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Women in Water

A new addition to the annual Daugherty Global Institute's Water for Food Global Conference, the Women for Water Gathering brought more than 100 participants to explore women's unique contribution to ensuring abundant, clean water for future generations. The half-day event on May 1, 2019 featured leaders in policy, culture, science, and engineering who shared their inspiration, challenges and expertise. They also led discussions on how to engage in next steps for local action.

One of the overarching themes that emerged during the event was how women's passion for water is often driven by an intersection of professional expertise and an ethic of caring for families, community, and the world. Talks showcased "women in water leadership providing a network of resources and guidance to inspire future leaders," said Crystal Powers, the event's organizer.

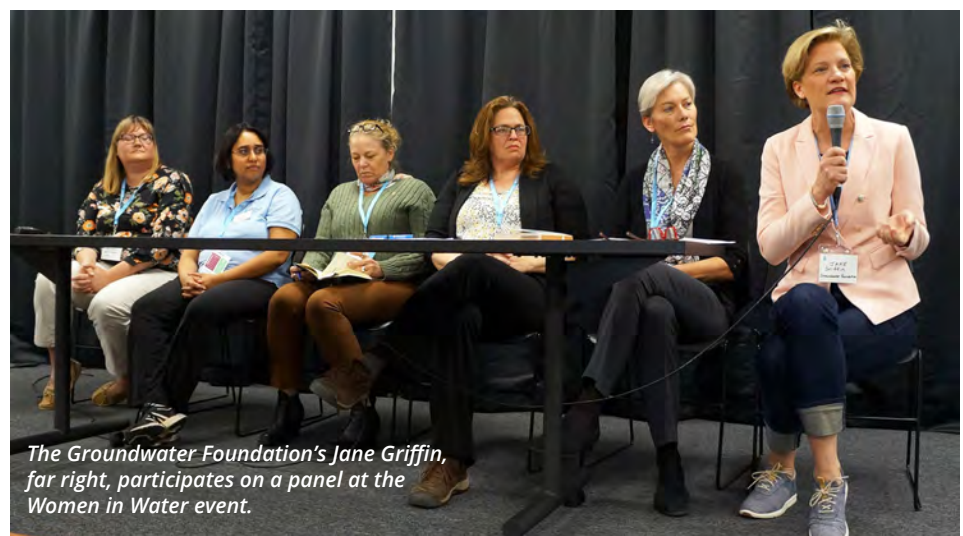
One attendee shared, "This event was a 'watershed' moment for me, in helping define a dialogue and align myself with other women who are working within traditional frameworks to protect our critical resources and enhance community resilience while also developing our own reserves of professional and personal resilience."

The Women for Water Gathering was an inspiring first step to bringing more women into water leadership, and there are plans to continue this side event in future Global Conferences.

Watch all the session recordings on the Water for Food Global Institute's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/WaterforFood>.

Women in Water Speakers

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| Karen Amen, Lower Platte South Natural Resource District | Mariah Lundgren, Platte Basin Timelapse |
| Jennie Barron, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences | Gina Makin, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communication |
| Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Civil Engineering | Kim Morrow, Verdis Group |
| Alisha Bartling, Santee Sioux Nation | Crystal Powers, Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute and Nebraska Water Center |
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| Chelsea Johnson, Nebraska Conservation Voters | Elisa Zancanaro Zanella, Fazenda Decisao Group |
| Marty Link, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality | |



The Groundwater Foundation's Jane Griffin, far right, participates on a panel at the Women in Water event.