



Aims and workplan SLU Water Forum 2021-2022

Background

This document contains the aims, goals, suggested activities, workplan and organization of SLU Water Forum for 2021-2022. At the end of the document, a tentative budget for costs related to the operation of SLU Water Forum is enclosed. This document builds on [Strategy and workplan SLU Water Forum 2019-2020](#) and [SLU's strategy for 2021-2025](#).

Overall aims and goals of SLU Water Forum

- To strengthen water-related research, environmental monitoring and assessment, education and collaboration at SLU.
- To facilitate joint and interdisciplinary research projects at SLU focused on water.
- To follow the “source-to-sea” concept and promote/encourage transdisciplinary and cross-departmental work on water.
- To use Agenda 2030 and UN’s SDG’s as overarching frameworks for the work of the forum. Water-related work at SLU should contribute to the development of solutions for sustainable management and use of water resources, from the local to the global perspective.
- To a larger extent make SLU recognized as a “blue” university by communicating news and events related to water at SLU, both internally and externally.
- To foster external collaboration on water with local, regional and global partners and stakeholders.

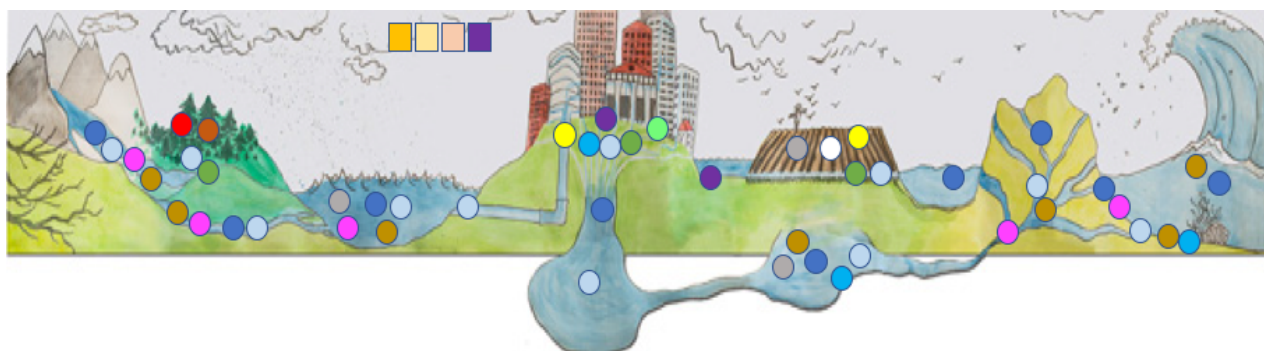


Figure. Map of where SLU (Departments as circles and squares) are active in the waterscape. Art-work Tessa Joosse, Photo: Anni Hoffren and Per-Arne Klasson.

Suggested activities to meet the overall aims and goals of the forum

- Regular meetings (two per year) with the coordination group on water (WaterCOG) at SLU to discuss the operation and focus of SLU Water Forum.
- Provide “seed-money” (annually) for projects aiming at strengthening cooperation on water at SLU.
- Distribute information on coming research calls, funding opportunities, seminars, meetings and conferences (via mail) to SLU Water Forum.
- Facilitate joint and transdisciplinary research projects focused on water at SLU.
- Establish contact with potential funding bodies (as for example Formas and Mistra). This also includes providing information to the funding bodies on the operation and expertise of SLU Water Forum, and to provide input on the content and focus of the research agendas for future and planned research programs and calls.
- Increase SLU’s educational foot print in the water area.
- Communicate research news, upcoming seminars and events at SLU on the web page and Twitter account of SLU Water Forum.
- Facilitate external collaboration with external partners and stakeholders (for example the municipality of Uppsala).
- Release newsletters (two times a year) to SLU Water Forum containing recent and coming activities and initiatives of the forum.
- Participate in external and internal conferences related to water and provide information on SLU Water Forum.
- If feasible, arrange internal meetings and seminars to strengthen cooperation on water at SLU.

Suggested workplan

2021

- SLU internal seminar on water: [*Current and future perspectives on water research at SLU - a seminar for collaborative activities*](#) (15-16/2).
- Launching [seed-money for 2021](#) (4/3).
- Release the [second newsletter](#) from SLU Water Forum (5/3).
- [Input from SLU Water Forum](#) national research program on oceans and water (March)
- [News-drive](#) from SLU Water Forum during the World Water Day 2021 (22-25/3).
- Arrange a webinar on water related calls and partnerships within the Horizon Europe program (30/3). Together with SLU Grants Office.
- Arrange a [webinar](#) on the World Biodiversity Day together with SIWI and WWF (20/5).
- Participation in Havs- och vattenforum 2021 (25-26/5).
- Facilitate engagement and initiatives from SLU for Mistras coming call on marine ecosystems and management (May-December) and coming Formas calls within the national research program on oceans and water.
- Spring 2021 meeting with WaterCOG focusing on the knowledge needs on water at SLU to foster future internal cooperation (1/6).
- Arrange a webinar at World Water Week 2021 (25/8): [*SLU's sustainable solutions on water management from source to sea*](#).
- Arrange a seminar to highlight the annual Baltic Sea day 26/8 at Skansen, together with Stockholm university, Skansen (Baltic Sea Science Center), Stockholm Vatten och Avfall, and Race for the Baltic.
- Release the third newsletter from SLU Water Forum (September-October).
- Participation in Vattendagarna 2021(13-15/10).
- Participation in Vattenmiljöseminariet 2021 (dates tbc).
- Fall 2021 meeting with WaterCOG (November-December). Tentative focus for the meeting is how to develop and promote education on water at SLU.
- Potentially arrange a second SLU internal seminar on water. Topic for the seminar tbd.
- Facilitate increased collaboration between SLU and Uppsala municipality on *Integrated water resource management and aquatic ecosystems* (all year).
- Facilitate and participate in collaboration at Baltic Sea Science Center (Skansen) with Stockholm university, Skansen and Stockholm Vatten och Avfall (all year).
- Regularly update the SLU Water Forum web page and distribute research news from and events at SLU via Twitter (all year).
- Report and discuss the work and progress of SLU Water Forum to the “reference persons/steering group” at the NJ Faculty (bi-monthly).

2022

This workplan and associated activities are dependent on the budget of and resource allocation to SLU Water Forum in 2022.

- Launching seed-money for 2022 (early spring).
- Release the fourth newsletter from SLU Water Forum (early spring).
- News drive from SLU Water Forum during the World Water Day 2022 (22/3).
- Second/third SLU internal seminar on water (spring). Topic for the seminar tbd.
- Participation in Havs- och vattenforum 2022 (spring).
- Spring 2022 meeting with WaterCOG (late spring). Focus of the meeting tbd.
- Potentially participate in World Water Week 2022 (August)
- Highlight Baltic Sea day 2022 (late August).
- Release the fifth newsletter from SLU Water Forum (September-October).
- Participation in Vattendagarna 2022 (fall).
- Participation in Vattenmiljöseminariet 2022 (dates tbc).
- Fall 2022 meeting with WaterCOG (November-December). Focus of the meeting tbd.
- Facilitate engagement and initiatives from SLU in coming research calls (all year).
- Third/fourth SLU internal seminar on water (fall). Topic for the seminar tbd.
- Facilitate increased collaboration between SLU and Uppsala municipality on *Integrated water resource management and aquatic ecosystems* (all year).
- Facilitate and participate in collaboration at Baltic Sea Science Center (Skansen) with Stockholm university, Skansen and Stockholm Vatten och Avfall (all year).
- Regularly update the SLU Water Forum web page and distribute research news from and events at SLU via Twitter (all year).
- Report and discuss the work and progress of SLU Water Forum to the “reference persons/steering group” at the NJ Faculty (bi-monthly).

Organization

Coordinator: Jens Olsson

“Reference persons”/“steering group” at NJ-faculty: Dean Torleif Härd, Vice dean Helena Hansson, and Research Officer Marnie Hancke.

WaterCOG at SLU: Anna Gårdmark, Anders Kiessling, Björn Vinnerås, Helena Aronsson, Hjalmar Laudon, Jennie Barron, Jennifer McConville, Jens Fölster, Joakim Hjelm, Johan Lundqvist, Karin Wiberg, Kevin Bishop, Lutz Ahrens,

Marnie Hancke, Richard Johnson, Sara Bergek, Sara Gräslund, Staffan Lund, Staffan Waldo, Stefan Bertilsson, Stina Drakare, Ulf Bjelke and Tomas Brodin.

Communication support: Lisa Beste.

SLU Water network: ca 400 persons working with water at SLU.

Budget

2021

Salary water coordinator (30 %): ca 280 000 SEK

Salary communicator (10 %): ca 140 000 SEK

Travelling and housing: ca 5 000 SEK

Conference fees: 35 000 SEK

Communication material: 5000 SEK

Seed money: 200 000 SEK

Sum: 665 000 SEK

2022

Salary water coordinator (30 %): ca 290 000 SEK

Salary communicator (10 %): ca 150 000 SEK

Travelling and housing (Vattendagarna): ca 15 000 SEK

Conference fees: 35 000 SEK

Communication material: 5000 SEK

Seed money: 200 000 SEK

Sum: 695 000 SEK