



WORLD YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER (WYPW)



The World Youth Parliament for Water mission is:

- To coordinate youth actions and advocacy 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.

In preparation for its next General Assembly which will be held in April 2015 in South Korea during the 7th World Water Forum, meetings are being organised by continent to identify and prepare the young people to be active representatives of their region.



The African meeting was organised in collaboration with the institute 2iE, in the context of the African regional preparation process for the 7th World Water Forum. Before and during the **Africa Water 2014** forum, alongside the 500 other participants, the young people had the opportunity to present their messages and proposals through their declaration and action plan.

This youth delegation was made up of representatives from previous WYPW, students from 2iE and other young people from around the continent, selected following a call for applications.

**A SHARED WORLD
AND A SHARED
COMMITMENT.
YOUTH TAKE
LOCAL ACTION
FOR A GLOBAL
IMPACT**

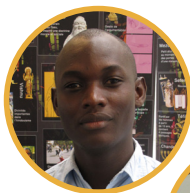


A youth event coordinated by the International Secretariat for Water
(in collaboration with 2iE: Institut International d'Ingénierie de l'Eau
et de l'Environnement)

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.



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Ilias, Koffi and Amadou: a commitment to youth participation

Since their participation in 2012 in the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille, Ilias, Koffi and Amadou, from Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Mali respectively have been working at home to set up local projects, whether it be rehabilitating a water pump at the Provincial High School in Yako, organising awareness-raising activities in schools or organising meetings with their local elected representatives. The three were present at this preparatory meeting to pass on the torch!



THE AFRICAN MEETING AT A GLANCE



44 young participants from **14** countries brought together.

3 days of meetings between young people and experts and **3** days participating in the Africa Water 2014 Forum.

4 themes covered.

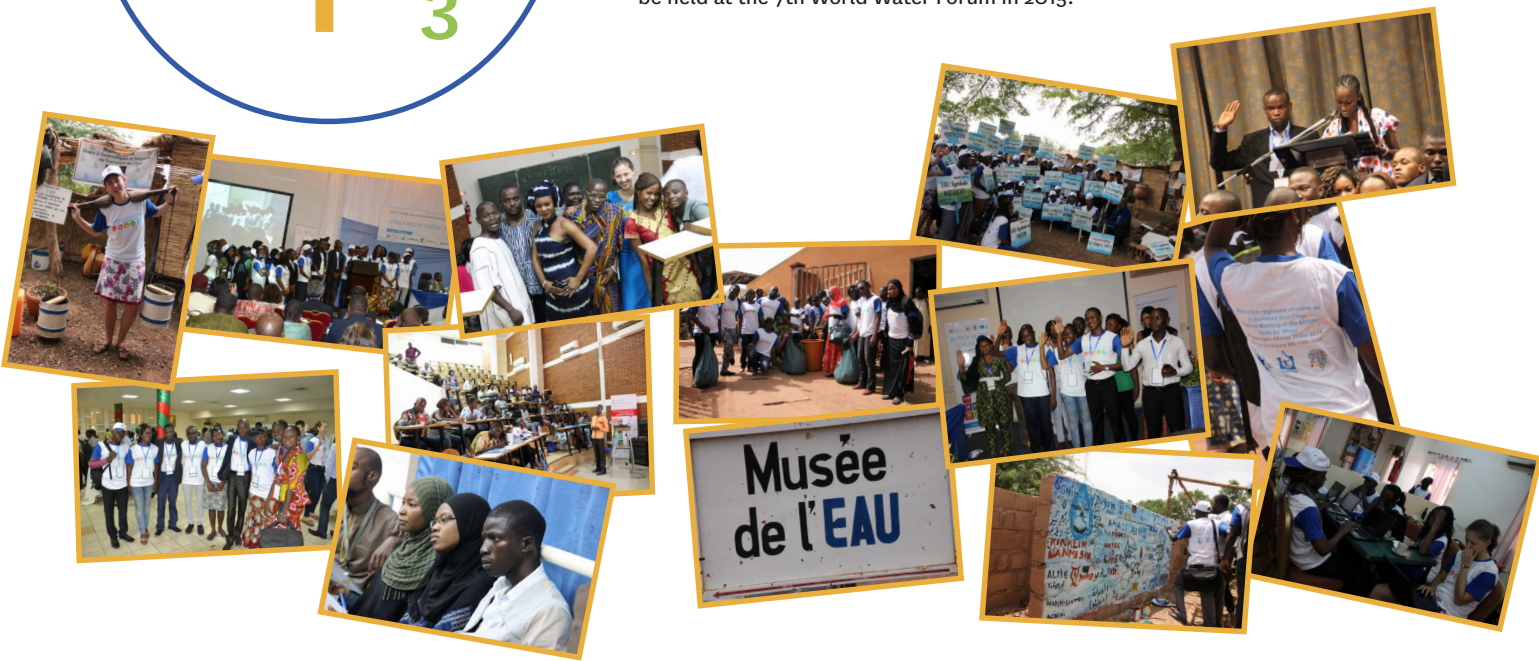
Knowledge and cross-cutting skills acquired.

14 local commitments to be implemented by the young people with the support of ISW.

1 declaration presented and officially adopted during Africa Water 2014.

3 recommendations made

10 new representatives identified to take the message to the WYPW General Assembly to be held at the 7th World Water Forum in 2015.



“Coule donc Djoliba, vénérable Niger, et va plus loin que toi-même à travers le monde entier étancher la soif des inassouvis, rassasier les insatiables et dicter, sans mot dire comme d’habitude, à l’Humanité, que le bienfait désintéressé est le seul qui vaille, le seul qui, absolument, signifie.”

La chanson du Djoliba - Fodeba KEITA

We, the young representatives from different African hydrological basins, having met in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 09-11 June 2014, for the protection and better management of natural resources; particularly water.

We affirm our commitment to take action and mobilise our peers to find solutions to the challenges around water, hygiene and sanitation, energy, the protection of natural resources, as well as to change people’s behaviour, in order to improve the lives of everyone.

To subscribe all our actions in the abovementioned themes to international, regional, sub-regional and national politics, policies, laws and agreements.

We observe :

- Insufficient knowledge about good practices of hygiene, sanitation and the efficient use of water in communities prone to water-related diseases and limited access to potable water.

- Non-existence or inefficacy of certain water management commitments which decreases the life span of the infrastructure for potable water points.

- Overexploitation of the natural resources through deforestation, agriculture and over-fishing which causes environmental degradation.

- Pollution of the soil and water by the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers destroying the biodiversity.

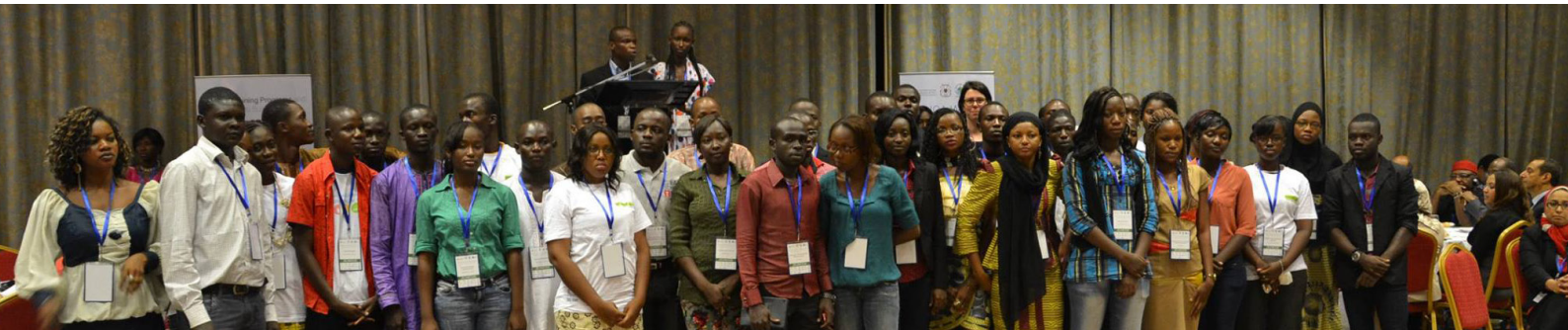
- Abusive utilization of wood as source of heat in households contributing to climate change, especially in rural areas.

- Populations do not master the 3R principles (Reduce, Repair and Retrofit).

Young African for Water declaration

June 11 2014, Ouagadougou

The full statement is available on the website www.pmje-wypw.org



EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE YOUNG

Chad

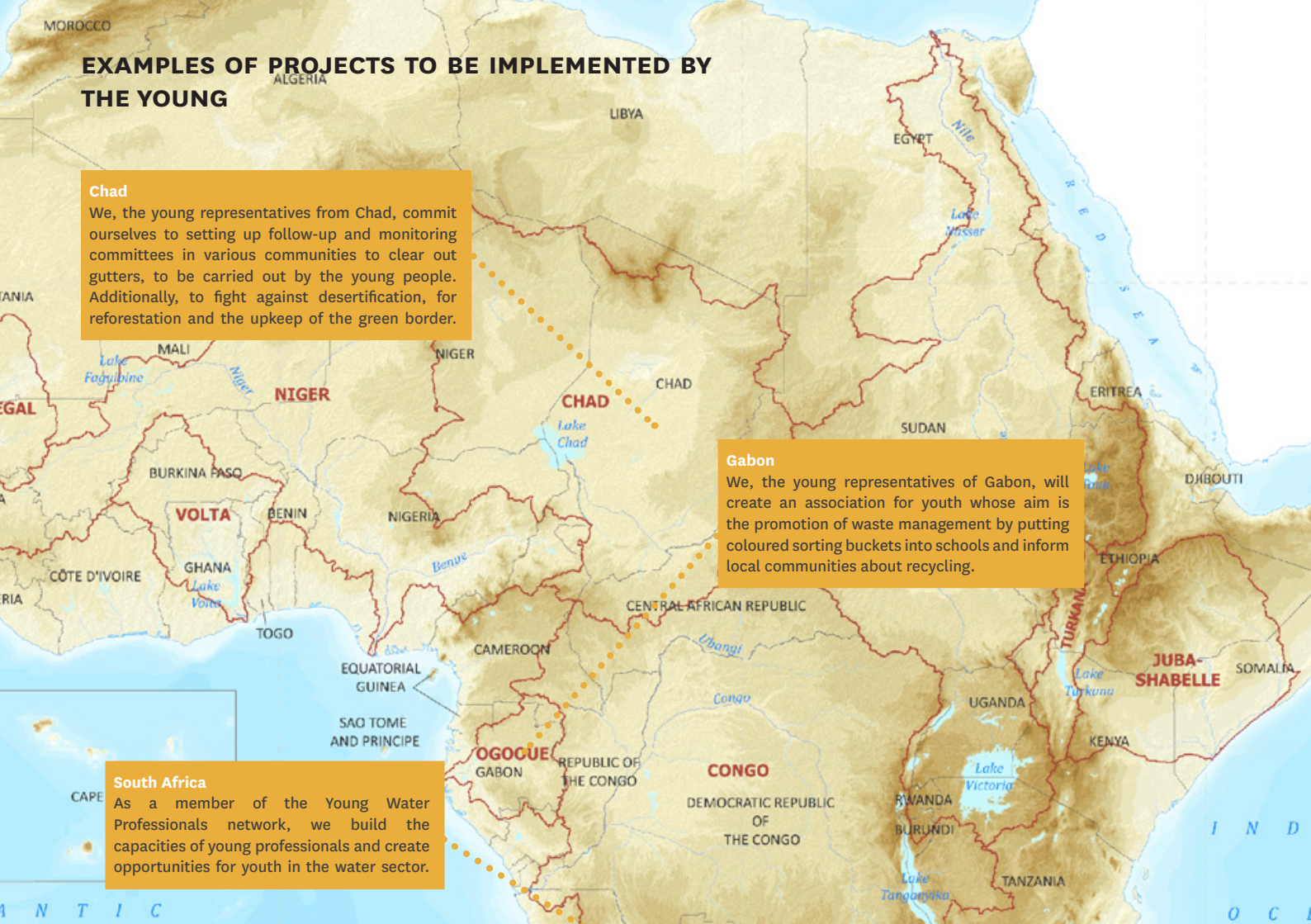
We, the young representatives from Chad, commit ourselves to setting up follow-up and monitoring committees in various communities to clear out gutters, to be carried out by the young people. Additionally, to fight against desertification, for reforestation and the upkeep of the green border.

Gabon

We, the young representatives of Gabon, will create an association for youth whose aim is the promotion of waste management by putting coloured sorting buckets into schools and inform local communities about recycling.

South Africa

As a member of the Young Water Professionals network, we build the capacities of young professionals and create opportunities for youth in the water sector.



GREETINGS

Participants of the African meeting

Bintou - Mali, Fatimata - Mauritania, Gbêhodé Merveille Ornella - Benin, Nounagnon Dakoz-Daunou - Benin, Lémonla Armel - Benin, Annes Floar - Ivory Coast, Kadidia - Mali, Céline Milva - Gabon, Yaovie Amedzape - Togo, Nora - South Africa, Edem Kodjio - Togo, Hubert Arnaud - Benin, Farida - Burkina Faso, Amon Prisca Marie Madeleine - Ivory Coast, Yves Rodrigue Ahmed - Burkina Faso, Danielle Miranise - Burkina Faso, Djigui David Stephane - Burkina Faso, Linda - Burkina Faso, Joel - Burkina Faso, Yenumpunti Elsa - Burkina Faso, Aly - Burkina Faso, Safiatou - Burkina Faso, Djalika - Burkina Faso, Mazebo N'Zinga - Congo RDC, Djonfabe - Chad, Mahamat Djamel - Chad, Ngagué - Chad, Jean - Rwanda, Florence - Rwanda, Attoumande - Comoros Islands, Fatou Kiné - Senegal, Fatimata - Senegal, Mireille Tatiane - Cameroon, Hermann Franck - Cameroon, Blédja N'dri Stéphanie - Ivory Coast, Kouadio Kouassi François - Ivory Coast, Kouadio Pierre Stéphanie - Ivory Coast, Gbesse Adjoua Ruth Grace - Ivory Coast.

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