



SIDE EVENT SE-12

Positioning Youth in the Nerve of Political Agenda of Water: From Ideas to Actions

🕒 16:00-18:00, 25 September 2024, Wednesday

📍 Beijing International Convention Center, Room 308#

Youths have played a significant role in implementing sustainable integrated water resources management (IWRM). They translate ideas into initiatives and actions, which are beneficial for achieving IWRM. Different individual to collective activities and processes are performed to actualize them, starting at local and international levels. However, youth still need to be fully engaged at the global forum for reasons such as lack of political experience, knowledge, skill, support, and platform facilitating their political engagement, lack of opportunities to be involved, and other factors.

There are many political water areas where youth can be engaged in the processes nowadays. For example, the UN-Water Conference, World Water Forum, World Water Congress, Asia-Pacific Water Forum, Asia International Water Week, and so forth are the water events that have mainstreamed youth in their event lifecycle processes. However, these events must permanently integrate youth agendas into their processes without separating them exclusively.

This session will discuss how young people are engaged at the political table without discriminating and accommodating their voices as a part of the political water agenda. This session will be organized by the Indonesian Green Action Forum (IGAF) in collaboration with the Asia Water Council (AWC), Asia-Water Council Young Professionals (AWCYP), and UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

SUB-THEME:

ORGANIZER(S): Indonesian Green Action Forum; Asia Water Council, Asia Water Council Young Professionals, and UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

SUPPORTER(S):

PROGRAM

16:00-16:20	Opening	Moderator 1: Ms. Nouviya Setiany
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16:00-16:05	Opening remarks for young participants	Dzikri Amanullah: Youth Delegate, Indonesian Green Action Forum
16:05-16:10	Welcoming remark for youth and other participants	Yoonjin Kim: Director of World Water Council Asia-Pacific Region
16:10-16:20	Inspiring speech for young people	Prof. Shahbaz Khan (TBC): Director of Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific , UNESCO
16:20-17:50	Speeches	Moderator 2: PPI Beijing
16:20-16:30	Presentation about AWCYP's agenda on youth engagement and political involvement	TBC: Head of Human Resources, Asia Water Council
16:30-16:40	Presentation about youth engagement in different international arenas	Dr. Zhao Yumeng: Youth Delegate, International Water Association
16:40-16:50	Presentation about gender and youth mainstreaming in the AIWW youth agenda and their participation in the international agenda	Prof. Dr. Ai Suguira: Senior Specialist Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNESCO
16:50-17:00	Presentation about youth advocacy in international fora.	Dr. Loay Froakh: Senior Specialist Consultant from Lebanese Water Consulting Company
17:00-17:10	Presentation about youth mainstreaming into water political agenda	Dr. Aili Li: A representative from Secretariat of Chinese National Committee on Large Dams
17:10-17:20	Presentation about the center engagement of youth and children in refugee camp in the international water agenda	Dr. Nidal Salim: Director GIWEH: Global Institute for Water Environment and Health
17:20-17:50	Questions and answers	
17:50-18:00	Closing	Moderator 3: PPI Beijing
17:50-17:55	Closing remark from WWCYD or AWCYP	Mutiara Balqis: Youth Delegate, Indonesian Green Action Forum
17:55-18:00	Photo session from the organizer	Alvin Wildan: Youth Delegate, Indonesian Green Action Forum

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