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**The Water Environment Federation (WEF)** is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization providing water professionals with the latest in education, training, and knowledge exchange as we work toward a life free of water challenges. Founded in 1928 and headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, WEF connects 31,000 members, 77 Member Associations, and 27 Technical Communities across every part of the water sector.

WEF's flagship event, WEFTEC, is the largest annual water quality exhibition in North America, showcasing cutting-edge technologies and connecting more than 23,000 water professionals dedicated to shaping the future of water. WEF also produces a portfolio of Specialty Conferences, a webcast series, the Words on Water podcast, and a range of workshops and learning opportunities. In addition, WEF publishes Water Environment & Technology (WE&T), Water Environment Research, and more than 30 technical manuals and reports that advance professional excellence and knowledge sharing.

WEF drives innovation and cross-sector collaboration through its strategic initiatives, including leadership of the Circular Water Economy, which advances sustainable approaches that reduce waste, recover resources, and regenerate ecosystems. WEF also serves as one of the Founding Leaders of the Water-AI Nexus™ Center of Excellence, along with Amazon, The Water Center at Penn, and Leading Utilities of the World. This initiative is a first-of-its-kind collaboration at the confluence of water and artificial intelligence, ensuring sustainable water resources for the growing AI economy while harnessing AI to address global water challenges.

Guided by its mission to inspire the water community in pursuit of human and environmental well-being, WEF cultivates connection, collaboration, and innovation across the sector.

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Through initiatives like the Water-AI Nexus™ Center of Excellence, WEF drives collaboration and innovation that accelerate progress toward a more resilient and sustainable water future. Visit [water-ai-nexus.org](https://water-ai-nexus.org) to learn more.





## ORGANIZATIONAL FACTS, STRATEGY, AND VALUES

**Founded:** 1928

**Headquarters:** Alexandria, VA

**Employees:** 90-100

**Members:** 31,000+

**Member Associations:** 77

**Mission:** Inspiring the water community in pursuit of human and environmental well-being

**Vision:** Life free of water challenges

For more information about WEF's programs, initiatives, and member community, visit [wef.org](https://www.wef.org).

### Strategic Goals:

- Attract and develop a diverse and passionate water workforce
- Cultivate a purpose-driven community to sustainably solve water challenges for all
- Lead the transformation to the Circular Water Economy

### Core Values:

- Lead boldly with purpose and agility
- Focus on our customers through empathy and service
- Collaborate for collective impact
- Integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion in all we do

To explore WEF's vision for the future of water, view the Strategic Plan at [wef.org/wef-water-future](https://www.wef.org/wef-water-future).

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