



Letter of motivation and intent **Women for Water Partnership** for NGO Liaison Committee elections 2025 – 2027

Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) is a global federation of women' / women-managed organisations that work on women' equality especially focused on water & sanitation, women's roles and decision-making capabilities and vocational training and gender-sensitive research in these fields. WfWP is present and represented in 100+ countries around the globe, reaching approx. 1 to 1,5 million women at grassroot' level, as professionals, academia and business women.

WfWP is a long standing partner of UNESCO and UNESCO-WWAP and has representatives at UNESCO both directly and through our members IFBPW and Soroptimist International.

We strongly believe in cooperation and multistakeholder partnerships as well as in the key role and inputs of CSOs from the grassroots level for advocacy and solidarity to advance women's rights and leadership in all areas of professional life including in STEM, STI, and Water at all ages and to reach out to vulnerable and marginalized groups across regions for development and peace so as to leave no one behind, through collective actions. WfWP will address the opportunities to build capacity and access to water science and clean water in the 17th International UNESCO-NGO Forum and beyond like during the UN Water Conference 2026.

Women for Water and its members stand up for women when it comes to access to vocational training, certification of early acquired competences and a career in the water and sanitation domain. We work towards universal access for all to water and sanitation in all its aspects and support research and advocacy towards that goal. In short we strongly support and work towards the targets of SDG 4, 5, 6 and 8.

Our intended representative and nominee on the NGO Liaison committee is Marie-Claude Machon-Honore. She has worked closely with women for Water inter alia during COP 21 in the UNESCO Pavillion and moderated sessions organised by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee during the Paris COP; during the 8th International UNESCO-NGO Forum on climate change in Paris (December 2017).

She is past Chair of the International Conference of NGOs, President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (2018-2020), member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (2016-2018) and re-elected for the Europe and North America region (2020-2022). From 2017 to 2022 she represented the Liaison Committee to the Coordination group of the CCNGO-Education 2030. Her background professionally is associate professor and doctor in anglophone studies and research in the role of education in the development of women (Gender and Development Studies, UWI). She was able and pleased to relay the UNESCO NGO partners 'advocacy and key messages to the HPL SDG4 SC and Global Education Meetings, as well as our collective inputs to the Futures of Education and the UNESCO pre-Summit and UN NY Transformation Education Summit.

Marie-Claude will be supported, work closely with Evelyn Para, Lesha Witmer and Beverly Bucur (a whole team) to bring the aims of WfWP and the NGO Liaison Committee about.

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