

## BPW & Women for Water Partnership



IFBPW is a founding member of Women for Water and since then a voting member of the General Assembly. Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) was founded in 2003 and incorporated in 2004 as an association under Dutch law. WfWP is a unique partnership of women's organizations and networks, uniting women leadership in around 134 predominantly low and middle-income countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA region) and Western Europe, reaching over one million women.

All 27 member organizations are rooted in society and are active in the areas of water and sanitation, sustainable development, women's participation and empowerment. The membership ranges from rural women, academia, women water professionals, and businesswomen to service organizations and special interest groups. WfWP positions women as active leaders, partners, experts and agents of change in water.

WfWP uses water as an entry point to women's empowerment and to improve equitable access to water for all, for all uses. Women traditionally have vast experience in the water sector and the crucial role they play in effective and efficient water management is increasingly acknowledged and supported by evidence. Involving both women and men in integrated water resources initiatives leads to better sustainability, governance and efficiency. More info on what WfWP does on <https://www.womenforwater.org/what-we-do.html>

Being a diverse network of women's organizations, WfWP can draw from a magnitude of expertise and knowledge relating to different themes and topics in the broad water-gender-sustainable development nexus. When a specific expertise is needed, globally, regionally or nationally, WfWP calls upon the relevant member to represent WfWP and provide input for that specific occasion.

The current delegate to WfWP is Arzu Ozyol (BPW Turkey). Margarida Yassuda (BPW Brazil) and Lesha Witmer (BPW Germany) are elected members of the Steering Committee.

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