

# THE 2025 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MARATHON RELAY

ACCELERATING TOWARD WATER SECURITY THROUGH  
COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES



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**OPENING SESSION | ASRC, NEW YORK | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | 16 JUNE 2025**

## ABOUT

Water resources continue to be in crisis in many parts of the world. Although water crosses all aspects of life, it's science, management and understanding has become "sectionalized". To overcome this, there is a need to capture ideas that make water a core aspect of everybody's day-to-day business.

Sectors such as agriculture, health and energy have a major impact on the use and quality of water. Universities are in a unique position to improve this situation as they often have a large diversity of disciplines in house, do research and are educating the future leaders in all the necessary sectors. Volunteer citizen scientists are increasingly collecting and contributing data that is used for monitoring, management and research.

Connecting citizen scientists with universities and governmental and nongovernmental organizations can be a powerful way to find solutions for the water crisis.



## HOW IT WORKS

All participating institutes will be organized in region and time zone groupings. In these groups a central hub will lead the debate. Other institutes within these groups (called secondary group hubs) are invited to participate in the debate. The central group hub passes the debate on to the next central group hub.

All sessions will take place in Zoom and are open to participants from the two time zones. Others outside of the two time zones can follow the debate, but are asked to only contribute when their time zone is active.

After 9 sessions and 24 hours, there will be a final synthesis session and report out at the Sustainability Research and Innovation Congress taking place 16-19 June 2025 in Chicago, USA

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