

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
HRBA	Human Rights-Based Approach
HRWS	Human Rights to Water and Sanitation
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
LNOB	Leaving No One Behind
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
UN	United Nations
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

FOREWORD



WaterLex has taken a new breath of life in 2018. A special task force of Board Members, led by new President Anders Johnsson, and Director General Amanda Loeffen, took time over the summer to think through the implications of the new Five-Year Strategy and consider how to make the work of WaterLex relevant in the Sustainable Development Agenda (the SDG's), particularly for goal 6 on water.

WaterLex has spent much of its short history in improving awareness of the existence and importance of the human rights to water and sanitation (HRWS). We are now reaching a stage where the understanding of these human rights is integrated into many SDG processes. However, the full realisation of these goals is still too difficult for many countries to achieve, especially for the very poor, the marginalised and the people that are being left behind.

It is for this reason, that WaterLex has taken a more pragmatic approach to its vision of achieving access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation for all. Maintaining its mission to use law and policy as a guide, WaterLex is using the sharing of good practices and a human rights-based approach to inform and create a wider enabling framework, in order to reach more people. This approach allows WaterLex to:

- ▶ Build institutional improvements rather than infrastructure
- ▶ Facilitate policy reform through evidence-based analysis and testing
- ▶ Support legal and governance reform through robust national analysis, and comparison of frameworks

Examples this year of such programmes include the regional workshops in Central America and West Africa in which a range of stakeholders are motivated to develop commitments to improve local policies and processes such that a more inclusive and non-discriminatory participative process is included. Importantly it recognises the

inclusion of women and girls, indigenous peoples, and marginalised communities through location, culture or circumstance. The results speak for themselves in our publications (www.waterlex.org/publications).

Moving forward to 2019, we are embracing a global version of this sharing of good practices through the 1st World Summit on Leaving No One Behind, the first of an annual event on water and sanitation. Through the formation of an expert Summit Scientific Committee and a call for innovative project ideas that capture the human rights to water and sanitation through technology or a human rights-based approach, we hope to create a global high level platform that will showcase practical innovative ideas on how to realise HRWS and access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation for all, and hence create momentum and a chance to achieve SDG 6 by 2030.

In the words on Michael Möller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), at the WaterLex 1st World Summit on Leaving No One Behind this February, the importance of water in the SDG's cannot be under-estimated:

"On the question of water, it's not just a matter of missed economic opportunities, of entrenched social injustice and poverty; on the question of water, it's quite simply a matter of life and death",

Michael Moller

As stated at the Summit by Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner of the Office of Human Rights, **"There needs to be more focus on human rights in the context of water and sanitation to achieve these goals"**. This urgency and commitment to human rights is what guides WaterLex as it enters 2019.

Anders Johnsson
President

Amanda Loeffen
Director General

ABOUT WATERLEX

ABOUT US

VISION

A world where there is sustainable use and access to safe water and sanitation for all

MISSION

To secure the human rights to water and sanitation through law and policy reform

OUR VALUES

WaterLex has four main differentiating values and principles:



KNOWLEDGE BASED

We are driven to achieve impact through objective analysis and high quality research.



PRAGMATIC

We aim to make concrete recommendations based on a well-researched picture of country legal and policy contexts, tailored to have a greater chance of success.



COLLABORATIVE

We recognise that impact can be achieved more quickly and efficiently through partnerships, working with like-minded players with a vision to contribute to water and sanitation governance.



NEUTRAL & INDEPENDENT

We are an expert organisation that does not represent a particular stakeholder group or local population.



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

MONTH	PLACE	EVENT
February	Rome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ UN-Water Meetings, Rome, contribution to World Water Development Reports and GEMI meetings
March	Geneva Geneva Geneva Geneva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ UNECE Roundtable on SDGs ▶ Graduate Institute course on water governance and human rights ▶ WaterLex Annual Partner Meeting, presenting programmes to partners and board members ▶ WSSCC Presentation on links between SDGs and human rights reporting mechanisms
April	Nepal San Salvador	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SOPHEN (Society of Public Health Engineers) conference on International Water, Environment and Climate Change ▶ WaterLex Regional workshop for four countries in Central America on HRWS
May	Geneva Geneva Geneva Geneva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ WaterLex General Assembly, new Board members announced including Prof. Dirk Hanschel ¹, Anders Johnsson ² and Bacre Ndiaye³. ▶ WaterLex 4th Scientific Committee Meeting ▶ Expert Consultation on the principle of Accountability in the context of the HRWS, with Leo Heller ▶ Expert Consultation on forcibly displaced persons in the context of the HRWS, with Leo Heller, Special Rapporteur HRWS
August	Stockholm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Three events on “Promoting Ecosystem Development and Human Rights” at World Water Week with OHCHR featuring marginalised groups, plus two other events: ▶ Water, women and el Corredor Seco ▶ Presentation on HRBA in Central America ▶ Launch of 1st World Summit call for Abstracts
September	Geneva Honduras Geneva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ UN -side event on “The right to water in humanitarian situations” ▶ Seminar on “the challenges of implementing the HRWS and SDG 6 in Honduras) to NHRI, CSOs, government institutions, NGOs. ▶ New President of the Board, Anders Johnsson⁴
October	Geneva India Geneva Gabon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ First meeting of Summit Scientific Committee, headed by Michel Jarraud, emeritus Head of WMO ▶ Workshop in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, to State Human Rights Commissions, local NGOs and CSOs, research visit to villages ▶ Exhibition at IPU General Assembly and parliamentary meetings ▶ Africa Water Week
November	Malaysia Burkina Faso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Thematic Study on rights to safe drinking water and sanitation in ASEAN, with research tools presented by WaterLex. WaterLex connected this event with Leo Heller’s visit, hence delay to November ▶ Regional workshop in West Africa, including Mali, Guinea, Chad, Niger and Burkina Faso, with AfDB support

¹ Dirk Hanschel, Professor at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and Max Planck Fellow

² Anders Johnsson, Former Secretary General of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

³ Bacre Ndiaye, Former Director of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

⁴ Eibe Riedel, former President, remains on the Board. A member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), he drafted what is considered to be the establishing document for HRW, General Comment 15, The Right to Water, adopted by CESCR at its 29th Session in November 2002



RESEARCH



WATERLEX HAS CONSOLIDATED ITS RESEARCH PROGRAMME INTO TWO MAIN ACTIVITIES:

// COUNTRY LEGAL MAPPING

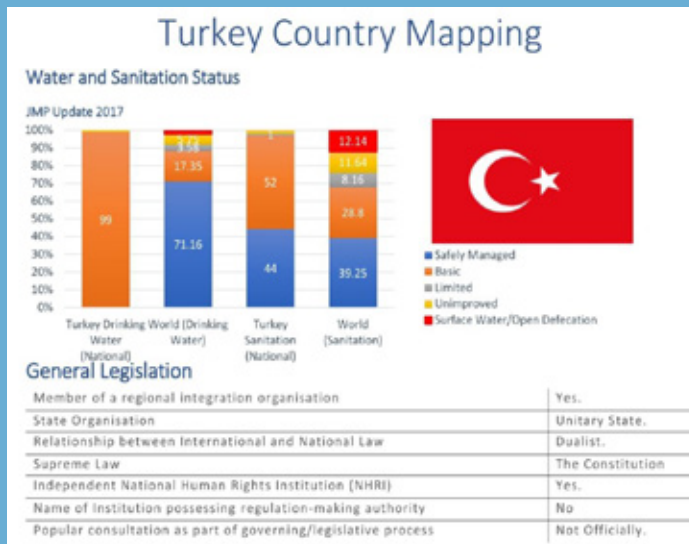
Finalised country legal mapping reports are shared on our website in standard format with a summary dashboard. These reports form a basis for understanding the current situation in a country with respect to HRWS and are a requirement for WaterLex before country engagement. 19 such reports are already published on the online library in accessible format, with another six in process. These reports are a source of detailed information for a range of governmental, legal and international development organisations that are trying to improve governance frameworks in a country.

// THEMATIC RESEARCH

In order to prioritise human rights to water and sanitation, it is critical to take a holistic view of the water resource management position, to understand the availability of the resource, the source of water quality contaminations, and the dynamic relationship between humans and the environment. Through the HRWS we are especially able to understand the effect of water challenges on specific marginalised groups of people, the people that are most effected by the water scarcity, lack of quality, or availability. A thematic focus on women and girls, indigenous peoples, refugees and migrants, in addition to those disadvantaged by remote locations and climate change, is useful to identify the people that are being left behind.

Importantly, the conservation and proper management of water bodies provides natural solutions to many of the water challenges that otherwise create problems in relation to water scarcity, pollution and equitable distribution of water such that human rights are protected.

WaterLex has experts on water governance and human rights, to make the necessary connections between water, sanitation and human rights, and our research in this area enables us to conduct research and support in river basins and across water bodies, where water tenure and rights are inexorably connected. WaterLex contributes to publications such as the World Water Development Report through our partnership with UN-Water, and thematic manuals with UNDP-CapNet, of which the latest publication is for Indigenous Peoples and IWRM. Good Practices in Central America is published, and work is in progress for an update to our tool on a HRBA to water and sanitation, and good practices in West and Central Africa.



Extract from country legal mapping dashboard in Turkey



Photo above taken in Nepal

CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT



THE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME IS A WAY FOR WATERLEX TO:

- ▶ Create awareness on HRWS,
- ▶ Share our country legal mapping studies in such a way that they can be useful for governments, NHRIs and water sector experts to understand how they could easily improve their governance frameworks,
- ▶ Engage with a variety of stakeholders such that we can understand the challenges for accessing water and sanitation for marginalised people, and the compliance in practice,
- ▶ Encourage participants to discuss areas where they already have good practices, and can share with other countries or participants
- ▶ Use this information and process to identify commitments that participants can make for their own organisations, and start realising improvements in access for some people, especially women and girls, disabled, elderly, remote communities, and people living in water scarce areas.

//REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

This year's programmes have included large regional workshops in Central America (San Salvador) and West Africa (Burkina Faso) in which WaterLex:

- ▶ Conducted country legal mapping research for each of the countries participating,
- ▶ Organised and facilitated a large regional workshop including government officials, water sector experts, NHRIs, NGOs and CSOs,
- ▶ Produced a publication on good practices, highlighting the current integration of HRWS in the legal system, and some of the good practices that have been developed,
- ▶ Followed up individually with each participant to encourage tracking of commitments made during the workshop, to support realisation of new good practices.

//CENTRAL AMERICA

The Central American workshop included participants from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua. The outcomes included a list of action points from each participant, which are in the process of realisation. The resulting publication on good practices in Central America can be found online at www.waterlex.org/publications.

As a result of the engagement with Honduras, WaterLex was invited to facilitate a multi-stakeholder workshop in Honduras in September (news article). This workshop identified a strong need for capacity enhancement for regulatory authorities in Central America, which is now planned for 2019. Regulatory agencies are in a powerful position to influence the integration of the HRWS at national level.



Geraldine Gene presents at Regional Workshop in San Salvador



// WEST AFRICA

The workshop in Burkina Faso, partnered with the African Development Bank, resulted in a long list of commitments, several of which have already been enacted. This is evidenced by a national workshop in Niger, and extensive reporting of the regional workshop in L'Union, the Niger national press, to highlight when the Minister of Water and Sanitation in Burkina Faso presented the closing remarks and certificates. Further details on these outcomes are available in the detailed workshop reports (Annex A), and in the forthcoming publication of good practices. (from March 2019).

// INDIA

Odisha, India is a State with 80% of the population living in rural locations, with many of the villages dependent on agriculture for a living.

With changes to water levels due to a combination of climate change and over-extraction, the water supplies are becoming salinated and heavily polluted.

Many of the villages are dependent on open-defecation, and water quality is generally heavy in contaminants.

WaterLex is developing a long-term programme to work with the community in a selection of villages to assess and monitor the current situation, develop nature-based solutions for water and sanitation, including agricultural use, and track the socio-economic benefits of the modifications. By reforming policy at the Panchayat level using a HRBA and convincing the population of the benefits through clear tracking of the results, the policy reforms will then be justified such that they can be integrated at state level and provide evidence-based policy design.

In 2018, the process has been initiated with visits to selected villages that are interested in working with us, identification of the costs and methods of monitoring water quality, and an initial state workshop with the human rights commission and local NGOs to create awareness of HRWS and engagement.



Photo above depicts community-based lake restoration in Ouagadougou, November 2018



Photo above depicts rural villages near Bhubaneswar, October 2018

CATALYST FOR CHANGE

The WaterLex Mission to secure the human rights to water and sanitation through law and policy reform can only be achieved through a combination of processes that support the understanding of the HRWS. This means that we have to include a wide range of stakeholders:

- Governments and other duty bearers such as water authorities, businesses and National Human Rights Institutions to accept that they have a role and a responsibility to ensure that these human rights are realised
- Civil Society, NGOs and rights holders representing marginalised groups such as women, disabled, children, elderly, indigenous peoples, refugees and migrants and sanitation through law and policy reform

We also have to establish processes that appeal to different cultural situations, tailored to unique countries in different parts of the world, and finding the best methods to realise HRWS in the shortest time. There needs to be a range of methods that build on our research and understanding of the way that the HRWS can be integrated into legal and policy frameworks, and the work with people to establish the most impactful way to reform existing governance frameworks.



**OUR VISION OF A
WORLD WHERE THERE
IS SUSTAINABLE USE
AND ACCESS TO SAFE
WATER AND SANITATION
FOR ALL CAN ONLY BE
ACHIEVED BY WORKING
WITH OUR MEMBERS,
PARTNERS AND OTHER
ORGANISATIONS
AROUND THE WORLD.**

The WaterLex team is comprised of a multi-cultural team of legal and policy experts, representing people from five continents, and drawing on a wide global membership from 25 countries. We partner with other organisations on a country by country basis to understand local challenges.







Photo below taken in Guatemala



// LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Each of our programmes includes aspects of this catalytic momentum. It is best exemplified in the planning process for the 1st World Summit on Leaving No One Behind.

	50		Countries
	15		Projects
	25		Speakers
	4		Prize winners

I. Partnerships

Partnerships with IWRA, WIPO, UN-Water and WMO, along with sponsorship support from Sida and SDC, to design, communicate and create a global platform to create momentum to find practical solutions to realise SDG 6.

II. High Level Engagement

Engagement with leaders from the United Nations (Michael Moller, Director General), WIPO (Francis Gurry, Director General) UNHCR (Filippo Grandi) and OHCHR (Kate Gilmore, Deputy High Commissioner) to support this initiative through keynote speakers and participation.

III. Expertise

Creation of a Summit Scientific Committee of twelve experts in water governance, human rights and WASH solutions to review abstracts and select the winning projects. Experts are drawn from the WaterLex and IWRA membership, UNHCR, OHCHR, WMO and the Inter-American Development Bank. The chair is the emeritus head of WMO, Michel Jarraud.

IV. Projects

Announcement of a call for abstracts for projects that are innovative, low cost, scalable and accessible to marginalised, remote and/or water scarce communities, and incorporating the criteria and principles of the HRWS. It is themed around women, children, indigenous peoples, refugees, migrants, rural areas and climate change.

V. Showcase ideas

Selection of 6 Flagship and 15 Exploratory Projects from Latin America, Africa, Middle-East, and Asia to showcase best ideas, create discussion, and use as examples throughout the UN-Water campaign in 2019 to find solutions for people that are being left behind.

VI. Innovation Awards

Provided seed funding for the winning flagship project (Innovation Award on Leaving No One Behind) and three Exploratory Projects (pilot stage projects) to develop their ideas over the coming year such that they can be showcased, and for WaterLex to provide technical support and create scalability through policy reform.

The 2nd World Summit on Leaving No One Behind in the context of Climate Change (the UN-Water theme for 2020) is already in the planning stages. The goal is to make this an annual event to kick off the annual theme, and to keep the focus on Leaving No One Behind – the people that are only going to realise access to safe and sustainable water and sanitation through a focus on the human rights to water and sanitation.



Rakia Turner presents WaterLex mapping tool to experts in ASEAN workshop, with Leo Heller

The development of the ASEAN-AICHR thematic study was initiated through our involvement as experts in the development of a declaration on HRWS for the ten ASEAN countries in late 2017. Prompted by a need to integrate these rights into national law, WaterLex has tailored the country legal mapping process to suit ASEAN needs, and trained national experts to review the status of the integration of HRWS in the existing governance frameworks. This programme is part-way through, and the initial training has been facilitated by WaterLex in Malaysia last November. Although scheduled for earlier, the importance of inclusivity of all ten countries, and then the timing of the country visit by Leo Heller, Special Rapporteur on HRWS, delayed the regional meeting until early November.

To date, the ten countries have nominated a national focal point, and the WaterLex country

mapping methodology has been shared with each of the countries.

The November training enabled a more practical understanding of the tool. Importantly, each of the countries keeps ownership of the process, and is additionally able to complement this gap analysis with a review of compliance in practice. The results of this programme will be shared at the next ASEAN-AICHR regional meeting in 2019.

ASEAN represents the economic group of ten countries, including Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Laos, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Brunei, and Cambodia.

AICHR is the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Our favourite SDG picture is this one with SDG 6 on water in the middle. It makes it clear that water is an essential ingredient for all the other goals. Without water as a life-giving force, we cannot attain any of the other goals on health, poverty, gender, education, energy, life on land, economic growth. Equally, it works the other way around with many of the SDGs, since realisation of SDG 6 is only possible if SDG 5 on gender, SDG 10 on inequality, SDG 13 on climate action, SDG 16 on peace justice and strong institutions, and SDG 17 on partnerships are also realised. As one of several UN-Water partners that work mainly on water-related issues, our research and engagement at country and regional levels can feed back into the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP), GEMI and GLAAS. Located in the same building as UN-Water and WMO in Geneva, WaterLex finds it easy to coordinate with the lead agencies on the monitoring of SDG 6 targets and has regular opportunities to give technical input into the global monitoring processes through UN-Water and GEMI meetings. This also takes the form of contributions to key chapters on governance of the World Water Development Report, and consultations that feed into this process.



Working at the national level complements this process, and our country legal mapping reports provide support in-country to the development of tailored SDG monitoring targets, which concur with human rights law. This process is integrated into our capacity enhancement programmes, with several of the outcomes linked to monitoring programmes.



Photo above taken in Uganda

LETTER FROM THE AUDIT FIRM



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Report of the independent auditor on the financial statements to the Non-executive Board of Directors of WaterLex, Geneva

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of WaterLex which comprise the the balance sheet, the statement of income and expenses, the cash flow statement, the statement of changes in capital and the notes (pages 14-25) as at December 31, 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the WaterLex as at December 31, 2018 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Swiss GAAP FER.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Swiss Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the association in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, as well as the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the note "Going concern" of the financial statements describing the uncertainty about the ability of the association to continue on a going concern basis. In case of absence of raising funds, the continuity of the activities of the association would be impossible. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Other Information in the Annual Report

The Non-executive Board of Directors is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises all information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information in the annual report and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information in the annual report and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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Responsibility of the Non-executive Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

The Non-executive Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and for such internal control as the Non-executive Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Non-executive Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Non-executive Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements is located at the website of EXPERTsuisse: www.expertsuisse.ch/en/audit-report-for-public-companies. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ackermann', followed by a red circular stamp containing a white cross.

Michael Ackermann
Licensed Audit Expert
(Auditor in Charge)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Demierre', followed by a red circular stamp containing a white cross.

David Demierre
Licensed Audit Expert

Geneva, March 28, 2019

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

// BALANCE SHEET (IN CHF)

ASSETS	2018	2017
Petty Cash	197	244
Bank UBS	190'590	51'507
Bank UBS - operating reserves	193	50'274
Total cash and marketable securities	190'980	102'025
Receivables	0	16'657
Other short-term receivables	6'304	3'319
Prepayments and accrued income	9'987	17'111
Total transitional assets	16'291	37'087
Total Current Assets	207'271	139'112
Tangible Fixed Assets	4'231	8'463
TOTAL ASSETS	211'503	147'575

LIABILITIES	2018	2017
Payables from goods and services	13'609	11'767
Other short term liabilities - social charges & taxes due	32'236	37'596
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	11'192	22'031
Total Liabilities	57'037	71'394
Restricted income fund	104,643	57'769
Restricted Funds	104'643	57'769
Operating Reserves	193	50'274
Internally generated unrestricted capital (retained earnings)	49'630	-31,862
Total Equity	49'823	18'412
TOTAL LIABILITIES	211'503	147'575

// STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (IN CHF)

REVENUES	2018	2017
UNRESTRICTED FUNDING		
Public Funding		
Swedish Development Agency (SIDA)	814'577	796'503
Swiss Development Cooperation	67'193	100'000
Total Unrestricted Public Funding	881'770	896'503
Others		
WaterLex membership fees	850	1'680
Donations by individuals	2'890	2'452
Other incomes	2,042	656
Total Unrestricted Funding	887'552	901'291
PROJECT RELATED FUNDING		
Public Funding		
Canton de Genève	104'643	58'900
Total Public Funding	104'643	58'900
Foundations		
Taiwan Foundation for Democracy	0	15'046
Misereor	0	1'614
Total Foundations	0	16'660
United Nations Agencies & Programmes		
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	0	28'594
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)	0	1'050
Total United Nations Agencies & Programmes	0	29'644
Mandates		
Mandates	5'785	61'315
Total Project Related Funding	110'428	166'519
Total Revenue Before In-Kind Contribution	997'979	1'067'810
In-Kind Contribution	650'013	683'486
Total Revenue After In-Kind Contribution	1'647'992	1'751'296

// STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES (IN CHF)

EXPENSES	2018	2017
Operating expenses		
Staff costs	549'356	781'665
Consultants	92'368	23'376
Travel and accomodations	64'347	37'512
Events	18'643	9'365
Communications	9'102	13'154
Running costs	26'674	26'248
Office rent and maintenance	55'250	55'245
Total operating expenses before in-kind contribution	864'015	994'016
In-kind contribution	650'013	683'486
Total operating expenses after in-kind contribution	1'514'028	1'677'502
Intermediary result	133'965	73'794
Financial results		
Bank interests	157	-76
Bank charges	-1'642	-1'437
Exchange rates	-33'373	-14'744
Total financial results	-34'858	-16'257
Other income		
Other revenues	454.34	5'710
Other costs	-21'275	-8'279
Annual surplus / (deficit) before allocation	78'287	54'968
Attribution to restricted income funds	-46,874	-57'769
Annual surplus (deficit) before allocation to organisation capital	31'413	-2'801
Allocation		
Utilisation (-), transfer from(-) to (+) operating reserves	-50,081	39'970
Transfer to retained earnings	81,493	-42'771
Total of allocation	31'413	-2'801
Final annual surplus (deficit) after allocation	0	0

// CASH FLOW STATEMENT (IN CHF)

	2018	2017
Operating income (before Non-Profit Allocation)	31'413	-2'801
Depreciation	4'231	4'231
(increase)/decrease in receivables	16'657	-7'207
(increase)/decrease in prepayments and accrued income	7'124	-15'769
(increase)/decrease in short-term receivables	-2'985	16'100
increase/(decrease) in payables from good and services	1'841	-25'426
increase/(decrease) in other short-term liabilities - social charges due	-5'360	18'465
increase/decrease in accrued liabilities and deferred income	-10'839	-23'139
increase/decrease in allocated funds	46'874	57'769
Funds from operations	88'955	22'223
Investing activities		
Financing activities	0	3'918
Increase / (Decrease) in cash	88'955	26'141

	2018	2017
Cash and marketable securities start	102'025	75'884
Cash and marketable securities end	190'980	102'025
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	88'955	26'141

// STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN CAPITAL (IN CHF)

2018	Initial	Attribution	Transfer	Utilisation	Total
Allocated funds					
Public Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Foundations	57'769	104'643	0	-57'769	104'643
United Nations Agencies & Programmes	0	0	0	0	0
Total	57'769	104'643	0	-57'769	104'643
Equity					
Internally generated unrestricted capital (retained earnings)	-31'862	31'413	50,081	0	49'630
Operating Reserve	50'274	0	-50,081	0	193
Total	18'412	31'413	0	0	49'823

2017	Initial	Attribution	Transfer	Utilisation	Total
Allocated funds					
Public Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Foundations	0	57'769	0		57'769
United Nations Agencies & Programmes	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	57'769	0	0	57'769
Equity					
Internally generated unrestricted capital (retained earnings)	10'909	-42'771	0	0	-31'862
Operating Reserve	10'304	49'970	0	-10'000	50'274
Total	21'213	7'199	0	-10'000	18'412

FINANCIAL NOTES

// PRINCIPLES ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

Presentation and evaluation of financial statements correspond to the guidelines published by the Commission for Recommendations for the Presentation of Accounts (Swiss GAAP FER). For these accounts, the Swiss GAAP FER 21 norms have been applied.

The financial statements are based on values relating to the management of the company. They give a true picture of the assets, financial position and results according to the principle of true and fair view

Going concern

The association is considered to be in a transition phase due to the loss of the major donor for the year 2019 and is currently exploring new funding and partnership. These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, since the board of directors is confident in the ability of the association to obtain funding.

While the association has been successful in raising donation in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future.

If the going concern assumption is not appropriate, then adjustments might be necessary to the financial statements.

Structure of WaterLex

As a Swiss independent public interest and non-profit association, the organisation is required to comply with its Charter which has been approved by the Canton de Genève.

Principles of balance sheet presentation and evaluation

Unless otherwise stated, balance sheet positions listed are valued at historical costs at the balance sheet date. Donations are recognised according to contractual obligations with institutional donors. For individual donations, funds are recognised upon receipt of payment. Revenues coming from mandates are recognised upon services rendered.

Foreign currency conversion

Invoices in foreign currency are registered at the monthly average rates from the AFC (Administration Fiscale des Contributions). Bank operations in foreign currencies are registered at the interbank rates.

Assets and liabilities held in foreign currencies as of December 31st in the balance sheet are converted into Swiss francs at the rates effective on December 31st. The results of these conversions are included in the financial result.

// PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISATION

WaterLex aims through its activities to improve access to drinking water and sanitation of the most vulnerable populations. The organisation is active at an international level in the field of human rights, particularly the right to water and sanitation. WaterLex pursues its mission through research, consulting, technical assistance, training, advocacy and mediation. The organisation may carry out any activity that allows, directly or indirectly, to promote its objectives. WaterLex operates on a national and international level.

// GOVERNING BODY & ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

General Assembly

Sovereign body of the organisation, composed of members of the Association.

The General Assembly meets annually in regular session, upon official invitation from the President of the Board. Members of the Association have the same voting rights and decisions are taken by a quorum of the present or represented members.

The General Assembly main responsibilities are to adopt the provisional budget, to approve the financial statements, to approve new members, and to elect the Board members as well as audit body.

Board of Directors

The Board is composed of a minimum of three members elected by the General Assembly with a renewable mandate of three years. Members of the Board act on a voluntary basis and can only claim compensation for the actual costs of travel expenses.

Members of the board meet on a regular basis, and the decisions are taken by simple majority. In case of a deadlock, the President has the casting vote.

The Board's main functions are to determine the Association multi-annual strategy; to define the provisional budget; to call the annual General Assembly; to nominate the president, secretary and treasurer, as well as the Director General to manage the Association's activities.

WaterLex Board of Directors is composed of

Name	Function	In function since
Mr Anders Johnsson	President of the Board	May 2018
Mr Yves Etienne	Vice President	January 2012
Dr Aileen Ionescu-Somers	Treasurer	May 2014
Dr Dirk Hanschel	Member	May 2018
Dr Giorgio Malinverni	Member	May 2014
Mrs Cécile Molinier	Member	May 2016
Mr François Münger	Member	May 2016
Mr Bacre Ndiaye	Member	May 2018
Dr Eibe Riedel	Member	May 2014

Statutory Auditors

Mazars SA in Geneva has been named as auditor to carry out the 2018 audit.

The International Secretariat

The International Secretariat is composed of the Director General, employees and volunteers, involved in the implementations of the Association's activities. Its main functions are to propose to the Board a provisional budget, define the appropriate means to achieve the objectives set and in accordance with the approved Board's strategy, as well as manage the Association's assets and present an annual report to its Board.

International Secretariat governance:

Name	Function	In function since
Ms Amanda Loeffen	Director General	August 2016

The Association is duly engaged by the sole signature of the President of the Board. The nomination of the Director General implies delegation of the President of the Board's Signature, thus in accordance with the given limits of the Director General's mandate by the Board.

// ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Additional commitments

WaterLex certifies that there are no further commitments to other moral or private persons.

Allowances paid to Board members

All Board members act on voluntary basis. Total travel expenses paid to Board members in 2018 amount to CHF 7'821'70.

WaterLex management team and staff

The WaterLex management team is composed of one Director General. In 2018, the International Secretariat in Geneva included an average of 9.7 people (8.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) compared to 9.2 FTE in 2017).

Events occurring after the balance sheet closure

No major event that may affect the financial statements have occurred after the balance sheet date. WaterLex has no subsidiary nor is not a subsidiary of another institution. There are therefore no consolidation requirements. As a Swiss independent public interest and non-profit association, the organisation is required to comply with its Charter which has been approved by the Canton de Genève.

Fixed goals and deliverables

Are mentioned in the annual activity report which shall include financial statements.

// COMMENTS ON BALANCE SHEET

Cash and Marketable Securities

This heading includes petty cash, and the bank accounts.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Petty Cash	197	244
Bank UBS	190'590	51'507
Bank UBS – Operating Reserves	193	50'274
Total Cash and Marketable Securities	190'980	102'025

Transitional Assets

This heading includes receivables, prepayments and accrued income.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Caribbean Development Bank	0	9'187
Taiwan Fund for Democracy	0	7'470
Total Receivables	0	16'657
To receive from employees	0	2'170
Insurance for loss of income (balance 2018)	6'304	1'149
Total other short-term Receivables	6'304	3'319
Insurance for loss of income 2019	0	7'880
LAA (Accident Insurance) 2019	0	6'773
Other prepayments and accrued income 2019	9'987	2'458
Total Prepayments and Accrued Income	9'987	17'111

Fixed assets

Fixed assets consist of IT equipment, mainly laptops. No acquisition was made in 2018. They appear at their acquisition cost less deduction of depreciation calculated according to a linear depreciation method (IT equipment: 20%).

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Assets	21'157	21'157
Accumulated Depreciation	-16'926	-12'694
Total Net Assets	4'231	8'463

Payables from goods and services

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Mazars – Audit -preliminary billing	6'462	8'640
ICS – Accounting service	5'902	1'858
Others	1'245	1'269
Total Payables – goods and services	13'609	11'767

Social charges due

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Social Charges (including pension fund)	32'236	33'906
Taxes	0	3'690
Total	32'236	37'596

Accrued liabilities and deferred income

The organisation recognises accruals when services have been rendered for products delivered, but not invoiced yet (*in CHF*). The organisation recognises deferred income when services have not been rendered yet but the proceeds already paid to the organisation.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Audit – accrued	9'155	9'693
Accounting and Payroll – accrued	500	2'693
DCAF – parking space – accrued	0	2'299
Provision for accrued holidays	0	4'585
Others	1'537	2'761
Total	11'192	22'031

Allocated Funds

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Canton de Genève	0	57'769
SDC	104'643	0
Total	104'643	57'769

Allocated funds at 31.12.2018 corresponds to a grant from the SDC (total grant CHF 104'643 for Refugees and migrants/ LNOB Mapping tool projects 2019) for which expenses were not incurred yet at year-end.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME

Detail of Funding and Donations

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Public Funding	881'770	896'503
Swedish Development Agency (SIDA) – SEK 7'000'000 – X rate: 0.11636	814'577	796'503
Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)	67'193	100'000
Other Public Funding	104'643	58'900
Canton de Genève	0	58'900
SDC	104'643	0
Foundations & Grants	0	16'660
Taiwan Fund for Democracy – USD 15'000 – average x rate: 1.003	0	15'046
Misereor	0	1'614
United Nations Agencies and Programmes	0	29'644
UNICEF – USD 28'314 – X rate: 1.0101	0	28'594
United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)	0	1'050
Donations by Individuals	2'890	2'452
Mrs M.F. Charrin	2'500	2'000
Mrs N. Barrita-Chagoya	350	360
Others	40	92
WaterLex Individual Members	850	1'680
Mandates	5'785	61'315
FANSA	0	29'035
Caribbean Development Bank – USD 28'190 – average x rate: 0.9802	0	27'633
Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia – EUR 2'000 – X rate 1.1618	0	2'324
Public Defender of the Republic of Georgia – EUR 2'000 – X rate 1.1618	0	2'324
SIWI	5'785	0
Other Donations	2'042	0
Others	2'042	656
Total Funding and Donation	997'979	1'067'810

In-Kind Contributions

WaterLex receives support from a number of volunteers either based in partner academic institutions or as fellows in the International Secretariat in Geneva. A detailed contract is signed with each volunteer which specifies the original hourly/daily commitment. The commitments are then matched with the review of the performance by the Supervisor.

Finally, the volunteers are requested to certify in written format the number of hours that are spent with WaterLex. The daily rate for junior (300 CHF), senior consultant (600 CHF), and executive (1'000 CHF) is applied to calculate the value of the volunteer's work, unless there is a more applicable rate.

In-kind contributions are recognised as revenues and expenses in the statement of income and expenses.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Legal Research	452'725	548'398
<i>White and Case LLP</i>	303'525	410'858
<i>Other Legal Research</i>	149'200	137'540
Human Resources counselling: Eversheds Sutherlands Ltd	1'838	7'788
Development	60'000	12'500
Communication	61'450	41'600
IT	24'000	16'500
Administration and Management	0	56'700
AfDB Project logistics support	50'000	0
Total In-Kind Contribution	650'013	683'486

EXPENSES

Expenditures by nature

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Salaries and benefits	549'356	781'665
Consultant fees	92'368	23'376
Voluntary consultant fees (in-kind contribution)	650'013	683'486
Total human resources	1'291'737	1'488'527
Insurance	3'400	3'460
Accounting and audit fees	48'276	47'451
IT support and infrastructure	11'991	11'989
Office costs	11'283	11'236
Office rent	55'250	54'807
Prints & communication and events	27'744	22'520
Travel and accommodations	64'347	37'512
Total other expenditures	222'291	188'975
Total Operating Expenditures	1'514'028	1'677'502

Overhead costs - costs repartition per Desks

The Overhead costs of WaterLex in 2018 amount to 22 % of the Organisation total operating expenditures.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Overhead costs	336'627	348'108
Operations	1'177'401	1'329'324
Total operating expenditures	1'514'028	1'677'502
% overheads	22%	21%

Fundraising costs

The fundraising costs of WaterLex in 2018 amount to 6 % of the Organisation total operating expenditures.
They mainly include staff costs for the time spent on direct fundraising by the Director General.

Description	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Fundraising costs	85'410	85'068
Operations	1'428'618	1'592'434
Total operating expenditures	1'514'028	1'677'502
% fundraising expenses	6%	5%

Financial result

At December 31, 2018, the -33'373 CHF exchange rate loss is due to the revaluation of the bank accounts in foreign currency at the closing exchange rate.

Other costs

This heading includes extraordinary costs. It includes the VAT to be paid for services from abroad from 2013 to 2016 and a fine related to the late payment.

COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN CAPITAL

Additional Comments

Related parties

There were no related party transactions as of December 31st, 2018 and as of December 31st, 2017.

Equity

On August 2018, the operating reserve was decreased from CHF 50'274 to CHF 194.

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WaterLex undertakes and coordinates innovative research activities with a growing number of academic partners and governmental or non-governmental organizations. In addition to institutional partnerships, WaterLex has also created a network of experts who have led sustainable solutions to improve water governance through the interconnected frameworks of development and (human rights) law. Please contact us if you are interested in joining our Expert Pool at info@waterlex.org.

INTERNSHIPS

We regularly work with legal interns who have a strong focus on human rights and ideally water governance, as well as law, to support our research programmes.

Please check out our website for vacancies or send an open application with your motivation letter and CV to info@waterlex.org

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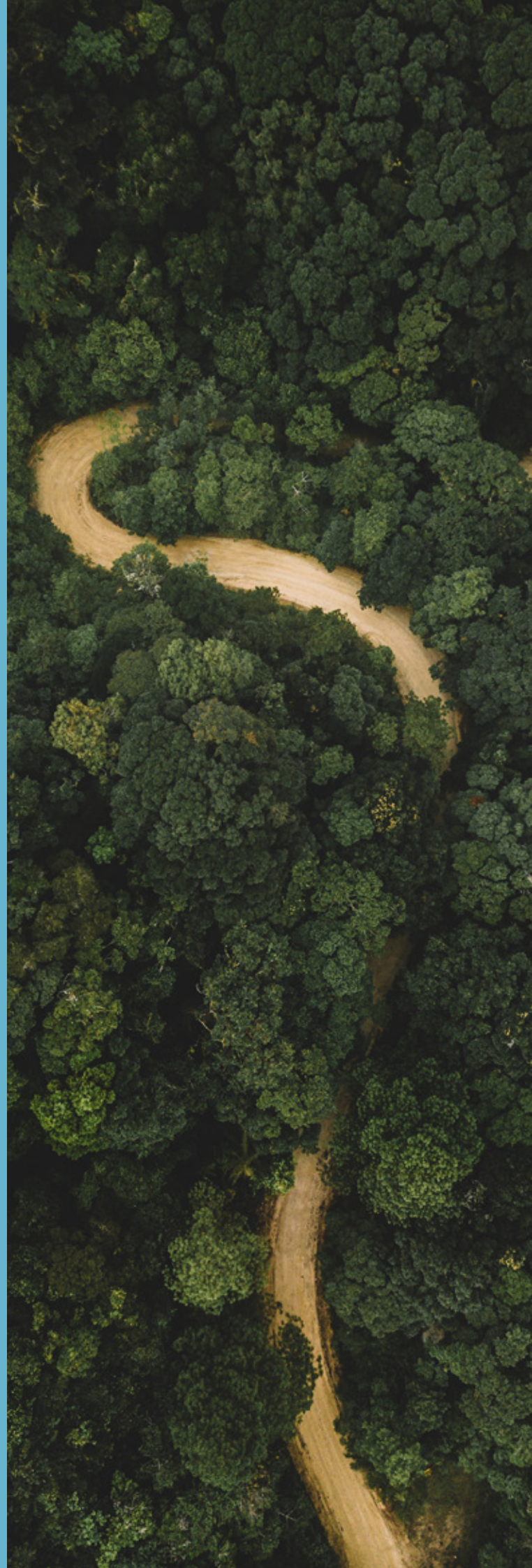
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