



# WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER



## WORD FROM THE PRESIDENCY

There are two things which we need to be cleared out. First, we, humans are dependent on water. Second, water has become scarcer than ever before, a fact that cannot be ignored, by no one. WYPW connects young people around the world who are active in the water sector to enhance their opportunities to act for water. We, members of the presidency board, firmly believe that youth need to be involve in every process to help solving water issues. During our mandate we aim to involve and include as many youth as possible. We are striving to make their voices heard by decision makers but to also have them participate in shaping these decisions.

We could say that young people must be involved in water solutions since we will be the most damaged in the future because of today's mismanagement of water resources. We could also say that we must be involved because we have a lot to offer: creativity, innovation and a fresh perspective of reality. But actually, we must be involved because we have the RIGHT to participate in everything that concerns us, and water issues do affect our lives.

Nowadays, we live in a world that keeps on changing and evolving every single day. A world that is starting to recognize the power of youth, thus involving us in every aspect of decision making is essential to provide a holistic approach and ensure long term sustainability especially in water management. As youth we have the energy, time and capacity to find innovative solutions to these issues.

**ASMA BACHIKH**

President

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Vice-President



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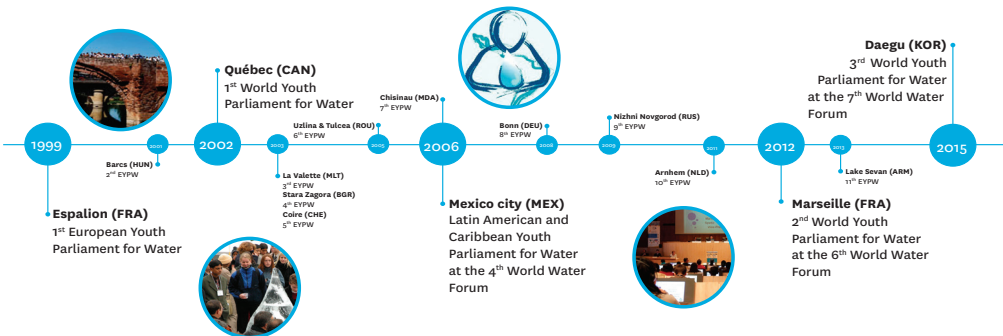
**XUAN TUNG PHAM**

Vietnam

## THE WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

The World Youth Parliament for Water is a youth network acting for water around the world since 2002. This network of young people acts for water at all levels : from local communities, where they implement concrete actions to the United Nations General Assembly, where they advocate for youth participation in the water sector. The WYPW was initiated and is coordinated by the International Secretariat for Water.

## YOUTH PARLIAMENTS KEY FIGURES



## THEY ARE ACTING IN FIVE STRATEGIC AXES:



**AWARENESS  
RAISING**



**LOCAL  
ACTIONS**



**NETWORKING**



**ADVOCACY**



**COMMUNICATION**

## THE WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER MISSION IS :

- > to coordinate youth actions for water, at a local, watershed and international level.
- > to ensure youth recognition as a key stakeholder in the water sector.
- > to raise youth awareness about water issues.
- > to strengthen youth capacities to act for water.

Every three years, during the World Water Forum, a General Assembly is organised to identify new members and develop an action strategy for the following three years.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR WATER

The ISW is an international non-governmental organization created in 1990 in the context of the Decade for Water and Sanitation based in Montreal. Since the beginning, the ISW was mobilized about the right to water as a fundamental human rights. From this main axis we have developed with our partners abroad an action programs of which the keywords are: Action, Advocacy, Support and Help.

From “local” to “international” allows us to mobilize all the stakeholders in the water sector including users and to define a new type of governance involving all generations such as the young people.

Young people account for 20% of the world population and should be part in water governance and management. Young people are among the most vulnerable to suffering from water scarcity, caused by either poor access or pollution or both. But they can also be key players in changing this situation. It is essential that young people highlight their commitment to water, develop an understanding of water issues, and also contribute water related public debates with solutions based on their initiatives and their projects.

For the past 20 years, ISW has been raising young people’s awareness about integrated water management and the environment, encouraging them to get actively involved, teaching them about civic duty and democracy and bringing them into contact with other young people from around the world. This is the experience and expertise that ISW draws on to coordinate the WYPW.



# WE ARE BECOMING WORLD HEROES FOR WATER CONSERVATION.

**COLLINS TWEHEYO**

Uganda

## WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER ORGANIZATION

The World Youth Parliament for Water is composed of three main organs:

The young members are at the heart of the WYPW, as a network of young people, for young people and led by young people. Each is responsible for implementing the aforementioned activities locally in their home country. The WYPW have 13 representatives elected through a democratic process: 2 per continent and 3 at the world scale. They are the members of the Board.

The Secretariat, coordinated by ISW, guarantees the smooth running of operation. It is supporting the youth actions and the strategic planning. It is dealing with administrative and institutional matters.

The International Committee is setting the guidelines for the WYPW.



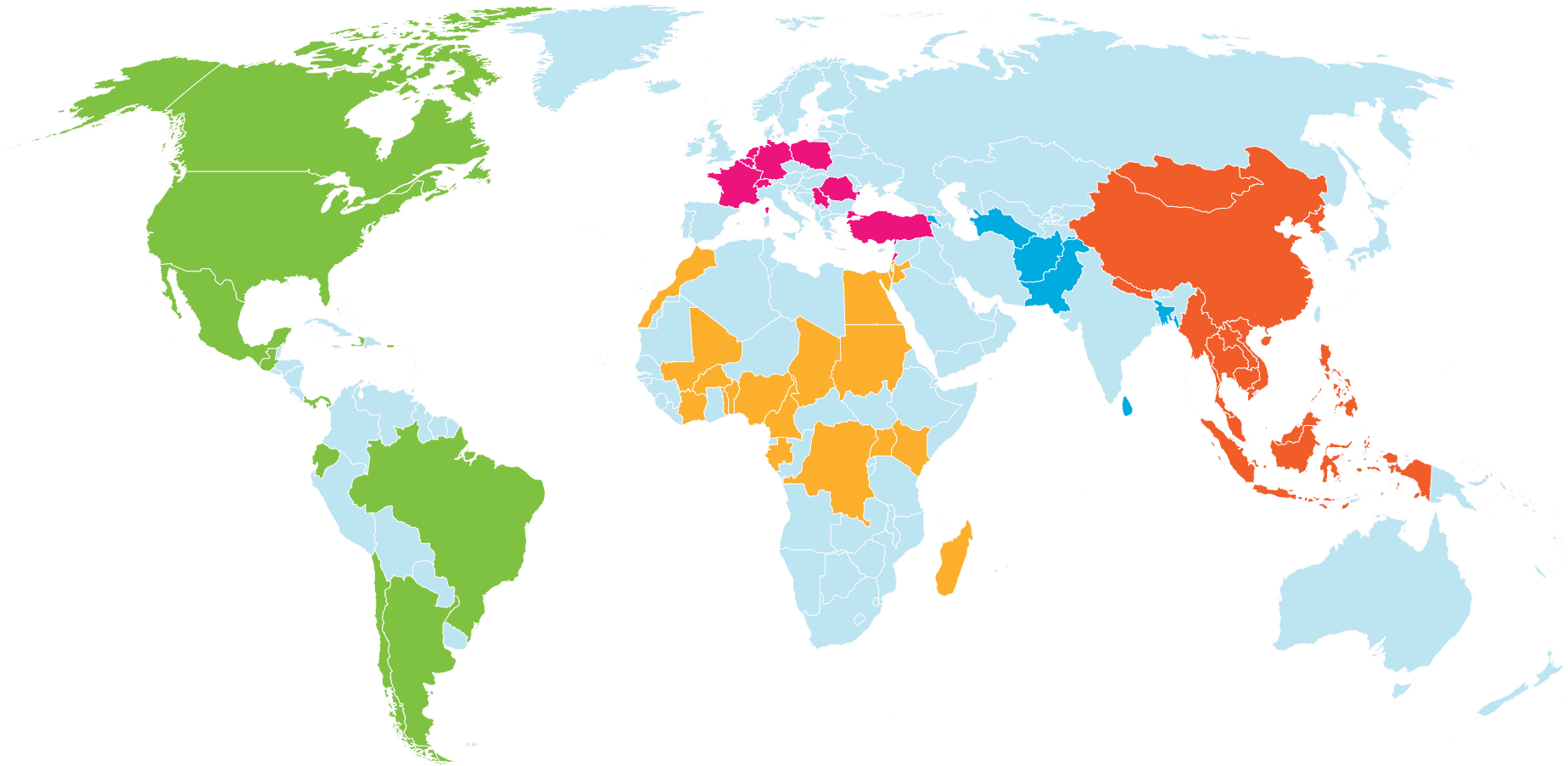
**TOO MANY PEOPLE SAY NOTHING CAN BE DONE BUT WE BELIEVE IN ACTION, WE BELIEVE IN CHANGE AND WE BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE.**

**ABIGAIL FELLAY**

Switzerland

**70 ACTIVE MEMBERS FROM**

**55 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**



ARGENTINA > ARMENIA > BARBADOS > BELGIUM  
> BENIN BRAZIL > BULGARIA BURKINA FASO >  
CAMBODIA CAMEROON > CANADA CAPE VERDE  
> CHAD > CHILE CHINA > COLOMBIA COMORES >  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO > EGYPT FRANCE >  
GABON > GERMANY GUATEMALA > HAITI >  
INDONESIA > ISRAEL > IVORY COAST > JORDAN >  
KENYA > KOSOVO > LAOS MADAGASCAR > MALAYSIA

MALI > MALTA > MEXICO MOLDOVA > MONGOLIA  
MOROCCO > MYANMAR NETHERLANDS > NIGERIA >  
> PAKISTAN > PALESTINE PANAMA > POLAND > SAO  
TOME AND PRINCIPE > SOUTH KOREA > SRI LANKA >  
SUDAN SWITZERLAND > THAILAND  
TOGO > TURKEY > UGANDA > UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA UZBEKISTAN > VIETNAM

## YOUTH COMMITMENTS

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the WYPW, held in Korea in April 2015 in the framework of the 7th World Water Forum, the young members committed their self to implement actions and projects during the next 3 years. For examples:

### AWARENESS RAISING

Organizing snorkeling class to Raise awareness on coastal impact of pollution and climate change in Haiti.

### LOCAL ACTIONS

Providing Water pumps for the water-scarce region in Nigeria.

### NETWORKING

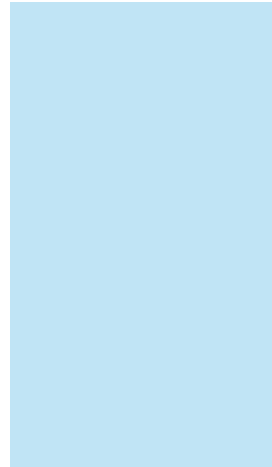
The World Water Platform aim to facilitate information of NGOs carrying out projects related to water in order to promote partnerships and help young people join water initiatives in their cities or regions.

### ADVOCACY

Organizing political pick nick in Netherland to gather regular citizen and politicians to discuss about water issues.

### COMMUNICATION

Organizing a caravan along the Niger river in Mali in order to inform the population on how the desert and the pollution are threatened the river.



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**WYPW PROVIDES ME WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF A HUGE YOUTH WATER COMMUNITY, TO LEARN FROM THEM, AND TO SHARE THE WATER CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN MY REGION.**

**ELENA TSAY**

Uzbekistan

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE INVOLVED IN WATER AND SANITATION BECAUSE THE WORLD POPULATION GROWS AND THE VITAL RESOURCE OF WATER IS SLOWLY BUT SURELY STARTING TO LACK.**

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