

Data Protection Statement

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Introduction

At the International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA), we are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This Data Protection Statement explains what personal data we collect, how we use it, and your rights in relation to it. We comply with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP) and, where applicable, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union.

Data Controller

The data controller responsible for your personal data is the Director of the International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance (IRHA), located at International Environmental House 2- Chemin de Balxert, CH-1219 Chatelaine, Switzerland. You can contact us at secretariat@irha-h2o.org.

Data Collection

We collect personal data when you use our services, make inquiries, register with us, or interact with us in other ways. This may include your name, contact details, and any other information you provide. Specifically, we may collect:

- Name
- Email address
- Postal address
- Phone number
- Payment details (for donations or event registrations)

Legal Basis for the Processing of Your Data

The processing operations outlined below are based on the applicable legal foundations.

Data Deletion and Retention Period

Your data will generally be deactivated, deleted, or blocked as soon as the purpose of storage no longer applies. You have the option to request the deletion of your data by sending an email to [\[secretariat@irha-h2o.org\]](mailto:secretariat@irha-h2o.org). Data will be blocked or deleted after the expiration of the designated retention periods. However, legal or regulatory retention requirements may prevent the blocking or deletion of data.

Retention and Security of Your Data

Your data will be treated confidentially. We protect your data from loss, manipulation, and unauthorized access by third parties using appropriate technical and organizational safeguards.

Automated Decision-Making, Including Profiling

No automated individual decision-making, including profiling, is carried out in the processing of your data.

Links

This privacy policy does not apply to external websites that you may access via a link on our website.

No liability is assumed for these external sites. Please refer to the respective privacy policy on those websites.

Use of Data

We use your personal data to:

- Provide our services
- Respond to your inquiries
- Fulfill our contractual obligations
- Conduct administrative tasks
- Perform statistical analysis
- Improve our services

Data Sharing

We do not sell, rent, or otherwise share your personal data with third parties for marketing purposes. We may share your data with trusted third parties who provide services on our behalf, but only as necessary for them to provide those services. These third parties are obligated to protect your data and only use it as we instruct.

Data Transfers

Your personal data may be transferred to and processed in countries outside of Switzerland and the EU. We ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect your data in accordance with applicable data protection laws, such as the use of standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission.

Data Retention

We retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was collected, comply with legal obligations, resolve disputes, and enforce our agreements. The specific retention periods vary depending on the type of data and the context in which it was collected.

Data Security

We have implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect your personal data against unauthorized access, loss, misuse, or alteration. These measures include encryption, access controls, and secure storage facilities.

Cookies and Tracking Technologies

We use cookies and similar tracking technologies to enhance your experience on our website.

Your Rights

You have the right to request information about your personal data that we have processed. In particular, you may request information about the purposes of processing, the categories of personal data, the categories of recipients to whom your data has been or will be disclosed, the planned storage duration, the existence of a right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, or objection, data portability, the source of your data if it was not collected from us, as well as the existence of automated decision-making, including profiling. You also have the right to withdraw any consent you may have given for the use of your personal data at any time.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us at secretariat@irha-h2o.org.

Data processing for sending of newsletter

You have the option to subscribe to a free newsletter. When you sign up for the newsletter, the data entered in the registration form is transmitted to us. No additional data is stored.

By entering your information and subscribing to the newsletter, you consent to the processing of this data for this purpose. This privacy policy is referenced during the registration process.

No data will be shared with third parties in connection with the processing of data for the purpose of sending newsletters. The data will only be used for sending the newsletter.

You can unsubscribe from the newsletter at any time by using the provided link in the newsletter.

General disclaimer

All the information provided has been carefully checked. We strive to offer our information services as current, accurate, and complete as possible. However, the occurrence of errors cannot be entirely ruled out, and therefore, we cannot guarantee the completeness, accuracy, and timeliness of the information, including that of a journalistic-editorial nature. Liability claims for damages of a material or immaterial nature caused by the use of the information provided are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

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Changes to this Statement

We reserve the right to modify and supplement this statement at any time at our discretion and in accordance with data protection legislation. Please review this statement regularly.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this Data Protection Statement or our data processing practices, please contact us at secretariat@irha-h2o.org.

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