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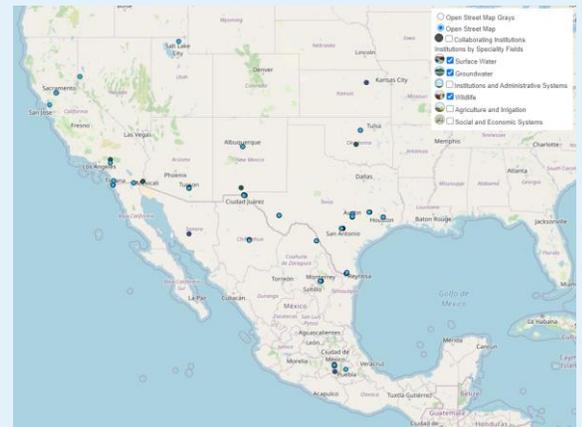
## To Our Members

Welcome to the first edition of the **Shared Waters Newsletter**, the news venue of the Permanent Forum of Binational Waters!

Close to a year ago, we believed we had a worthy opportunity: To bring our individual binational efforts together into a platform where we coincide, integrate, share, cooperate and learn from each other. Academics, experts, public officials, non-governmental institutions, citizens, private industries — all of us agreed we needed a forum where all this can take place and where we can indeed move forward as one integrated binational force.

Today, we celebrate this space; a forum where everyone interested in improving the conditions of our water resources at a binational level can make the most out of their efforts together as a community. The Forum's objectives are to promote communication and collaboration among members, and to serve as a resource for communities and citizens interested in learning about binational waters and interrelated issues that shape our border region. These are also the objectives of the Shared Waters Newsletter.

**Rosario Sanchez**  
Director



Our newsletter is designed to update our members on issues related to the platform development, new resources and services available, highlights of recent research developments, calls for action and other news. This is a communication space for the Forum's members and for those interested in improving our binational waters. We plan to distribute the Shared Waters Newsletter every two months. If you have anything to share with members, please contact us at: [binationalwatersforum@gmail.com](mailto:binationalwatersforum@gmail.com)

Many thanks to our Executive and Advisory Committees for making an unprecedented effort to believe, trust and invest in an idea that will serve generations to come and will have a significant impact in our shared water resources. **Water Unites Us.** Enjoy and see you all on the web!

## OUR TEAM



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## OUR MEMBERS

**Over 120 members and close to 60 binational institutions**

*“We want to make scientific knowledge about binational waters accessible for citizens and decision-makers, and integrate collaboration efforts through a permanent communication forum to strengthen their impact on a border-wide scale.”*

## FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

The launch of our website on May 29th, 2020 brought together more than 80 participants who shared their thoughts regarding the shape of our platform. Today, we have over 120 members representing close to 60 academic, governmental, non-governmental and private institutions working on binational waters between Mexico and the United States. Please read below for more specifics on new resources and updates to our network services.

### Link to Webpage

English (click [HERE](#))

Para la versión español, haz clic [AQUÍ](#)

## ETHICS CODE

Our [Ethics Code](#) was created to establish and maintain a respectful and enriching environment for binational cooperation. It was developed to protect the Forums' Philosophy and Values. The Executive and Advisory Committee make up the Forum's Honor Committee. They are responsible for its fair and rightful applicability.

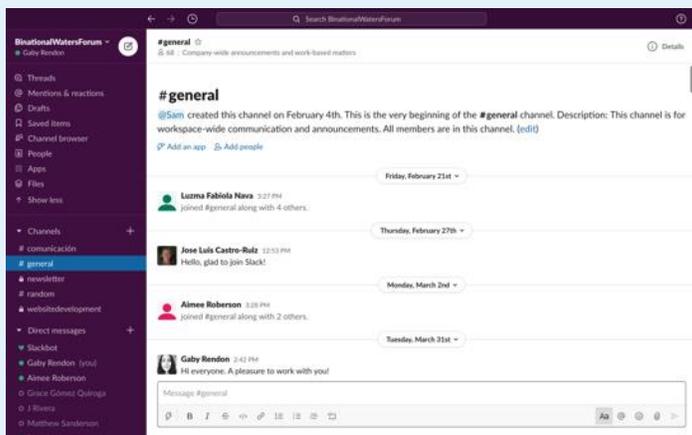


## MEMBERS, WORKING GROUPS AND SLACK

Our Network has developed 16 [Working Groups](#) so far. Once you register for a working group, you will receive an invitation to join [Slack](#). From there, you can start communicating instantly with your working group.

If you have not registered into a Working Group, you can do it [HERE](#).

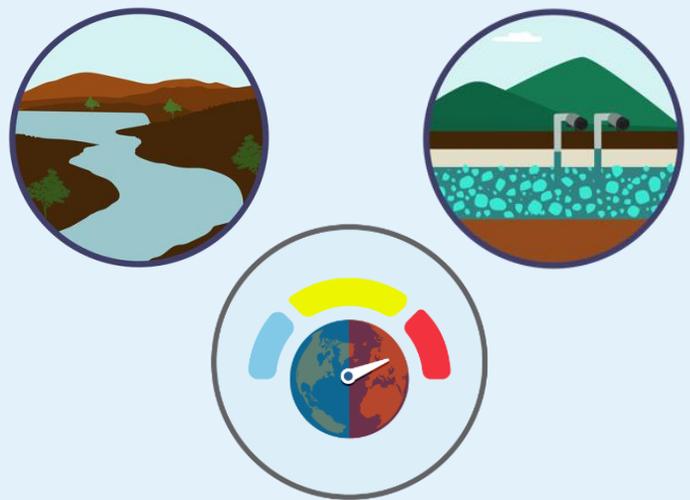
In addition to topics of expertise, we have also included regions of expertise in our network, which will improve your search for colleagues working not only on the same fields, but also in the same areas along the border. Make this communication channel yours. If you have not filled this information in your profile, please do it [HERE](#).



## SCIENTIFIC DATA

Our Resources section is completely updated. There is now a section of our [peer-reviewed research](#) and [official publications](#) related to water issues at binational level.

It also contains a clearinghouse of [databases](#) of groundwater, surface water, water quality, climate and other resources at a national, binational and international level.



We have also enabled an option for users and members to submit their content to the platform. If you have any content or materials that you want to share with the Forum's community, please submit it [HERE!](#)

## RESOURCES

### Educational resources

Our Educational Resources section offers a variety of free [models](#) to use. It also contains trainings and tutorials that offer important guidelines on how to communicate science more efficiently with different types of audiences. Find these Resources under our Socialization of Science tab.

This section also contains our Webinar Schedule. We have some members already signed up, but we still have dates open for the fall and late spring.

More content to come in upcoming months.

Please [sign up](#) if you want to broadcast your research, provide insights or trainings, or submit to our Myth Buster section. We have developed a [tutorial](#) to help you record your videos using Zoom.

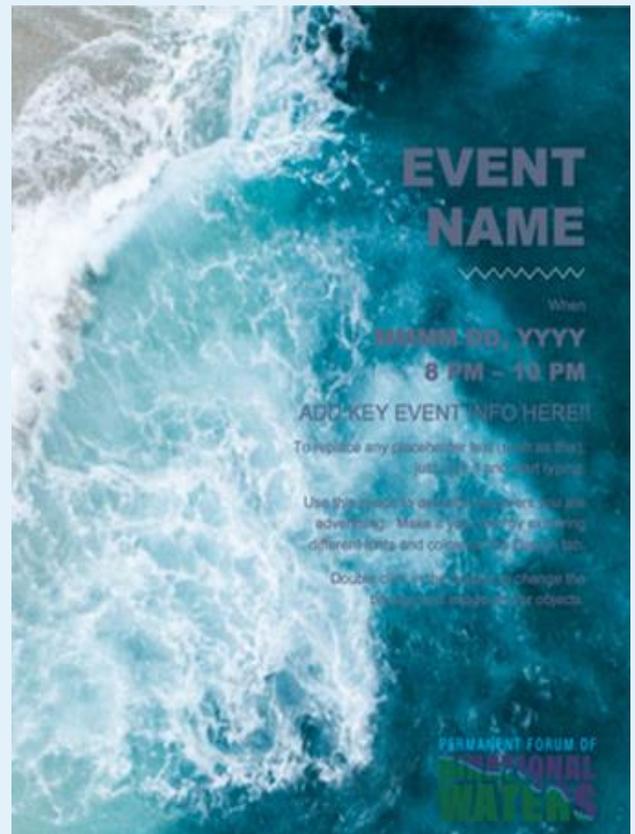


### News and Archive Services

We have compiled news and publications related to binational waters for over a year. This will help build an archive of useful information regarding our shared water resources so we can become the main source of information on transboundary water between Mexico and the United States.

### Resources for Events

Have an event coming up? [Let us Help!](#) We have created some [resources](#) to help out with your binational efforts. We can advertise your event, develop your registration page, flyer templates, host your proceedings and materials and archive your event for future reference, all in one place. This is a great resource for our members interested in reaching out a border-wide scale and strengthen their impacts.



## Upcoming Events

The Transboundary Groundwater Conference, “Innovation and Creativity: Strategies for Unprecedented Challenges” will be held on **October 14** and **October 15, 2020** via Zoom and hosted by the Forum. The updated agenda can be found [HERE](#), as well as the registration link for both days.

[Call for abstracts: “Water Security and Climate Change Conference.”](#)

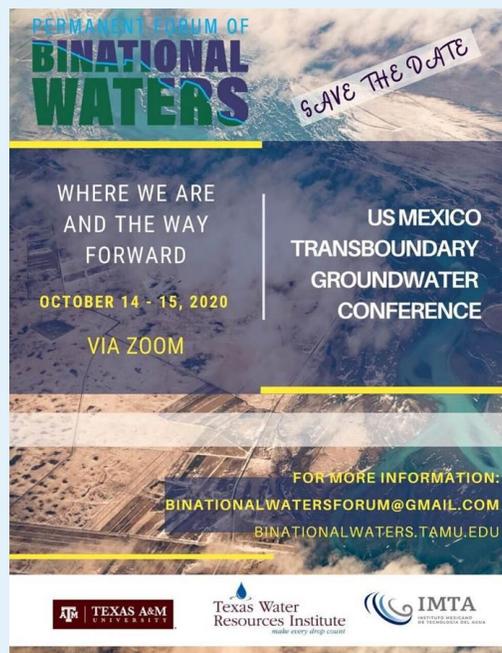
[Call for abstracts: “\(En\)Gendering Transboundary Water Governance: Feminist Perspectives on Water Conflict and Cooperation.”](#)

## Calls for Action

[Webinars informativos sobre el Borrador Marco del Programa Frontera 2025](#)

[Convocatoria al primer seminario virtual "Diáspora Hídrica" para Jóvenes Mexicanos Explorando las Fronteras del Conocimiento del Agua](#)

[Draft U.S-Mexico Environmental Program: Border 2025 Framework](#)



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