



# Team Catalog

# Who are we?

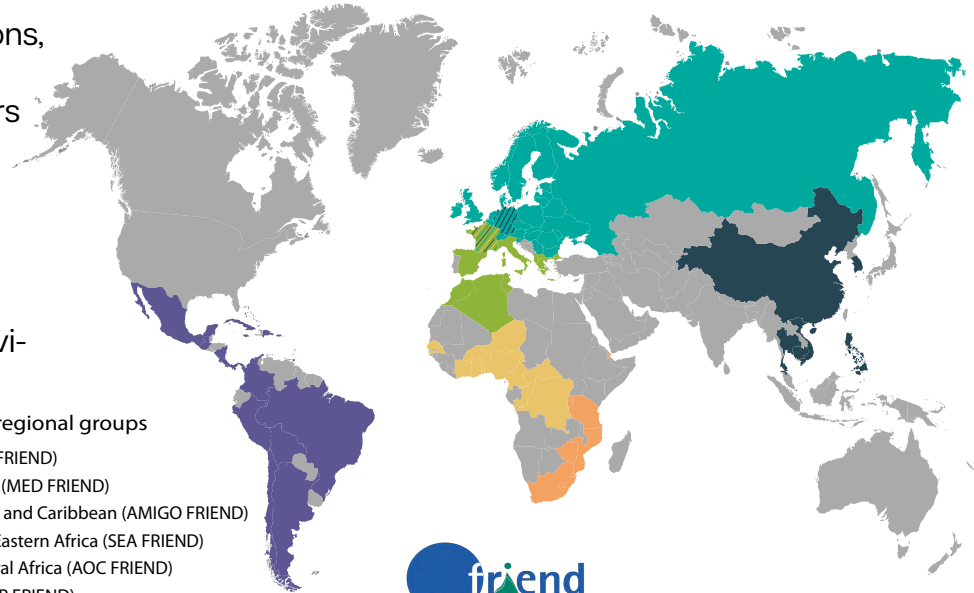
**FRIEND-Water** (Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data) is an international collaborative network of experts dedicated to advancing the understanding of regional hydrology and multi-scale water cycle processes.

## Governance

The program is structured into six regions, each with a regional coordinator, and supported by two thematic coordinators who ensure scientific coherence and foster collaboration. The FRIEND-Water Intergroup Coordination Committee (FIGCC) and the Executive Secretariat oversee the entire program, ensuring alignment and efficiency across all activities.

### FRIEND-Water regional groups

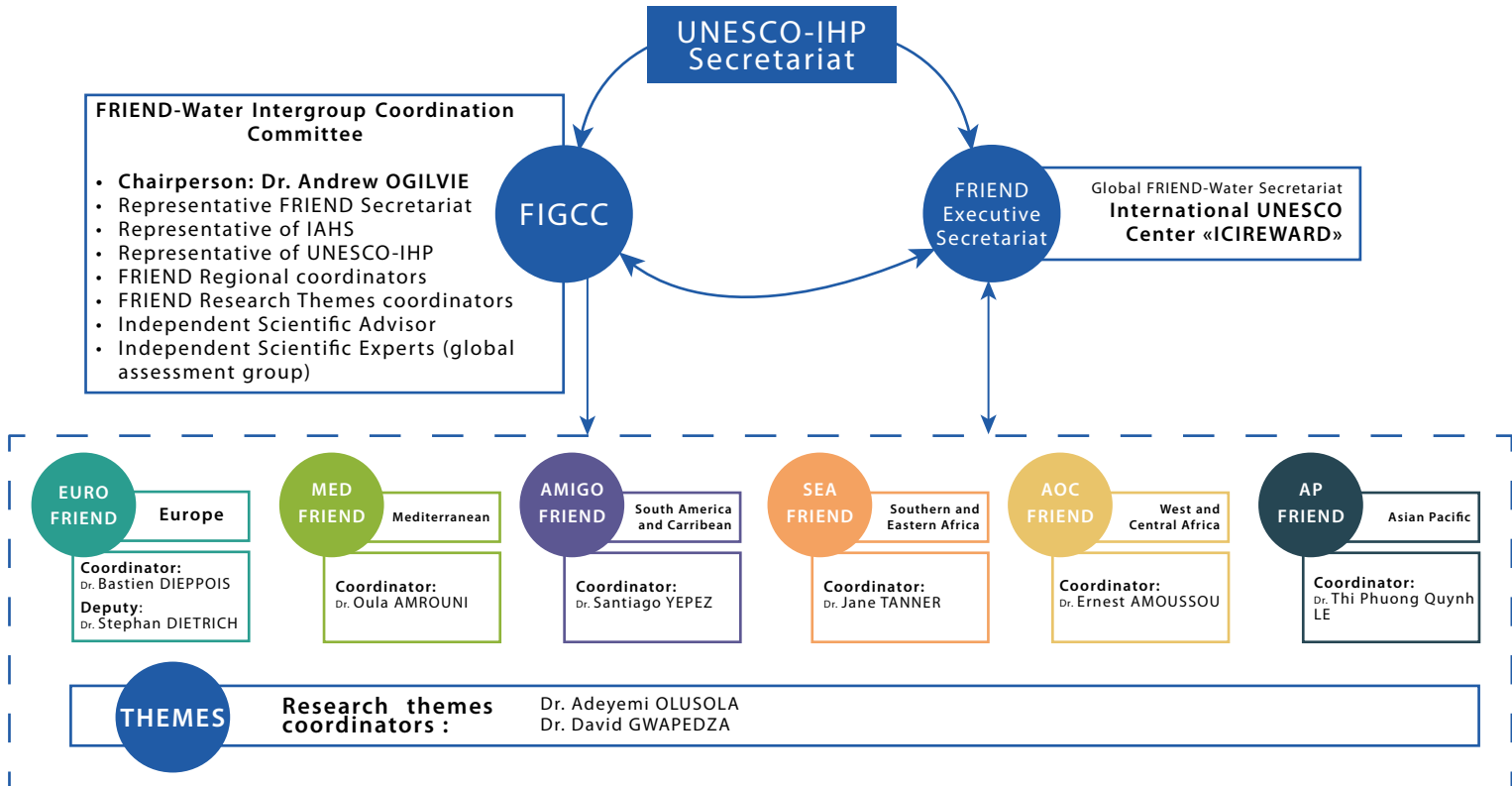
- Europe (EURO FRIEND)
- Mediterranean (MED FRIEND)
- Latin American and Caribbean (AMIGO FRIEND)
- Southern and Eastern Africa (SEA FRIEND)
- West and Central Africa (AOC FRIEND)
- Asian Pacific (AP FRIEND)



*Mapping of the active members in 2024.  
Each regional group may evolve with the commitment of network members.*

# FRIEND-Water governance

Behind the FRIEND-Water program are dedicated individuals, and here is the detailed governance and team for the next phase of our initiative.

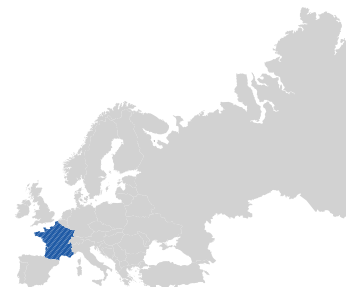




## Andrew OGILVIE

Researcher at IRD

**FRIEND-Water FIGCC Chair**



### Scientific domain

- Hydrology
- Earth observations

### Objective

As FIGCC Chair, my role is to consolidate, develop the impact and visibility of the FRIEND-Water programme globally in collaboration with the FIGCC team.

### Language

**English**  
**French**

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# Adeyemi Oludapo Olusola

Assistant Professor  
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**FRIEND Thematic Coordinator**



## Scientific domain

- Physical Geography
- Fluvial Studies

## Objective

A keen interest in river resources management especially across transboundary basins in Africa and the increasing impact of changing global climate on its water resources.

## Language

**English**

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## David Gwapedza

Postdoctoral researcher  
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**FRIEND Thematic Coordinator**



### Scientific domain

- Hydrology
- Erosion/sediment transport
- Water resources management

### Objective

My objective is growing the UNESCO IHP FRIEND-WATER network in South and East Africa and to spearhead socio-hydrology.

### Language

**English**

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# Santiago Paúl Yépez Figueroa

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**FRIEND Regional Coordinator AMIGO Program  
in Latin America and the Caribbean**

## Scientific domain

- Satellite hydrology
- Water quality
- Fluvial geomorphology (Hydrosystems)

## Objective

My goal is to foster collaboration among diverse hydrology groups, using advanced remote sensing and in situ methods.  
I give priority to training new researchers and establishing partnerships for collaborative projects.  
This involves embracing national and multinational initiatives throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Language

**Spanish**  
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## Ernest AMOUSSOU

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**FRIEND Regional Coordinator West  
and Central Africa**



### Scientific domain

Geography physics:  
Climatology and Hydrology

### Objective

- Strengthen the visibility of the Friend-Water Program in the AOC region
- Training of researchers in the use of spatial hydrological data
- Promote the development of activities related to regional research themes, through conferences, development projects, database creation, etc., accounting as well for the research sub-themes of the relevant priority areas of IHP IX.

### Language

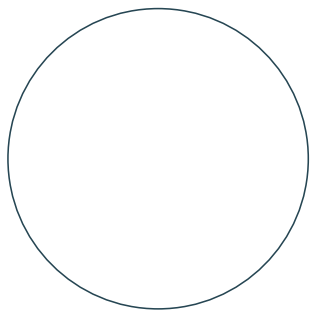
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**FRIEND Regional Coordinator Asia-Pacific**

### Scientific domain

- Water quality

### Objective

Promoting the research in assessing the influence of climate and human activities on the spatial and temporal distribution of water and on water quality in Asian – Pacific region

### Language

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**French**  
**English**

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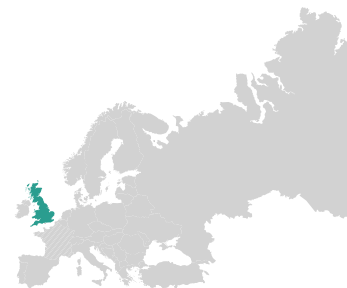




## Bastien DIEPPOIS

Coventry University  
Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience

**FRIEND Regional Coordinator Europe**



### Scientific domain

Hydroclimate variability  
Statistical Data Analysis  
Surface Hydrology

### Objective

Strengthen the visibility of the Friend-Water Program in the European region

### Language

**French**  
**English**

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## Stephan DIETRICH

International Center for Water Resources and Global Change  
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**Deputy Regional Coordinator Europe**



### Scientific domain

Global hydrology  
Climatology  
Data management

### Objective

FRIEND stands for Flow Regimes of International Experimental and Network Data. With the lead on "Hydrological Observations and Data" I will try to foster the collaboration of operational hydrology communities and the research sector in particular in the field of bridging data knowledge gaps.

### Language

**German**  
**English**

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## Oula AMROUNI

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**FRIEND Regional Coordinator  
Mediterranean region**

### Scientific domain

- Ecohydrology
- Coastal sediment dynamic
- Beach Erosion
- ICZM
- NBS

### Objective

My objective in FRIEND program is focused on the promotion of the UNESCO IHP FRIEND-WATER activities in regional and inter-regional borders, throughout conference, training and institutional activities, which are aligned with the strategic action plan of UNESCO IHP-IX (2022-2029).

### Language

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**English  
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## Jane TANNER

Senior Researcher at Rhodes University



**FRIEND Regional Coordinator Southern and Eastern Africa**

### Scientific domain

Hydrology

### Objective

- 1) Expand the hydrological work of the ARUA Water Centre of Excellence, and Africa Europe Cluster of Research Excellence in WRM, and align that work with FRIEND.**
- 2) Develop a strong hydrological research stream in Mastercard Foundation Doctoral School (starts 2026), where co-supervisors from non-partner institutions (and supervisors from partner institutions\*\*) work together to guide a cohort of PhDs working together on coordinated themed research
- 3) Use Doctoral school & FRIEND network to setup/build on a hydrological database for Africa

### Language

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