



# Forum on Women As Water Leaders – The Unseen Currents

## Panel 4: Women in Water Governance and Policy Making

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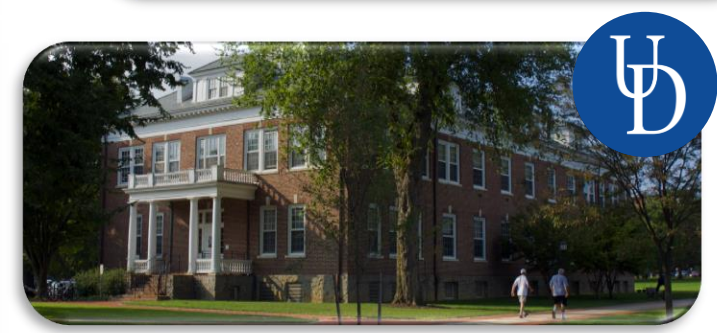
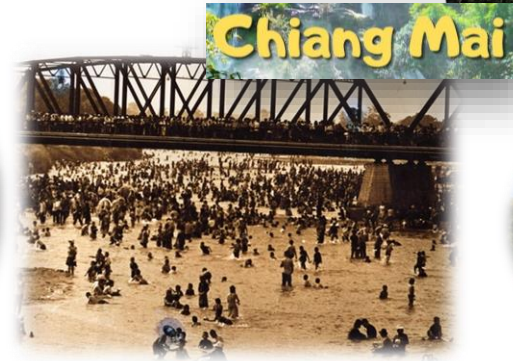
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A detailed botanical illustration featuring a variety of plants and flowers. In the top left, there is a large pink flower with a dark center and several buds. Below it is a large yellow flower with a dark red center. To the right, there are several green leaves and small red flowers. In the bottom right, there are green leaves and white flowers with yellow centers. The background is white, and the text is centered in the middle.

Could women engage in water  
governance and policy  
making? How?

Driver 1: The values women learn:  
smart growing up and the sense of  
academic achievement





Driver 2: Early exposure to leadership and skills; and positive leadership role models





# Driver 3: Own perseverance and strong professional networks



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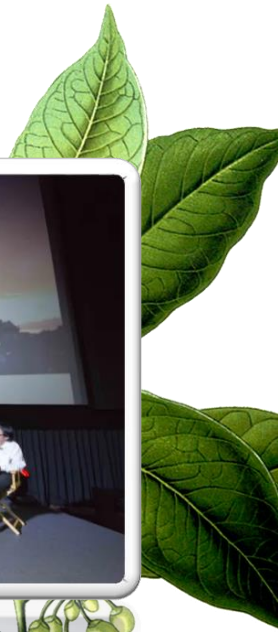
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- ▶ Best Practices
  - Best Practices on International/Regional Drought Management by Dr. [Ampai Harakunarak](#), Task Manager, GEF-International Waters, Asia and the Pacific Region, UNEP/DGEF/ROAP






# Driver 4: A mindset of continuous learning, taking action, self-improvement, and pay it forward





## Key Takeaway:

**For female professionals:** Set clear goals, give a hundred percent of your attention to a task you have prioritized in the present moment, and look at the challenges as opportunities.

**For decision makers:** To engage more women in governance and policy making processes in the water sector, some drivers and enablers will be necessary, varying from provision of insights, guidance, and support from experienced professionals, creating appropriate conditions for women to join and stay on board, and monitoring the developments based on a system with sex-disaggregated data.

