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We are here to find solutions about one of the most critical societal challenges we face today - water.

At IBM, we want to be part of the solution by empowering populations, governments and the private sector with the right technology resources and with the right partnerships.

The right tech resources: technology has the power to tackle the most complex environmental issues, including water. Technology and innovation are what enable organizations and communities to go beyond their limitations.

- For example, using solutions for weather and climate forecasting, underpinned by AI, we can predict environmental impacts on natural and built infrastructure. This technology is helping farmers in countries like Malawi to boost their livelihoods while managing their crops and water more effectively.

The right partnerships: Partnerships have the power to empower and support organizations and communities. They help us understand the realities and challenges of local communities, while making sure no one is left behind.

- For example, we provide our solutions to non-profit and government organizations initiatives via social impact programs, like our IBM Sustainability Accelerator. We just launched a new chapter of this program to support projects that aim to improve access to safe drinking water, reduce water pollution, increase efficiency, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, increase sanitation management, and reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity. We are proud that Water.org and UNDP will be judges in the selection process.

To support communities at risk to environmental threats and climate change, IBM is committing to launch 5 water-related projects with non-profits and governmental organizations in 2023 – a 2 year, $10M investment, through the IBM Sustainability Accelerator.

Let's today, all together, be part of the solution.