



The World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW) is a global network of young leaders from over 80 countries dedicated to championing youth engagement in water management through grassroots initiatives and international advocacy. The WYPW was launched and is being catalysed by the International Secretariat for Water.

Youth perspectives offer fresh insights, innovative solutions, and a long-term vision for addressing the complex challenges facing our water resources. Including youth voices ensures that decisions made today resonate with future generations, fostering sustainable water management practices and nurturing a more inclusive and resilient global community.

Drawing insights from regional dialogues, preparatory youth meetings in Indonesia, member consultations, and youth engagement at the UN2023 Water Conference, the WYPW presents the following key demands and actions for the 10th World Water Forum and thereafter:

## MESSAGES TO THE 10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

### On Water and Peace

We demand the creation of a global commitment to water management, water cooperation, and paradiplomacy as a pathway to peace and sustainability through engaging youth, governments, and INGOs as key actors.

- **Cooperate for Stability:** Foster cooperation and paradiplomacy within all water management frameworks by engaging youth and governments at the local, national and regional levels.
- **Empower Youth for Diplomacy:** Actively involve youth in water diplomacy initiatives as key stakeholders and leaders in water governance processes.
- **Create Conflict Resolution Mechanisms:** Create inclusive, transparent, and accessible methods like youth-led mediation teams and capacity-building programs in conflict resolution and water diplomacy to address local and regional water disputes.
- **Affirm that Water is not War:** Condemn the use of water as a weapon of water and implement accountability mechanisms to hold violators responsible for weaponizing water. Safeguard water infrastructure from being targeted or used for military purposes.
- **Promote Dialogues on Water and Conflict:** Open regional, national, and international dialogues to discuss current water issues and prevent future conflicts.

### On Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

We demand that youth be empowered and integrated into WASH decision-making processes, leveraging their potential to lead innovative, resilient, equitable solutions and build sustainable water infrastructure for all. Strengthen policies and investments to ensure universal access and public health, while fostering gender equity and youth, indigenous, and local communities' participation.

- **Integrate Gender, Equity, Social Inclusion (GESI) in WASH:** Push for agendas to empower women and girls to lead decision-making processes in the management of water resources, and subsidise hygiene products to reduce the financial burden on women.
- **Implement Solutions that are Climate-Resilient:** Design and implement water solutions that are prepared to withstand extreme weather events and climate change, leveraging effective community knowledge where suitable.
- **Create a Public and Financial Roadmap to Facilitate WASH Projects:** Reduce bureaucratic obstacles and streamline project development processes through critical path and prioritisation methodologies while attracting sufficient human capital.
- **Develop a Global Network for Alternative Water Solutions and Gather Data on the WASH Access Gap:** Develop a global dataset of technically validated design alternatives to facilitate innovative water solutions and survey whole community data on WASH access to identify gaps and guide evidence-based advocacy and policy-making.

## On Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

We demand a shift from disaster management to risk management, including the community in this process from the beginning. We emphasize that Nature-based Solutions (NbS) create a more resilient society in the face of climate change.

- **Develop DRR Plans with the Community:** Include risk mitigation measures in the development of urban and rural areas while incorporating community knowledge.
- **Engage Stakeholders in Prevention Strategies:** Create and share hazard-specific emergency plans with all stakeholders. Invest in early warning systems, ensuring the capacity of maintenance.
- **Mandate NbS as Tools for Climate Resiliency:** Mandate NbS as part of all the built environment projects. Specifically, Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS).
- **Support Youth Capacity Building in DRR:** Integrate DRR as a transversal topic in educational curriculums from elementary to university schools, and implement tax incentives for companies who hire young professionals for DRR projects.

We urge all stakeholders participating in the 10th World Water Forum to prioritize the establishment of **robust accountability mechanisms and comprehensive frameworks for follow-up**, ensuring that commitments made within the World Water Forum Processes are diligently upheld. This pivotal moment demands **ambitious actions and policies** to pave the way towards a water-secure world for generations to come

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