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Young People in the Water Sector and Budapest Water Summit Youth Statement

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Major types of youth empowering processes

Global Policy Dialogues

Technical Conferences

Water Weeks

- Focused on ensuring youth voice in decision making processes
- 7th WWF, Conferences related to Water SDGs
- UN agencies, WWC, WB, ADB, GWP

- Focused on imparting technical skills to young professionals
- Frequent events
- E.g. Desalinization, waste water treatment, etc
- IWA, IDA

- Focused on networking and outreach as well as professional development of young people
- Annual/biannual events
- SWWW, AIWW, SIWW

Different levels of youth activities

Global Level

- Focused on advocacy, policy dialogues, youth participation
- Youth statements, visions, declaration, action plans
- WYPW, UN MGCY, WWC Youth Delegates, WHO YP, IWA Young Professionals, AIWW, IYSC, WYN

Regional Level

- Focused on regional water issues, cooperation in the region
- Supported by UN agencies, development banks, Government agencies

Local Level

- Focused on local actions (grassroots projects)
- Emphasis on creating awareness or small scale WASH initiatives
- Supported by mainly INGOs and NGOs

Regional Youth Water Profile

Asia	Europe	Africa	North America	Latin America and Caribbean
<p>Strong networks (APYPW, SEAYEN and SAYEN)</p>	<p>Good platforms but limited visibility</p>	<p>Amazing initiatives but at individual or small scale</p>	<p>Youth related networks but localized</p>	<p>No strong regional network but some initiation</p>
<p>Many statement, declaration and identification of regional priorities</p>	<p>Presence of global networks</p>	<p>No strong regional network</p>	<p>Specialized networks such as nexus, governance, etc</p>	<p>Movimiento Aqua y Juventud</p>
	<p>Plenty of professional organizations grooming young professionals</p>	<p>Presence of global networks</p>	<p>Comparatively access to good resources and assistance</p>	<p>Water LAC Declaration – March, 2014</p>

Present state of young people in the sector

What the youth water sector has

- Increased recognition as development partner
- Emergence of regional and global networks and platforms
- Adequate organizations willing to support young people
- Strong motivation and empowerment in young people

What is missing in youth water sector

- Continuity in youth initiatives and actions
- Cooperation between youth organizations
- Sharing and learning from each other successes and failures
- Adequate presence in decision making processes

Water Youth Network

Connecting YOU on Water Issues



Who are we?

- WE are group of Young Professionals and Students passionate on **WATER** issues.
- Established as a youth movement **for continuity** beyond conferences and borders at 6th WWF
- WE aim to bring together and **empower** young individuals and their organisations creating a strong and channelled **youth voice**

What we do?

- WE **Manage Knowledge** that already exists and provide continuity
 - WE **Connect and Communicate, Empower** young people and their organizations
- WE **advocate** young people involvement in **decision making process**

Some of WYN's involvements



Meeting UN General Secretary, Ban Ki-moon



Intergenerational Panel on Water Governance, Budapest, Hungary



Intergenerational Panel on Water-Energy-Food Nexus at Stockholm World Water Week, Sweden



Young Water Leaders Summit, Singapore



UN Major Group for
Children and Youth
childrenyouth.org



Budapest Water Summit

Youth Forum

8-11 Oct, 2013

Five Themes of Youth Forum

- 1 Universal access to water and sanitation**
- 2 Integrated water resources management for the 21st century**
- 3 Good water governance**
- 4 Green economy for blue water**
- 5 Investment in and financing of the implementation of a water and sanitation**

Universal Access to Water and Sanitation

Recommended Actions:

- Prioritize access for children, youth and the vulnerable.
- Encourage youth-led innovations in the WASH sector.
- Use of locally sourced materials and knowledge.
- Alternative pricing structures (e.g. progressive block tariffs).

Good Water Governance

Recommended Actions:

- Inclusion of youth at international and national high level decision-making processes.
- Financial support for youth-led initiatives by providing scholarships, internships, etc.
- Permanent desk for youth representatives in high level meetings and decision-making bodies.

Investment in and Financing of the Implementation of a Water and Sanitation

Recommended Actions

- Fair, equitable and sustainable cost recovery strategies for a sustainable financing of WASH.
- Enabling youth entrepreneurship and develop service based sanitation facility.
- Effective and diversified support, credit and financial systems that are easily accessible and affordable.

To Conclude

In Budapest, more than 100 young people from across the globe physically and many more via online contributed to Youth Statement

acknowledging their potential and responsibility and committing themselves to contribute water goal with their energy, creativity and enthusiasm.

And today, building up on Budapest Youth Statement we would take it a step further discussing on Concrete Actions and Success Indicators.