Dear Colleague,

As the year comes to an end we wanted to send a few reflections on our year together and to also let you know how much we appreciate your commitment and engagement. During the entire year, SDSN USA has been very busy, and although there have been many activities during the past year, a few highlights stand out.

The U.S. National Committee for the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and Stanford University hosted the 6th International Symposium on Knowledge and Capacity for the Water Sector (K&W6) on October 29-31, 2019. The symposium was attended by 300+ participants coming from 30 countries. The symposium focused on the role of water services and infrastructure in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically through the implementation of sustainable practices.

The meeting will be co-hosted by the National Science Foundation to facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and international stakeholders. The symposium’s theme, “From Groundwater to Ocean: Water for All,” will focus on the role of water services and infrastructure in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically through the implementation of sustainable practices.

The symposium will coincide with the Sixth Global Water Forum, making it an excellent platform for networking with other stakeholders. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from others in the water sector. The symposium will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, and poster sessions, providing a comprehensive overview of the latest research and developments in the water sector.

Following the symposium, the participants will be invited to participate in a workshop to discuss future directions for the 7th International Symposium on Knowledge and Capacity for the Water Sector (K&W7) to be held in 2021.

We look forward to your continued engagement in 2020. This newsletter will not be issued during the holiday break.

Best regards,

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