is changing at an ever-faster pace: the climate is in turmoil, the population is growing, and conflicts and wars span meridians and latitudes. Yet progress is also being made: poverty and disease are on the decline, education is reaching more people, and information is opening up new horizons.

But the major cloud on the horizon is the deliberate and ongoing plundering of nature. We are aware of this, yet we continue, step by step, to destroy the vast majority of our natural resources. Warnings come daily, yet forests, oceans, fossil fuels, rare metals, and fresh water are being polluted and overexploited.

Among these resources, water is the most threatened: both humans and nature are facing its increasing scarcity.

There are many solutions, and our role is to raise awareness of them so that ideas can be shared, amplifying and expanding their use.

This is indeed our role, our duty: to contribute, through intelligence and experience, to ensuring that access to water remains a top priority in human consciousness.

That is why we, the great water family, are working together to make the 11th World Water Forum, in March 2027 in Riyadh, a defining moment in the history of water.

Where the earth is thirsty, we must nurture it; where water is scarce, we will make it flow again.

To guarantee security and dignity for billions of people.

News from India Water Foundation:

ESG Transversality Global Awards & Conclave 2027

Looking ahead to 2027, the **India Water Foundation** is pleased to announce the 3rd Edition of the **ESG Transversality Global Awards & Conclave 2027**, taking place on 8–9 July 2027 in New Delhi, India. The Conclave will convene policymakers, government representatives, business leaders, investors, development organisations, innovators, academia and sustainability practitioners to advance integrated approaches to ESG and sustainable development.

Under the theme **"ESG Transversality for Enhancing Strategic Coherence by Adopting Regulatory Framework & Policy Actions,"** the Conclave will focus on strengthening policy coherence, regulatory action and cross-sectoral collaboration to address interconnected challenges and sustainable development.

The 2027 edition provides opportunities for organisations and individuals to engage as Partners, Speakers, Exhibitors and Delegates, while the ESG Transversality Global Awards will recognise exemplary leadership, innovation and impact in advancing sustainable and resilient development.

We invite organisations, institutions, experts and sustainability leaders across sectors to participate and contribute to this global dialogue.

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The 3rd Edition of the ESG Transversality Global Awards & Conclave 2027, organised by the India Water Foundation (IWF), has been featured in the **40th Newsletter of the World Water Council**, strengthening the event's international visibility.

Scheduled for 8–9 July 2027 in New Delhi, the Conclave will bring together policymakers, government representatives, industry leaders, development institutions and sustainability experts to explore integrated approaches to ESG and sustainable development. Under the theme “ESG Transversality for Enhancing Strategic Coherence by Adopting Regulatory Framework and Policy Actions,” the event will focus on policy coherence, regulatory frameworks and cross-sectoral collaboration.

The Global Awards will further recognise leadership, innovation and impactful contributions towards a sustainable and resilient future.

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Water India Expo 2026 - Hyderabad



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Water India Expo 2026, the 47th edition of India's water industry trade exhibition, was held from **8–10 October 2026** at the Hyderabad International Exhibition Centre (HIEC), Hyderabad.

The event provided a platform for manufacturers, distributors, entrepreneurs and startups to showcase innovations in water treatment, wastewater management and related technologies. It facilitated industry networking, business development and collaboration while highlighting emerging trends in India's growing water sector. The exhibition also offered participating companies opportunities to promote their products, connect with potential customers and explore new business opportunities within the water industry.

11th GEF International Waters Conference 2026

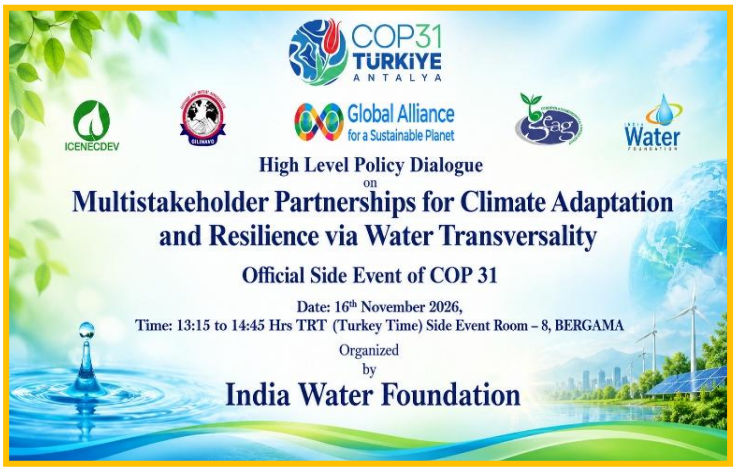


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The 11th Global Environment Facility (GEF) Biennial International Waters Conference (IWC11) was held from 19–22 October 2026 in Bali, Indonesia, bringing together over 400 delegates from around the world.

Under the theme "Shared Waters, Transformative Solutions: Enabling Systems Change," the conference focused on strengthening international cooperation to address challenges affecting shared freshwater and marine ecosystems. Discussions highlighted marine pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change and sustainable water management. The event provided a platform to exchange knowledge, and promote collaborative approaches towards protecting shared water resources and building resilient aquatic ecosystems

EVENT ALERT!



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As the global community gathers at the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Antalya, Türkiye, the India Water Foundation is organising a high-level policy dialogue to advance integrated, collaborative and cross-sectoral approaches to climate adaptation and resilience.

Titled “Multistakeholder Partnerships for Climate Adaptation and Resilience via Water Transversality,” the official COP31 side event will bring together an exceptional constellation of global leaders, senior government representatives, heads of international organisations, multilateral development experts, policymakers, academics and private-sector leaders.

Water is central to the climate challenge, yet climate adaptation continues to be approached through fragmented, sector-specific frameworks. From floods, droughts and extreme weather events to food security, energy systems, public health and ecosystem integrity, climate risks are interconnected through water.

The dialogue will feature distinguished interventions from: Mr. Conrad K. Sangma, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya; Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, Global Director, Water Global Practice, The World Bank; Mr. Loïc Fauchon, President, World Water Council; Dr. Eric Tardieu, Director General, International Office for Water; Secretary-General, International Network of Basin Organizations; Vice President, World Water Council; Dr. Satya S. Tripathi, Secretary-General, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet; Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary, Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UN Water Convention), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; Mr. Deger Saygin, Team Lead and Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Environment Directorate; Mr. Cyril Vanneisanga Darlong Diengdoh, Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Meghalaya; Ms. Sara Castro-Hallgren, Senior Manager, International Policy; Chair of the Water for Climate Pavilion Secretariat, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI); Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, Head, UNESCAP-SSWA Office; Prof. Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Governor, World Water Council; Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, American University of Beirut; Mr. Chitembo Kawimbe Chunga, Head of Adaptation, Climate Investment Funds; Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Senior Vice President and Global Head, CSR, HCLTech; Mr. Ongoundou Bienvenu, Vice President and Regional Technical Advisor for Public and Private Partnerships, African Climate Action Initiative (ACAI); Ms. Evelyn Esi Tchouchu, Chief Administrative Assistant, School of Sustainable Engineering, University of Cape Coast; Project Manager, Giving Life Nature Volunteer (GILINAVO), Ghana

The dialogue aims to generate actionable recommendations for stronger policy alignment, innovative financing, inclusive governance and integrated implementation, contributing to more resilient, equitable and sustainable development pathways.

SUCCESS STORIES



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Turning Air into Water: Meghdoot Brings Hope to a Maharashtra Village

In Wadji village, Wasim district, Maharashtra, Meghdoot technology is transforming access to drinking water by generating up to 500 liters of purified water daily from atmospheric moisture Developed by CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Maithri Aquatech, the innovation helps nearly 2,000 villages who once walked 1.5km to fetch water, bringing safe drinking water closer their homes.



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Transforming Water Weeds into Sustainable Livelihoods

Dr Shubha In Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district around 150 self-help group women are transforming invasive water hyacinth into handbags, baskets, lampshades and home décor. Started in 2024 in Chinnapuram village, the initiative provides skill training and income opportunities while helping clear water bodies. The women's products are marketed through Lepakshi and other buyers, promoting environmental sustainability and financial independence.

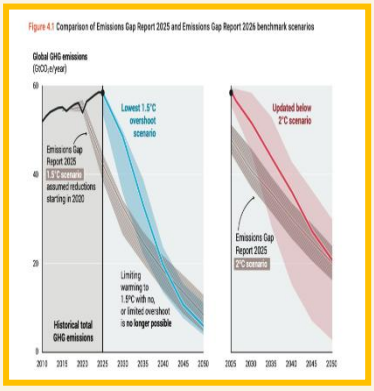
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INVITATION TO JOIN DIRECT MEMBERSHIP

At the India Water Foundation (IWF), we're more than just a network—we're a movement. By becoming a member, you join hands with individuals, organizations, and institutions passionate about sustainability, environmental conservation, and driving meaningful change.

Why Join Us?

We're committed to creating opportunities for every member to make a real impact. Here's what we offer:

- Shape Policies with Us: Be part of advocacy efforts that influence sustainable development strategies.
- Learnand Grow Together: Attend our exclusive workshops and training programs, designed to keep you at the forefront of innovation.
- Connect with Change-makers: Collaborate with a global network of experts, innovators, and leaders.
- Make a Grassroots Impact: Help us drive community-led projects that promote resource efficiency and environmental resilience.
- Be Recognized for Your Efforts: Let us celebrate your contributions through awards, features, and event opportunities.

Who Can Join?

We welcome everyone who shares our vision, including: Companies, institutions, and organizations of all sizes, NGOs, government bodies, and Intergovernmental organizations
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Whether you're a policymaker, innovator, or community advocate, there's a place for you here!



INVITATION TO JOIN SOCIAL OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP

Our Special JalMitra Social Outreach Membership

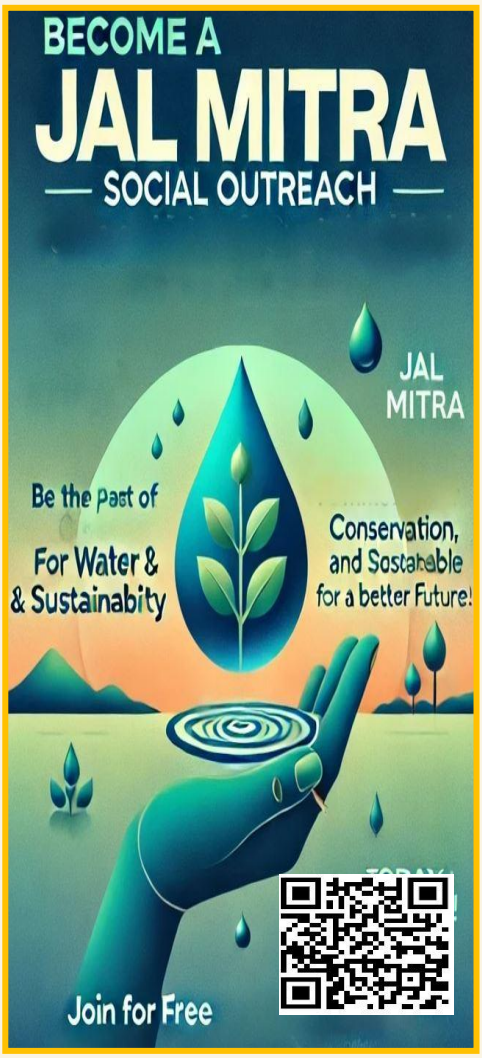
The JalMitra outreach program and encourages sustainable living practices by promoting sustainable conservation and restoration projects. The campaign fosters awareness and behavioural change at the grassroots level, enabling communities to adopt environmentally responsible lifestyles that reduce ecological footprints and contribute to national and global sustainability goals.

Anyone can join this collective effort and become a Jal Mitra free of cost.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **01–04 Nov:** 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2026) To be held in St John's Antigua and Barbuda, the session will bring together Heads of Government, Ministers, and representatives from business, civil society, and youth organisations.

- **04-06 Nov:** 45TH UN/CEFACT Forum` To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, forum will bring together government representatives, international organisations, development partners and trade facilitations experts. Discussions will focus on policy development, digital trade, trade facilitation and international cooperation.

- **09-20 Nov** 31st Conference of the Parties (COP 31) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). To be held in Antalya, Turkiye. The global conference will bring together world leaders, policymakers, climate scientists, businesses and civil society organizations to advance international climate action. Key priorities include climate adaptation, climate finance, energy transition, emissions reduction and strengthening resilience to climate impacts.

- **11 Nov:** From Plans to Delivery: Building Resilience for Cities, Infrastructure and water To be held in Antalya, Turkiye. The event will focus upon advancing climate-resilient urban development, strengthening infrastructure systems and integrating water resilience into climate action and urban planning.

- **16-20 Nov:** First International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC). Is going to held at Geneva International Conference Center, Switzerland, the conference will bring together governments, businesses, civil society, academia and international organisations.

- **24-25 Nov:** 8th Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation. The forum will take place at the United Nations Confrence Center in Bangkok,Thailand. Discussions will focus on development partnerships, knowledge exchange, technology cooperation and sustainable development.

- **26-28 Nov**: 2nd IWA International Conference on Sustainable Coastal and Estuarine Development (SCED) To be held in India**,** The conference will bring together researchers, coastal engineers, environmental scientist and policymakers to discuss sustainable coastal development, estuarine ecosystem management, water quality, coastal resilience and integrated approaches to managing coastal water resources.

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