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NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT) and the International Water Association (IWA) are proud to announce a strategic partnership designed to drive innovation and advance sustainability in underground water infrastructure. Combining IWA's expansive network and influence in water management and sector transformation with ISTT's global leadership in trenchless, no-dig technologies, this collaboration aims to accelerate the adoption of smarter, more resilient solutions for water and wastewater systems worldwide.

ISTT Executive Director, Trevor Gosatti said *"From an ISTT perspective, this new strategic partnership is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the benefits that trenchless technology innovation can provide for vital water infrastructure installation and renewals."*

This partnership represents a shared commitment to advancing sustainable infrastructure solutions that support climate resilience, operational efficiency, and service equity. It aligns with IWA's broader mission to build a water-wise world and strengthens cross-sector collaboration on some of the most urgent challenges facing the urban water cycle and ISTT's mission to advocate the benefits of trenchless technology globally .

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), specific initiatives and engagements will be coordinated through the relevant IWA & ISTT Communities and Programmes who express interest in partnering for knowledge exchange. The partnership also opens the door for joint activities, such as webinars, conferences, and thought leadership facilitated through both the ISTT and IWA. It provides opportunities to co-develop practical guidance and innovation roadmaps that integrate trenchless solutions into the broader water sector agenda. Through this knowledge exchange, IWA and ISTT aim to support the adoption of advanced, sustainable technologies and contribute meaningfully to global development priorities, including Sustainable Development Goal 6.



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