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1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS
FAROE ISLANDS - SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2024

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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT BROCHURE

Hosted and organised by
the Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi) &
the International Water Resources Association (IWRA)

WELCOME TO IWRA's 1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS

HOSTED BY JARÐFEINGI (THE FAROESE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY)

Welcome

It is with great pleasure for me to welcome you to the Faroe Islands for the first-ever IWRA Islands Water Congress. This landmark event, the first of its kind, is dedicated to addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of water governance in island communities. Our aim is to foster collaboration, share insights, and develop science-based policies that will benefit island communities worldwide.

The Faroe Islands, with its stunning landscapes and pristine waters, provides the perfect setting for our discussions. In September, we will explore innovative solutions and sustainable practices, contributing to a legacy of informed and effective water management.

We are honored to host this first congress and look forward to building a vibrant community that will continue to grow with each biennial event on different islands around the globe.

Welcome to the Faroe Islands and to a future of shared knowledge and progress.

Warm regards,

Niels Christian Nolsøe

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CEO
JARÐFEINGI
The Faroese Geological Survey



WHY ATTEND THE CONGRESS

To be part of something different that will make a real impact to the host island, to other islands and, where possible, also to non-island nations and communities. Here are some more specific key takeaways you can expect from attending:

Why attend if you are a practitioner (water managers and technicians)?

- Connect with professionals, experts, and peers in the water industry.
- Share experiences, challenges, and best practices.
- Learn about cutting-edge technologies, innovations, and research in water management.
- Gain insights into emerging trends, regulations, and industry standards.
- Explore case studies and success stories that could offer ideas for addressing your own challenges.
- Get inspired by success stories, innovative projects, and advancements in water management.
- Understand global water challenges, conservation efforts, and the importance of sustainable water management.

Why attend if you work in the private sector (industry and company representatives)?

- Gain valuable insights into industry trends, market demands, and emerging technologies.
- Explore new business opportunities, partnerships, and joint ventures.
- Stay informed about regulatory changes that may affect your business operations.
- Establish connections with decision-makers, industry influencers, and experts.
- Build relationships that could lead to business growth and partnerships.
- Participate in panel discussions, workshops, and presentations to establish your company as a leader.

Why attend if you are a policymaker (politicians and technocrats)?

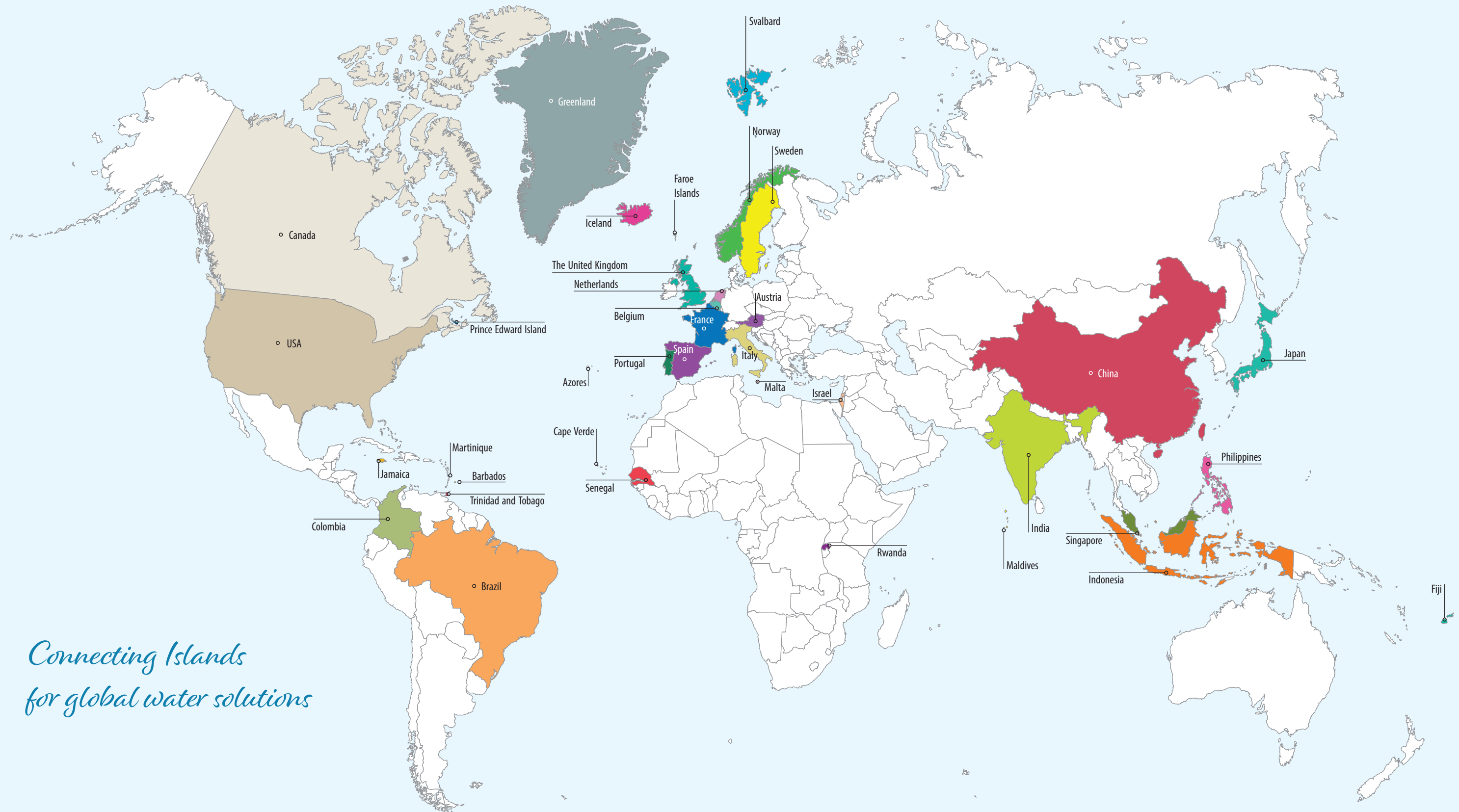
- Learn about successful policies and strategies implemented in different regions.
- Exchange ideas, experiences, and best practices with peers from around the world.
- Gain insights into public perspectives, concerns, and priorities regarding water issues.
- Use this information to better communicate policies and engage with voters.
- Use your platform to drive positive change in water management practices.

Why attend if you are an academic / researcher (from the sciences, policy, and law)?

- Stay updated on the latest research trends, findings, and advancements in water-related studies.
- Establish collaborations, partnerships, and potential research projects.
- Attend workshops, training sessions, and seminars to enhance your research skills and methodologies.
- Contribute to global efforts in addressing water-related challenges.

PARTICIPANTS FROM OVER 30 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT



*Connecting Islands
for global water solutions*

TENTATIVE
PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 3. SEPTEMBER 2024							
09.00 - 16.00	Technical Fieldtrip			Cultural Fieldtrip			
THEMES	Islands Administration	Climate change, nature and nexus	Groundwater Resources Management	Monitoring, data and hard Innovation	Special Session		
WEDNESDAY 4. SEPTEMBER 2024							
08.00 - 09.15	Registration and coffee						
09.15 - 10.15	Opening Ceremonies and Artistic Performance						
10.30 - 12.00	KEYNOTE SPEAKERS						
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch						
13.30 - 15.00	Island Water Administration: A Nordic European view	Climate change and water	Island Groundwater administration		Technologies to ensure quality of water supply in Islands		
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee Break						
15.30 - 17.00	Island Water administration: Mediterranean and Atlantic region	Saltwater intrusion	Groundwater and innovation		Insular Perspective and the Right to Water in the Administration of San Andres Islands (Colombia)		
17.00 - 18.00	ICEBREAKER (Welcome reception)						
THURSDAY 5. SEPTEMBER 2024							
9.00 - 10.30	Island Water administration: Caribbean Region		Water and nature working together including the special case of rainwater harvesting		Monitoring and data	IWRA Islands Water Congress Policy Report special session	Faroe Island water administration (in Faroese)
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break						
11.00 - 12.30	KEYNOTE SPEAKERS						
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch						
14.00 - 15.30	Waterfall Walk/Alternative indoor Event						
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee Break						
16.00 - 17.30	Island Water administration: Asia/Pacific and African region	Islands, Water and Regulation	Water / Energy / Food Nexus region		Hard Innovation I		
19.00 - 21.00	BANQUET (Location: the National Museum)						
FRIDAY 6. SEPTEMBER 2024							
09.30 - 10.15	KEYNOTE SPEAKER						
10.30 - 12.00	Island water administration: TITLE TBC				Hard Innovation II	The Battle for the Water - Exploitation of Water for Green Hydrogen Production	Freshwater and Island: A SIDS perspective
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch						
13.00 - 14.00	Artist Led Workshop/Alternative						
14.15 - 16.00	High-Level Policy Roundtable: Freshwater, Islands and regulation						
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee Break						
16.30 - 17.30	Closing Ceremony						

CONGRESS
HIGHLIGHTS

HIGH LEVEL POLICY ROUNDTABLE
FRESHWATER, ISLANDS AND REGULATION

This roundtable will bring together speakers from the Faroe Islands, the Nordic Region and other islands around the world to share the common challenges and opportunities in the administration of freshwater and the role of regulation therein.

The session will also be an opportunity to hear from the theme rapporteurs as a way to highlight key Congress conclusions.

PARALLEL SESSION:
ISLAND WATER ADMINISTRATION:
A NORDIC EUROPEAN VIEW

Turbidity Challenges and Water Quality Management in the Grábrókarveita Drinking Water Utility, Iceland, in times of Seismic Unrest and Climate Change

What happened to the water? Exploring the need for wider integration of water and rural and islands policy through a Scottish case study

Freshwater management issues in an Arctic island settlement – challenges and potential impacts

BANQUET

Experience the charm of Faroese heritage at our banquet in the National Museum, featuring exquisite local cuisine, refreshing beverages, and the soulful sounds of local music in a truly unique venue.



1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Milika Nagasima Sobey

Is an indigenous Fijian who currently works as a Technical Adviser-Coastal Ecosystems for GLZ Pacific. Milika was an academic for 20 years, teaching and conducting research at the University of the South Pacific.



James Ellsmoor

Is an award-winning serial entrepreneur, writer, and influential advocate for island sustainable development. He is the CEO of the sustainable impact consultancy Island Innovation, with experience working on islands on every continent.



Kamanamaikalani Beamer

Is a full professor and the inaugural Dana Naone Hall Endowed Chair in Hawaiian Studies, Literature, & the Environment at Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge (HSHK) at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa.



Manuel Sapiano

Is the Chief Executive Officer of the Energy and Water Agency (EWA) within Malta's Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise.



Høgni Hoydal

Is the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign affairs, industry and trade. He is the leader of Tjóðveldi (The Faroese Republican Party).



Ronald Roopnarine

Is a researcher and academic with a thorough background in Disaster Risk Resilience and Sustainable Land and Water Resource Management



Miguel Ângelo Barreto da Moura

Is the Secretary of State of Agrarian Economy and advisor of Water and Sanitation at the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of Cabo Verde. The President of the Board of Directors of the Water and Sanitation Agency, Expert and Evaluator of Research Projects at the Secretariat of Science and Technology of the Ministry of Education of the Government of Cabo Verde.

TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDTRIPS

TECHNICAL FIELDTRIP

September 3, 2024, 09.00 - 16.00 (Cost: DKK 800,-)

The Field Trip will provide insights into the diverse applications of water, including its use as an energy source, drinking water, and other purposes. Participants will also see the famous subsea roundabout. Further details will be provided at a later time on the website.



Cultural FIELDTRIP

September 3, 2024, 09.00 - 16.00 (Cost: DKK 800,-)

The cultural field trip will take participants on a cultural and freshwater tour around the western part of the Faroe Islands. In addition the participants will see some of the most popular view points in the Faroe Islands. Further details will be provided at a later time on the website.



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REGISTRATION FEES AND KEYDATES

Registration	Category	Regular registration	Last minute registration
Full registration	IWRA Gold member	3.500 (~470 EUR)	4.000 (~537 EUR)
Full registration	Others	4.000 (~537 EUR)	5.000 (~671 EUR)
Full registration	Students	1.500 (~202 EUR)	2.000 (~269 EUR)

** Please note that if you are from a Developing country, please contact us to receive a form to register at a special price – send an email to (islands.congress@iwra.org)*

REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE
3 SEPTEMBER 2024

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ONSITE PARTICIPANTS
4 SEPTEMBER 2024

PLEASE NOTE

Remember to book your accommodation, flights, and further services for the congress as soon as possible. The Faroe Islands is a popular travel destination, and services such as accommodation, flights, excursions, etc., get sold out quickly.

If you need any help in booking accommodation, travel or transport, please feel free to contact mica@62n.fo

SPONSORSHIP

WHY SPONSOR THE 1st ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS?

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage you not to miss this unique water event and to invite you to participate actively in the upcoming congress, not only as participants but also as partners and sponsors. Sponsorship is critical to the success of any congress, and it provides avenues to bring together our common interests and concerns for better water resource management in the context of island communities globally.

IWRA’s 1st Islands Water Congress, hosted by the Faroese Geological Survey (Jarðfeingi), offers outstanding sponsorship opportunities that can help you maximise your business potential for your organisation and create better awareness of your products and services among top executives and decision makers.

You will get maximum exposure and attract extra attention among the participants, media and public in general through our promotional, marketing and advertising opportunities, starting from pre-event activities, during the Congress, and post-event in all congress outputs. The sponsorship options are designed to allow each sponsor unique ways of associating brands or messages within different aspects of the congress. We are also open to exploring other types of sponsorship that is tailored to your needs and objectives.

GOLD SPONSOR	SILVER SPONSOR	BRONZE SPONSOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 4 Tickets✓ Visible logo at presentations✓ Advert options on-site within agreed settings✓ Advertise Congress bag✓ Large logo on Congress bag✓ Large logo on Programmes✓ Large logo on Abstract-booklet✓ Large logo on Congress website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 2 Tickets✓ Advertise Congress bag✓ Medium logo on Congress bag✓ Medium logo on Programmes✓ Medium logo on Abstract-booklet✓ Medium logo on Congress website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 1 Ticket✓ Small logo on Congress bag✓ Small logo on Programmes✓ Small logo on Abstract-booklet✓ Small logo on Congress website
DKK: 50.000,-	DKK: 30.000,-	DKK: 15.000,-

BENEFIT TO SPONSORS

BRAND VISIBILITY:

Maximise exposure through logo placement, banners and promotional materials.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

Access to diverse audience including industry leaders, policymakers and experts.

MARKETING REACH:

Inclusion in pre-event and post-event marketing materials, including social media promotion.

CSR IMPACT:

Demonstrate commitment to environmental sustainability and water-related issues.

Alternative sponsorship options are available, including in-kind contributions such as sponsoring food, beverages, or other relevant items. If you have a great idea, please contact us!

WELCOME TO THE
FAROE ISLANDS



DISCOVER THE FAROE ISLANDS: WHERE NATURE AND INNOVATION CONVERGE
AT THE 2024 ISLANDS WATER CONGRESS

In the heart of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a realm of untamed beauty and innovative spirit—the Faroe Islands. As we invite you to the upcoming Water Congress in 2024, prepare to embark on a journey that seamlessly blends the wonders of nature with groundbreaking ideas. Picture a place where dramatic landscapes meet cutting-edge solutions, where the symphony of crashing waves harmonises with the hum of brainstorming minds. The Faroe Islands, with their rugged cliffs, azure fjords, and vibrant culture, set the stage for an event unlike any other.

Against this backdrop, **the 2024 Islands Water Congress will bring together visionaries, experts, and enthusiasts from across the globe.** Nestled amidst stunning vistas, this congress offers a unique opportunity to discuss and explore the pressing water challenges of our time, all while being inspired by the very environment that defines the Faroes. Imagine engaging in insightful discussions within charming buildings, where centuries-old traditions intertwine with the latest breakthroughs in water management. The Faroese people, known for their warm hospitality, will be your guides, sharing their stories and wisdom, while the landscapes themselves become living metaphors for resilience and adaptation.

For the intrepid traveler, the Faroe Islands offer a playground of adventures. Hike along winding trails that lead to viewpoints that seem to touch the sky. Take a boat trip through crystal-clear waters, exploring hidden coves and caves that few have laid eyes on. And, if you’re lucky, catch a glimpse of the mystical Northern Lights dancing across the night sky, casting an enchanting glow over the ancient landscapes.



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Facts about the Faroe Islands

Name:	Faroe Islands
Capital:	Tórshavn
Language:	Faroese
Population:	54,503 (Aug. 2023)
Government:	Parliamentary democracy
Prime Minister:	Aksel Vilhelmson Johannensen
Currency:	Faroese/Danish Króna (DKK)
Calling code:	+298
Islands:	18 (16 inhabited)
Total land Area:	1,399 sq km / 540 sq m
Total Marine Area:	297,000 sq km / 114,672 sq mi
Highest Peak:	Slættaratindur 882 m / 2894 ft.



THE CONGRESS VENUE THE NORDIC HOUSE

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The Nordic House

The Nordic House is one of the most important instruments that the Nordic Council of Ministers has to further the political priorities of the Nordic cultural co-operation. The house is run as a Nordic institution of art and culture with a diverse programme of music, literature, theatre, film, visual arts, lectures, conferences and much more. Through art and culture we can better understand who we are as people and as a community. Art has the power to make us happy, excite us, challenge us, to create debate, encourage us, impress us, but most of all it says something about the community we live in from a cultural perspective. Culture plays an important role in the community because it elevates debate. It enriches our lives and at the same time as it challenges us. When we feel safe in our life perspective we can embrace diversity in a constructive way, and we can manage our cultural heritage in the meeting with new cultures and perspectives. We create the cultural heritage together, and in the Faroe Islands the Nordic House is a place where the art and cultural heritage of the future is produced and communicated.



TRAVEL TO THE FAROE ISLANDS



Travel & Hotel

For detailed information on travel, accommodation, and transport, please click on the following link: www.islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-and-hotel/

Travel visas

Citizens from the Nordic countries and EU/EAA countries are permitted to enter the Faroe Islands without a visa and can stay for up to 3 months. Citizens from other countries may need a visa to visit the Faroe Islands for the purpose of business, personal visits and tourism. Find out if you need to apply for a visa on our webpage: <https://islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-visas/>

Applying for a visa

You can apply for a visa to the Faroe Islands at a Danish Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence. A list of Danish Embassies and Consulates around the world can be viewed on our webpage: <https://islandswatercongress.org/faroe-islands/travel-visas/>



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