



Newsflash from the NBI

World Water Week 2019

World Water Week, the major international conference on water held annually in Sweden, concluded on Friday, 30 August 2019.

A clear highlight was Dr Jackie King from South Africa being awarded the prestigious Stockholm Water Prize. Dr King's standing ovation during the opening plenary is surely one of the most emotional moments in Water Week history. A lifetime of pioneering work to understand 'why rivers die, and how to fix them' was recognised by her peers. You can find out more about Dr King's work here: <https://www.siwi.org/prizes/stockholmwaterprize/laureates/2019-2/>

Other major highlights included the increasing uptake of the [Alliance for Water Stewardship](#) standard by companies across the globe, the progress made on [contextual water targets](#) (including the results of the South Africa pilot, which the NBI helped initiate) and the increasing work of the tourism, food & beverage and textiles industries to address their water-related risks and dependencies.

As in previous years a full briefing for NBI members will take place during the last week of October 2019, including progress on the development of a Water Protocol (similar to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol), natural capital approaches and their linkages to climate resilience and water security, as well as the latest developments in water stewardship.

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