

2026

Global Hub Program

Where the Global Water Community Connects



September 28-30, 2026
New Orleans, LA





RESHAPE RESILIENCE



Securing the future of water for what matters

By innovating in how we detect, treat and restore
water quality across sources and uses

wsp.com/water

Global Hub Opening



Keith Hobson, | *WEF President*



Andrew Farquharson | | *Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Manufacturing Industry & Analysis, International Trade
Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*



Pouya Lavian | *Deputy Chief of Staff, AI lead for
the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Global Hub Opening

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

MODERATORS



Keith Hobson, | *WEF President*



Andrew Farquharson | | *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing Industry & Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*



Pouya Lavian | *Deputy Chief of Staff, AI lead for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is pleased to welcome attendees to the opening of the Global Hub at WEFTEC, a premier gathering space dedicated to international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and partnership across the global water sector. The opening ceremony will feature from WEF President, Keith Hobson, alongside distinguished representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), and the U.S. Department of State. Together, these leaders will highlight the critical role of international cooperation in advancing sustainable water management, strengthening water resilience, and fostering innovation to address shared global challenges. The Global Hub serves as a collaborative space for water professionals, utilities, government agencies, industry leaders, researchers, and member associations from around the world. Throughout WEFTEC, the Global Hub will host networking opportunities, international delegation engagement, partner meetings, and discussions focused on emerging issues impacting the water sector worldwide. As water challenges become increasingly interconnected, the Global Hub reflects WEF's commitment to building meaningful partnerships that transcend borders and accelerate solutions for communities everywhere. We invite all attendees to join us in celebrating the power of global collaboration and the collective efforts that are shaping a more sustainable water future.

Advancing Water Innovation: K-water's Integrated Support for Technology Growth and Application

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

MODERATORS

Sungpyo Kim | *Professor, Department of Environmental Engineering, Korea University*

Janghui Lee | *Manager, K-water*

This presentation explores Korea's national approach to advancing water innovation through coordinated support for technology development, validation, and real-world application. It highlights how public infrastructure, operational expertise, and demonstration environments can support promising solutions and create opportunities for collaboration with international utilities, research organizations, and innovation partners.

Korea Water Cluster's Strategy for Overseas Business Development

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

MODERATORS

Sungpyo Kim | *Professor, Department of Environmental Engineering, Korea University*

Yuseop Han | *Assistant Manager, K-Eco, Korea Water Cluster*

This presentation introduces the Korea Water Cluster's role in supporting water technology demonstration, validation, and international cooperation. It highlights efforts to connect technical expertise with overseas institutions, testbeds, and shared water challenges, while exploring opportunities for knowledge exchange, and long-term global collaboration.

Lunch Break

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 11:45 PM - 1:15 PM

Global Hub Passport Challenge: Country Pavilion Power Hours

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM



Travel the world without leaving the exhibit hall!

Join the Global Passport Challenge and explore WEFTEC's international Country Pavilions during designated Country Pavilion Power Hours.

Attendees will visit participating pavilions, connect with exhibitors and delegates, and learn more

about water programs, technologies, and ideas from around the world.

Participants will use a Global Passport to track their visits and take part in activities along the way. The challenge is designed to make it easier to discover new organizations, start conversations, and experience more of WEFTEC's global presence on the exhibit floor.

Stop by the Global Hub for details on how to participate.

From Risk to Resilience: Design and Construction Lessons from Portland's Carolina Sewer Trunk Rehabilitation Project

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 3:30 AM - 4:15 PM

MODERATOR

Sarah Lingley P.E. | *Vice President, Local Business Lead*

This session presents the Carolina Sewer Trunk Rehabilitation Project, a major infrastructure replacement effort involving a deteriorating, 90-year-old, 42-inch trunk sewer located beneath Interstate 5 in southwest Portland. The project utilizes the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) delivery method to address

a complex urban construction environment characterized by steep slopes, mixed-face geology, limited access, and significant subsurface uncertainty.

The presentation will review key design and construction decisions made during project development and examine how assumptions established during preconstruction translated into actual construction outcomes. Topics will include evaluation of open-cut and trenchless construction alternatives, management of rock excavation risks, identification of underground obstructions, and adjustments to excavation support systems and construction means and methods as field conditions evolved.

Attendees will gain practical insights into the value of early contractor involvement, collaborative risk management, and adaptive problem-solving on complex underground infrastructure projects. Lessons learned will highlight how the CMGC process helped the project team respond to changing conditions, improve issue resolution, and maintain progress during construction while minimizing impacts within a highly constrained urban corridor.

Global Hub Reception

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

SPONSOR



Celebrate the global water community, discover opportunities for international collaboration, and make valuable connections that can inspire new projects and lasting professional relationships. Come raise a glass, share your story, and connect with the people shaping the future of water around the world. We look forward to welcoming you to the Global Hub Reception. *Sponsored by wsp.*

Global Adoption of Public Private Partnerships in Water

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MODERATORS

Brian Shell | *Senior Vice President, Management Consultancy, WSP*

Presentation on trends in public private partnerships for water and wastewater project delivery, with a focus on global projects, review of advantages and challenges, and why more US utilities are considering this delivery method.

To Bypass or Not, that is a Question for Rehab of Large Gravity Line

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

MODERATORS

Yosuke Matsumiya | *Director, International Division, Japan Sewage Works Association (JSWA)*

Viraj deSilva | *Vice President, Tetra Tech*

Tomoki Arai | *Manager, Bureau of Sewerage, Tokyo Metropolitan Gov.*

Shwan Fatah P.E. | *GISP, Director, Wastewater Collection Division, Dep. of Public Works and Environmental Services, County of Fairfax*

To rehabilitate large gravity sewer lines, the U.S. and Canadian utilities bypass sewage and apply liners in many cases. In some cases, slip lining is used with live flow if the bypass is expensive and prohibitive. Tokyo takes a different approach by building second lines to lower the water flow of lines in need of rehab for the application of spirally wound PVC liners. The second lines are designed to achieve a planned drainage capacity for flood control in combined sewer areas. In this panel, the speakers discuss pros and cons of the different strategies of large diameter gravity sewer, expecting the audience active participation.

Catalonia's Water Transition: Collaborative Innovation for Resilient Water Systems

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

MODERATORS

Xavier Amores | *Director, Catalan Water Partnership*

Guillem Solé | *Commercial Director de Derypol*

Ian Trillo | *North America country Manager de Createch360°*

Aaron Reynolds | *USA Sales Manager de Sigmadaf*

Catalonia and Spain is accelerating its Water Transition through collaborative innovation, combining advanced technologies, digitalization, and circular economy solutions to build more resilient and sustainable water systems. This session will showcase three real-world examples developed by leading companies that demonstrate how innovation can deliver measurable environmental and operational benefits across the water cycle.

SIGMA will present innovative solutions applications of dissolved air flotation (DAF) processes for PFAS treatment. DERYPOL will share the results of the European CESAM project, demonstrating how advanced flocculant technologies can improve sludge dewatering while enhancing its biodegradability and agronomic value, turning wastewater treatment plants into drivers of the circular economy. Createch360 will present how artificial intelligence, data integration and advanced process control are transforming operational data into actionable intelligence, helping utilities reduce energy use, chemical consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while improving overall performance.

Together, these three cases illustrate how practical innovation can support the Water Transition by delivering scalable solutions for more efficient, circular and resilient water management.

Lunch Break

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 11:00 PM – 12:45 PM

U.S. Suppliers:

International Sales Connect

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

U.S. exhibitors are invited to join the U.S. Commercial Service at the **Global Hub for U.S. Suppliers: International Sales Connect** – sessions dedicated to curating international connections for your business. Meet directly with U.S. Embassy and Consulate representatives who cover the water sector in markets around the world and have led delegations of international buyers, government officials, utilities, and project owners to WEFTEC. These representatives can provide market intelligence, introduce upcoming project and procurement opportunities, and facilitate introductions to their delegations of buyers visiting the show. As a U.S. company, whether you are exploring a new export market, seeking partners and customers, or looking to better understand water-sector demand abroad, U.S. Suppliers: International Sales Connect offers a convenient opportunity to make valuable connections and advance your international business development goals. International companies interested in procuring or buying U.S. goods or services are also welcome to participate. Stop by the Global Hub during these designated networking hours to connect with the markets that matter most to your growth. *(For U.S. manufacturers/suppliers and/or international buyers only).*

Global MA Meet Up:
Co-Hosted by the WEF
House of Delegates

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Connect with leaders from WEF's Global Member Associations and the House of Delegates International Working Group to network, exchange ideas, and discuss opportunities to strengthen our global partnerships during this networking hour.

NOTES

Unlocking Hidden Water: Developing Sustainable Water Supplies in the Arid Southwest

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MODERATORS

Tom Howell | *Vice President, Water Treatment, WSP*

Jeff Samson | *Senior Engineer, WSP*

This session provides an overview of trends in groundwater supply and reuse in the southwestern U.S., supplemented with project case studies.

Enhancing Sustainable WWTO Centralization Through Informed Decision Making Tool

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

MODERATORS

Francisca Braga | *Senior Water Advisor, Water technology Alliance General Consulate of Denmark*

Wastewater treatment plants are increasingly challenged by limited capacity and rising operational costs. Centralizing WWTPs presents a promising strategy to address these issues by consolidating infrastructure, enhancing economies of scale, and improving energy and cost efficiency. This study explores a real-world centralization initiative, where five existing WWTPs are being merged into two optimized facilities. To evaluate the technical, economic, and environmental viability of this strategy, we apply a suite of decision support tools, including mathematical modeling, economic evaluation (TEA), and life cycle assessment (LCA). By integrating these tools, the study assesses the feasibility and broader relevance of WWTP centralization, offering valuable insights for future infrastructure planning and the modernization of aging systems.

From Innovation to Impact: How International Collaboration Accelerates Water Innovation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

MODERATORS

Yvonne van den Berg | *International Business Developer, Water Alliance*

Hein Molenkamp | *Managing Director, Water Alliance*

Orianna Bretschger | *CEO, Aquacycl (tbc)*

Chris Impellitteri | *Director of Research and Development, The Water Tower*

Today's water challenges demand more than innovative technologies; they require strong international partnerships that accelerate learning, validation and adoption.

Using the Dutch water innovation ecosystem and its collaborations with US and international partners as a leading example, this panel explores how knowledge exchange, collaboration and strategic partnerships help bring water solutions from pilot to scale. Speakers from across the innovation ecosystem will share practical experiences on collaborating across borders to address challenges such as water quality, reuse, resource efficiency and climate resilience.

The discussion will explore how complementary expertise, demonstration projects and long-term partnerships create pathways for innovation to scale internationally. Participants will gain insights into the role of collaboration in reducing barriers to adoption, accelerating market implementation and creating lasting impact.

Join the conversation to discover how international partnerships are shaping the future of water innovation, and why collaboration is becoming one of the sector's most valuable resources.

Beyond Infrastructure: Keeping Water Utilities Moving Through People, Purpose, and Resilience

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

MODERATORS

Wilansy Ortiz | Compliance Specialist, Puerto Rico
Aqueduct and Sewer Authority

Water utilities are often defined by their infrastructure—treatment plants, pipelines, pumps, technology, and systems. But what happens behind the infrastructure is just as important. People, processes, and purpose are what keep essential services moving every day.

So, what truly keeps a water utility moving when infrastructure alone is not enough? Join us as we explore the human side of resilience, compliance, and innovation—and why the future of water may depend on more than the infrastructure we build.

NOTES

Lunch Break

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 11:45 PM – 12:45 PM

U.S. Suppliers:
International Sales Connect

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

U.S. exhibitors are invited to join the U.S. Commercial Service at the **Global Hub for U.S. Suppliers: International Sales Connect**—sessions dedicated to curating international connections for your business.

Meet directly with U.S. Embassy and Consulate representatives who cover the water sector in markets around the world and have led delegations of international buyers, government officials, utilities, and project owners to WEFTEC. These representatives can provide market intelligence, introduce upcoming project and procurement opportunities, and facilitate introductions to their delegations of buyers visiting the show. As a U.S. company, whether you are exploring a new export market, seeking partners and customers, or looking to better understand water-sector demand abroad, U.S. Suppliers: International Sales Connect offers a convenient opportunity to make valuable connections and advance your international business development goals. International companies interested in procuring or buying U.S. goods or services are also welcome to participate. Stop by the Global Hub during these designated networking hours to connect with the markets that matter most to your growth. *(For U.S. manufacturers/suppliers and/or international buyers only).*

NOTES

Country Pavilions

HALL F, BOOTHS 4001 - 4609

COUNTRY / REGION	BOOTH	EXHIBITORS
Bavaria	4602	9
Canada (Alberta)	4510	8
Canada (Ontario)	4009	8
Denmark, Kingdom of	4609	7
The Netherlands, Kingdom of	4313	9
Republic of Korea	4001	10
Switzerland	4212	3



Canada (Alberta)

BOOTH 4510

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Alberta/Canada Pavilion

The current accessible MapYourShow listing identifies booth 4510 as the Alberta/Canada country pavilion. WEF describes its country pavilions as dedicated exhibit-floor spaces showcasing water technology and innovation from the represented nation or region.

The live Alberta pavilion listing does not currently expose a longer About description; this summary uses the current WEF country-pavilion description and the live booth designation.

PARTICIPATING EXHIBITORS

1. 2S Water Incorporated
2. ACC Water Solutions
3. Djapana Energy Solutions Inc.
4. FREDsense
5. Hydrasurvey Ltd.
6. Lotic Technologies Inc.
7. Swat Water
8. Swirltex Inc.



Canada (Ontario)

BOOTH 4009

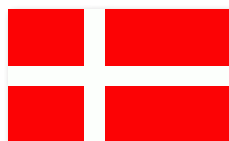
PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Ontario, Canada Pavilion

With access to leading industry talent, a supportive government and 15 free trade agreements covering over 50 countries, Ontario is the place to source solutions that will meet the exploding global demand for effective clean technology products and services. From energy storage and electric vehicles to smart energy technologies and industrial biotechnology, Ontario's 5000+ cleantech companies are crafting efficient solutions to environmental challenges. Discover how Ontario's clean technology sector is innovating for a greener tomorrow. Ontario is bringing 8 exciting companies as part of this year's event.

EXHIBITORS

1. E M Fluids Inc
2. Environmental Science & Engineering Magazine
3. EnviroSim Associates Ltd.
4. Kraken Sense
5. Kusiar Project Services Inc.
6. LaSalle Agri Inc.
7. UV Pure Technologies
8. VAHN-TECH International Inc.



Denmark, Kingdom of

BOOTH 4609

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Pavilion of Denmark

Denmark has been developing sustainable, energy efficient solutions for many years with focus on combining quality, energy efficiency and cost effectiveness. This makes Danish suppliers valuable partners that offer you a high level of know-how and experience. The Danish suppliers operate within all facets of the water industry - ground water, drinking water, process water, wastewater, urban water issues etc.

EXHIBITORS

1. Consibio
2. DHI Water & Environment, Inc.
3. Frontmatec Inc.
4. LSM Pumps USA Inc.
5. NISSEN energy
6. Oxyamat A/S
7. Unisense Environment



Germany (Bavaria)

BOOTH 4602

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Bavarian Pavilion c/o Bayern International GmbH

Welcome to BAVARIA - The joint Bavarian company stand: Bavaria is situated in the south of Germany, right at the heart of Europe. Germany's most successful state not only boasts an unparalleled natural beauty, but is also one of the world's leading high-tech locations: side by side, traditional family-run companies and global corporations create an outstanding economic landscape, with products and services that are in demand all over the world. At our joint company stand, you can meet Bavarian companies and discover more about the latest developments, technologies and services. We help you establish new contacts with Bavarian companies and provide you with extensive information about Bavaria as a business location.

PARTICIPATING EXHIBITORS

1. DiaCCon GmbH
2. Dr. Harnisch Verlags GmbH
3. ELAFLEX US / ditec
4. Envirobot GmbH & Co. KG
5. EOMAP, a Fugro company
6. IFAT
7. michel GmbH
8. SiLi Sigmund Lindner GmbH
9. SludgeDryingSystems GmbH & Co. KG



The Netherlands, Kingdom of

BOOTH 4313

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Water Alliance + Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP)

Water Alliance proudly hosts the Netherlands Pavilion at WEFTEC 2026 in New Orleans. The pavilion presents a strong and unified profile of the Dutch water technology sector, known for its innovative and solution-oriented approach to global water challenges. This pavilion showcases high-impact Dutch innovations that address pressing water issues in the US and around the world. From cutting-edge monitoring technologies and digital water solutions to circular treatment processes and smart reuse - the Netherlands Pavilion is the place to explore how Dutch expertise is shaping the future of water. With active matchmaking, networking opportunities and strong branding on the exhibition floor, the pavilion offers a dynamic platform for international collaboration and business development.

EXHIBITORS

1. Aquatech Global | RAI Amsterdam
2. Azzuro BV
3. Berghof Membrane Technology GmbH
4. Flowless Sustainable Solutions
5. Nedap
6. NX Filtration
7. SOLiSENZ
8. Spaans Babcock
9. Spectromarine



Republic of Korea

BOOTH 4001

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Korea Pavilion – KWP

Korea Water Partnership (KWP) is a registered not-for-profit corporation founded in April 2015 and aimed to provide a network platform for water professionals in private and public sectors in order to promote the water industry and water environment. In 2018, KWP became a public corporation designated in accordance with the Water Industry Promotion Act in the Republic of Korea. The true role of KWP is a professional human network platform representing Korea's water industry, encompassing all of the five stakeholders (Private company, Public sector, Academia, Research institution, and NGOs), business areas (Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Operation, and Finance sector), and technical professionals (Water resource management, Water supply, Sewerage works, Water environment management, and Water reuse). With global participation and cooperation with the water sector and stakeholders, KWP is trying to assist in a better water environment. We wish you active participation and cooperation.

EXHIBITORS

1. Bluesen Co., Ltd.
2. ENERTORK LTD
3. Hifil-M INC.
4. Inwoo Corporation Co., Ltd.
5. Jain Technology Co., Ltd.
6. ROYAL PRECISION INDUSTRY CO., LTD.
7. SOLVE Co., Ltd.
8. TASET INC.
9. UNU Inc.
10. Wintec Glovis Co., Ltd.



Switzerland

BOOTH 4212

PAVILION HOST / ORGANIZER:

Swiss Pavilion / Swisssenviro GmbH

Swisssenviro GmbH invites water and environmental professionals to the Swiss Pavilion at WEFTEC 2026, showcasing innovative Swiss companies and technologies for sustainable water management. The Swiss Pavilion connects export-oriented Swiss SMEs with international utilities, industry experts and business partners, creating a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration. Visitors can discover Swiss solutions across the water value chain, including water quality monitoring, process optimization, advanced treatment technologies, and resource-efficient solutions. The participating companies represent Swiss engineering excellence, delivering reliable and innovative technologies for the challenges of modern water management. Visit the Swiss Pavilion to connect with Swiss technology providers, explore innovative solutions, and build valuable partnerships for a more sustainable water future.

EXHIBITORS

1. Bucher Unipektin AG
2. DIGMESA AG
3. rqmicro

CIRCULAR WATER ECONOMY 101

A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINCIPLES SHAPING
A MORE CIRCULAR AND RESILIENT WATER FUTURE

The circular water economy reimagines water as a renewable, regenerative resource—one that can be continuously recovered, reused, and reintegrated to create value across communities, industries, and ecosystems.

This book provides a comprehensive exploration of this transformative approach, centered on three core strategies: **Reduce, Recover, Regenerate.**

Readers will gain a clear understanding and definition of each core strategy, along with practical insights into their financial benefits, supporting technologies, and implementation frameworks.

CIRCULAR WATER ECONOMY 101

Closing the Loop



 Water Environment
Federation



Scan the QR code to get
your copy of the book
(English or Spanish version)



