



Aims and workplan SLU Water Forum 2023-2024

Background

This document contains the aims, goals, suggested activities, workplan and organization of SLU Water Forum for 2023-2024. This document builds on [Strategy and workplan SLU Water Forum 2019-2020](#), [Aims and workplan SLU Water Forum 2021-2022](#), 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 at SLU.
- To use Agenda 2030 and the associated Sustainable Development Goals as an overarching framework for SLU Water 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.

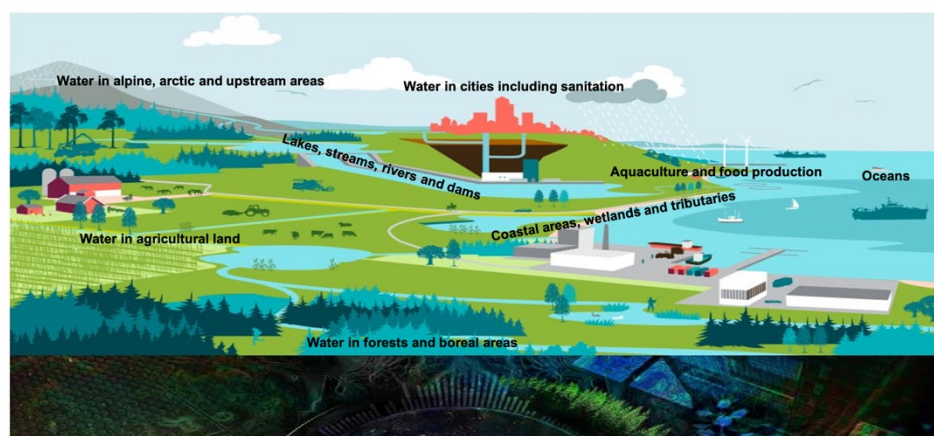


Figure. Map of where SLU:s operation on water is active in the landscape.

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, focus, and activities of SLU Water Forum.
- Provide “seed-money” (annually if budget allows) 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.
- If possible, 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 collaboration with external partners and stakeholders (for example the municipality of Uppsala).
- Release newsletters (two times a year) containing recent and coming activities and initiatives of SLU Water Forum.
- Participate in external and internal conferences related to water and market water related research and expertise at SLU to participants.
- Arrange internal “water seminars” at SLU (once a year) to strengthen cooperation and share information on water research at SLU.

Workplan

2023

- Launching [seed-money to strengthen cooperation on water at SLU for 2023](#) (30/11-2022).
- Participation in Vattenmiljöseminariet 2023 (24-25/1).
- Match-making event with non-academic partners for the Formas calls [BLUE-innovation](#) and [Links between climate, water and biodiversity](#) (7/2).
- SLU internal seminar on water (20-21/3).
- News-drive/event from SLU Water Forum during the World Water Day 2023 (22/3).
- Potentially participate in UN Water Conference (22-24/3).
- Release the sixth newsletter from SLU Water Forum (late spring).
- Spring 2023 meeting with WaterCOG.
- If of interest, arrange a news-drive/event from SLU Water Forum during the World Ocean Day 2023 (8/6).
- Contribute to and participate in events during SLU in Almedalen (27-30/6).
- Participation in Miljöövervakningsdagarna 2023, Uppsala (12-14/9).
- Participation in Havs- och vattenforum 2023 (autumn)
- Participation in Vattendagarna 2023 (autumn).
- Contribution to SLU's Agenda 2030 reporting for SDG 14 (autumn).
- Release the seventh newsletter from SLU Water Forum (late autumn).
- Fall 2023 meeting with WaterCOG (November-December).
- Facilitate increased collaboration between SLU and local stakeholders (for example with Uppsala municipality within the established agreement on *Integrated water resource management and aquatic ecosystems*) (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).

2024

The activities listed are dependent on the budget of and resource allocation to SLU Water Forum in 2024.

- Launching seed-money for 2024 (late autumn 2023/early spring 2024).
- SLU internal seminar on water (spring).
- News-drive/event from SLU Water Forum during the World Water Day 2024 (22/3).
- Spring 2024 meeting with WaterCOG.
- If of interest, arrange a news-drive/event from SLU Water Forum during the World Ocean Day 2023 (8/6).
- Release the eight newsletter from SLU Water Forum (late spring).

- Participation in Vattenmiljöseminariet 2024 (dates tbc).
- Participation in Havs- och vattenforum 2024 (dates tbc)
- Participation in Vattendagarna 2024 (autumn).
- Contribution to SLU's Agenda 2030 reporting for SDG 14 (autumn).
- Release the ninth newsletter from SLU Water Forum (late autumn).
- Fall 2024 meeting with WaterCOG (November-December).
- Facilitate increased collaboration between SLU and local stakeholders (for example with Uppsala municipality within the established agreement on *Integrated water resource management and aquatic ecosystems*) (all year).
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- 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: Vice dean Helena Hansson, and Research Officer Kristine Koch.

WaterCOG at SLU: Jens Fölster, Richard Johnson, Karin Wiberg, Stefan Bertilsson, Holger Willwock, Blaize Denfeld, Kevin Bishop, Lutz Ahrens, Helena Aronsson, Jennie Barron, Anna Gårdmark, Joakim Hjelm, Sara Bergek, Jennifer McConville, Björn Vinnerås, Cristián Alarcón Ferrari, Tomas Brodin, Hjalmar Laudon, Johan Lundqvist, Staffan Waldo, Anders Kiessling, Sara Gräslund, Ulf Bjelke, Kristine Koch, Ishi Buffam, and Ulf Westerlund.

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