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International Water Resources Association's (IWRA) World Water Congress

- Biggest event in the world linking water researchers and policy practitioners.
- Focused on the theme "Foundations for Global Water Security and Resilience: Knowledge, Technology and Policy".

Event: International Water Resources Association's (IWRA) World Water Congress – November 29 - December 3, 2021

Objectives:

- To become ambassadors for the water security challenges they face in their local communities in order to help achieve SDG 6.
- To participate in discussions and find responses for their local community challenges for the sustainable use and management of the water resources.

Event highlights:

- Prior to the XVII Congress, organizers selected five "World Water Envoys" from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas.
- During the opening ceremony, the Envoys presented the impacts of water security challenges faced in their communities.
- A dedicated workshop helped to identify solutions and priority actions to tackle global water challenges.

www.iwra.org/world-water-envoys-programme

Event impact:

- Envoys are actively involved in IWRA's Early Career and Young Professionals Task Force.
- Envoys will become peer mentors for future World Water Envoys, who will be selected for the upcoming XVIII World Water Congress in September 2023.
- Envoys will contribute to a special issue of IWRA's flagship journal, Water International.
- Envoys applied learnings from the conference to their own communities, contributing to visible and immediate impacts. These include new drinking water pipelines in the Manohara region of Nepal; education for Palestinian farmers that proposes alternatives to pesticides and fertilizers; and laying the foundation for future integrated water resources management in Zimbabwe.