



# VWI Gender Journey

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# Why a gender journey?

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- *Making Every Drop Count* clearly identifies youth, women and indigenous as groups that need to be more included in decision-making on water
  - RECOMMENDATION–Commit to gender equality and social inclusion in water resource management and raise the profile of these important issues in all relevant fora.
- During the VWI survey, gender equality was identified as a governance-focused value linked to social justice (instead of efficacy)
- To avoid reducing the complexity of a gender analysis into a social inclusion category – where the gendered impacts on women, men and LGBTQ+ can be better understood, including in their intersectional aspects

# Vision of Gender Journey

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The vision of the 2024 VWI Gender Journey is to explore how gender-oriented values shape outcomes of decision-making related to water in its multiple dimensions.

Gender-oriented values— those promoting gender equity and considering intersectionality, and those held by different gender groups.



# Objectives of the Gender Journey

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1. Recognizing and strengthening water values associated to gender in decision making processes
2. Supporting already existing initiatives and new ones that take action towards gender inclusive participation that leads to systemic change in water decision-making
3. Mainstreaming gender analysis within already existing water projects and implementing gender aware strategies, in alignment with RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency) gender strategy and NL FFP (feminist foreign policy).

# Objective 1 Outcomes

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*Recognizing and strengthening water values associated to gender in decision-making processes*

1. Preliminary Findings of initial research, shared by end of June
2. Final Report including Literature Review findings, shared by end of September
3. Public webinar to share findings and review in September

# Objective 2

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*Supporting already existing initiatives and new ones that take action towards gender inclusive participation that leads to systemic change in water decision making*

1. Engagement and support of Women in Water Diplomacy Network's Global Forum, Vienna in March 2024, participation from 40+ countries
2. Planned support for Stockholm World Water Week, highlighting preliminary findings and supporting existing initiatives

# Objective 3

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*Mainstreaming gender analysis within already existing water projects and implementing gender aware strategies, in alignment with RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency) gender strategy and NL FFP (feminist foreign policy)*

1. Facilitated conversation with VWI and RVO water staff around gender and water
2. A gender and water values framework bespoke for RVO water staff by end of September
3. Final Report including framework, by end of September

Questions?



# Search String

“gender OR intersectionality AND water AND values OR morals  
AND decision-making OR governance”

Scopus: 70 results

Google scholar: 1 200 000 results

\*selection of top 50 articles that meet inclusion criteria for analysis