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## Activity report SLU Water Forum 2023-09-13 - 2023-12-07

Below follows a summary of the activities and work within SLU Water Forum between mid September and December 2023. At the end there is also a short outlook on future plans and activities of the forum.

### Web page Master thesis on water at SLU

September-December. Together with WaterCOG a first version of a web page hosting information on available [master thesis projects related to water at SLU](#) was published in December.

### Vattendagarna 2023

4-5 October. The national conference [Vattendagarna](#) was arranged in Hässleholm, with participation from several water experts and researchers at SLU.

### World Food Day

16 October. This years' theme for the World Food Day was *Water is life – Water is food*. Together with SLU Aquaculture a [news post](#) on drinking water and blue foods was published to highlight SLU:s expertise in these fields of research.

### Miljöövervakningsdagarna 2023

17-19 October. The county board of Uppsala hosted [the 2023 edition of Miljöövervakningsdagarna](#) located at Campus Ultuna. Water experts and researchers from SLU participated and gave presentations at the conference.

### MEMFIS conference

9-10 November. SwAM and Formas arranged the conference [Marine Environmental Monitoring – Future, Innovation and Sustainability](#)

[\(MEMFIS\)](#) in Stockholm. Several researchers from SLU gave presentations and participated in the conference.

### Funding of water research from VR and Formas

November. 13 applications by water researchers from SLU were granted funding from the annual open calls of Vetenskapsrådet och Formas. Among these, 12 applications were submitted by earlier career researchers and five of these were women. A [news post](#) summarizing this and other larger grants to water researcher at SLU this fall was published in early December.

The applications listed in the news post above are not exhaustive as additional water projects lead by SLU-researchers have received funding during this fall from other funding bodies besides VR, Formas and EU.

### Capacity building project on EMA in DRC granted funding

October. The capacity building project focused on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment in the Democratic Republic of Congo lead by Professor Kevin Bishop (Department of aquatic sciences and assessment) was in October finally granted funding from SIDA. The project will run for 2024 and 2025, and involve several water researchers and experts at SLU.

### News feed and X

September-December. From 13/9 to 10/12, 21 news/press-releases related to water at SLU have been posted in the news feed at the SLU Water Forum web. These posts and other relevant issues on water related to SLU have routinely also been posted at SLU Water Forum's X account (@SLUwater).

### Information on water related funding opportunities and events

September-December. During this period, five e-mails on upcoming funding opportunities and events related to water have been distributed to the SLU Water Forum mailing list.

## Plans/activities during late fall 2023 and spring 2024

### Fall 2023 meeting with WaterCOG

12 December. The fall 2023-meeting with the coordination group for water at SLU (WaterCOG) will be held on 12 December. The meeting will be focused on:

1) reviewing the activities of SLU Water Forum during summer and fall 2023,

- 2) share of information between meeting participants on current and upcoming projects/calls/events/activities of relevance for SLU Water Forum,
- 3) suggestions for activities within the forum during spring 2024,
- 4) how to keep up the activities of the network and collaboration established on water within SLU in light of decreased resources for coordinating the forum.

### Seventh news-letter from SLU Water Forum

December-January. The seventh news-letter from SLU Water Forum summarizing the activities within SLU Water Forum during fall 2023 and listing coming and on-going activities within the forum will be released at the end of 2023 or early 2024.

### The fourth internal water seminar, spring 2024

The planning of the fourth SLU internal water seminar will continue. The seminar will likely be held during spring 2024.

### World Water Day 2024

22 March. SLU Water Forum will highlight the 2024 World Water Day by participating in an event organized by SIWI. If resources and time allows, a news-drive similar to earlier years will be launched. The theme of World Water Day 2024 is *Leveraging Water for Peace*.

### World Ocean Day 2024

8 June. If resources and time allows, SLU Water Forum will highlight the 2024 World Ocean Day with a news-drive as done in 2023. The theme of World Ocean Day 2024 is *Catalyzing Action for Our Ocean & Climate*.