



SIDE EVENT SE-12

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

🕒 16:00-18:00, 26 September 2024, Thursday
📍 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

10:30-10:40	Opening	Moderator: Ms. Nouviya Setiany
10:30-10:35	Opening remarks for young participants	YUN, Seog Dae: CEO, Korea Water; President, Asia Water Council

10:35-10:40	Welcoming remark for youth and other participants	Yongdeok Cho: Secretary Generale of Asia Water Council
10:40-12:10	Speeches	Moderator: PPI Beijing
10:40-10:50	Presentation about AWCYP's agenda on youth engagement and political involvement	Dr. Ilhyang Park / Dr. Eunhye Baek: Head of Human Resources, Asia Water Council
10:50-11:00	Presentation about UNESCO Asia-Pacific's activities and its involvement in the international water platforms	Prof. Shahbaz Khan: Director of Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
11:00-11:10	Presentation about gender and youth mainstreaming in the AIWW youth agenda and their participation in the international agenda	TBD: A representative from UNESCO i-WSSM
11:10-11:20	Presentation about youth advocacy in international fora	Dr. Loay Froakh / Dr. Mekonnen Maschal Tarekegn: A representative from Lebanese Water Consulting Company and African University
11:20-11:30	Presentation about youth mainstreaming into water political agenda	Dr. Aili Li: A representative from Secretariat of Chinese National Committee on Large Dams
11:30-11:40	A representative from UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration will lead this youth, gender, and political agenda discussions for all the speakers	Ambassador Rukaiya Muhammed: Advisory Board, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
11:40-11:50	Youth and its political agenda mobilization at the UN Water Conference	TBC: A representative from the youth of the United States of America
11:50-12:10	Interactive discussion for the participants in the form of questions and answers	TBC: A representative from PPI Beijing
12:10-12:30	Closing	Moderator: Mutiara Bulqis
12:10-12:20	Closing remark from WWCYD or AWCYP	Dzikri Amanullah: Youth Delegate, Mekonnen Maschal Tarekegn
12:20-12:30	Photo session from the organizer	Alvin Wildan: Youth Delegate, World Water Council

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