



# ACCESS WATER EXPEDITION SERIES

A seven-continent, multi-year journey that will inspire youth to demand a better tomorrow – using clean water as the vehicle for change

## THE BEGINNING

In October 2015, the Access Water series will begin with a 60-day journey in India. Starting in the Himalayas, the team will trek through the Ganges River – the sacred and fifth most polluted waterway in the world.

## WHY GANGES?

The Ganges represents a unique and vital aspect to millions of peoples' everyday lives with over 400 million residents relying on it for food, water, bathing and worship.

## WHAT WILL THE TEAM BE DOING ALONG THE WAY?

Beginning with this first expedition to the Ganges, the team will visit with local organizations such as schools, farms and industrial businesses that are working to improve water conditions in the area. With help from partners like TERI and The Times Foundation, the team will work with a variety of educators, government initiatives and non-profits, learning and sharing knowledge about why clean water is vital to everyone's future and what is already being done about it.

## HOW IS THIS EXPEDITION DIFFERENT?

This expedition series is unique because it has a multi-continent, multi-year outlook with an international team of women who share the same vision for the future. Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen also bring a unique expertise to the team with multiple decades of dedication and experience with inspiring leadership and education through expeditions around the world.

## FOCUS ON EDUCATION

As with the other successful Bancroft-Arnesen expeditions, Access Water will seek to build a network through partner organizations like TERI, WAGGGS, UNESCO, Young Pioneers of China, that empowers teachers to raise awareness, understanding and reflection amongst young people on the key issues of access to water and to help them formulate an agenda for action. The initiative will educate young people and engage them by means of technology and educational methodology and curriculum.

## GOAL

The goal is to lead a conversation with millions of youth that will raise awareness, incite advocacy and inspire the future leaders of the world to demand a safe and abundant world, starting with access to clean water

## TEAM

World renowned explorers Ann Bancroft and Liv Arnesen, along with 6 women explorers from around the globe, each representing their continent and its own unique water crisis

- Ann Bancroft, Minnesota, USA
- Liv Arnesen, Oslo, Norway
- Olfat Haider, Haifa, Israel
- Cindy Jiaojiao Hu, Beijing, China
- Marcia Gutierrez, Temuco, Chile
- Kim Smith, Cape Town, South Africa
- Lisa te Heuheu, Turangi, New Zealand
- Krushnaa Patil, Mumbai, India

## CLEAN WATER

1 in 8 people lack access to clean water and more people die from lack of clean water and sanitation each year than are killed by all forms of violence, including war. Within just 15 years from now, nearly two billion people will live in areas of severe water scarcity

## BIG PICTURE

After the 2015 Ganges expedition, the team plans to visit each continent every few years, ending the Access Water series with a journey to Antarctica in 2026

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