

# WORLD WATER WEEK IN STOCKHOLM



## Building capacity, promoting partnership, reviewing implementation

Hosted and organised by SIWI, the [World Water Week in Stockholm](#) is the leading annual global event for concretely addressing the planet's water issues and related concerns of international development. The Week attracts over 2,500 participants and 200 collaborating organisations from around 130 countries all over the world.

Leaders and experts from the world's scientific, business, government and civic communities convene in Stockholm to exchange views, experiences and shape joint solutions to global water challenges. Functioning as an open and dynamic platform, the World Water Week enables participants to build capacity, form partnerships and review implementation, thereby advancing the world's water, environment, health, livelihood and poverty reduction agendas.

Though ostensibly attending to explore the water-energy nexus, I also attended several panel discussions on governance, security, and transboundary water diplomacy. This gave rise to a several meetings with Ambassador John Kelly – working on a pilot with the US Water Partnership, after which I agreed to help draft a concept design for the program memo on a volunteer basis. Though this is still in the early stages of development, this will be an excellent **topic for my thesis** and the program – partnering US army reserves with African governments to train ex-combatants to expand and maintain environmental infrastructure – will hopefully develop from a pilot to be instrumental in relieving the conflict than can arise around resources and promote longer term economic growth.