

Project proposal Stockholm – Youth for Water and Climate



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La Jeunesse pour l'Eau et le Climat
La Juventud por el Agua y el Clima



Context

In 2016 the World Water Week in Stockholm insisted on the role of education to change paradigm of our society in particular in context of climate change. Recurring recommendations were made on the necessity of developing information systems on water in various countries to being able to set up adapted politics and make a regular follow-up-evaluation. This will allow a reporting at the global level. It was finally reminded that the civil society of water has to get organized and unify to be able to play a key-role in all the plans mentioned previously.

According to these reports the initiative of Youth for Water and Climate wants to provide a stand for the next edition (27 August – 1 September 2017). The main objective is to showcase youth involvement on water and climate and the evolution of their commitment, from a punctual one to the creation of both a global platform supporting youth projects on water and climate and a new youth organization putting the White Paper recommendations forward. It will also be the opportunity to formalize the creation of the association, with the main partners and founders.

Benefitting from the momentum of the organization of the 7th World Water Forum and the UNFCCC COP21 in 2015, the Office Franco-Québécois pour la Jeunesse and Global Water Partnership gave youth an opportunity to express their concerns and expectations regarding water management and food security in light of climate change challenges, in partnership with International Secretariat for Water and AgroParisTech.

More than 200 young students and professionals - originally from the Francophone area - were offered the chance to meet at international events and exchange on water and climate issues. The whole process led to the drafting of a White Paper on Water and Climate entitled “A Paris for Water” (French original: “Un Paris pour l’Eau”) by 52 young people from 17 countries at the COY11 in Paris. The White Paper gathers 50 youth recommendations focusing on four thematic areas, namely water and agriculture, water and health, water and resilience and water sharing.

Since then, new international and national partners have joined forces to develop a platform allowing young leaders to meet supporting organizations so as to implement projects tackling the water and climate nexus. The White Paper and project progress will be further showcased also at the UNFCCC COP23 in 2017.

Youth for Water & Climate program
Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – Stand MV1 (Young Professionals)

9.00	<i>Opening</i>	
ALL DAY	<i>Presentation of the Platform & testing the prototype of the website (including the new branding)</i>	All day, a prototype of the new website will be accessible for people to try. The prototype will provide a good overview of the features that will be offered on the digital platform in the coming months. Participants will be invited to give feedback on the prototype and the branding of the Youth for Water and Climate Platform.
ALL DAY	<i>SELFIE BOOTH</i>	The stand will offer a Selfie Booth with various messages related to water and climate. Participants stopping by the stand will be encouraged to have their photo taken with the #YWC messages. Photos of youth and other participants who have chosen the same messages will be matched in a little montage on social media.
ALL DAY	<i>Pure Happiness Interviews</i>	The youth present will conduct short filmed interviews and testimonies from other youth and various participants of the Stockholm World Water Week 2017. These interviews will highlight the positive things that are happening despite being in a context of climate change and uncertainty. There are still reasons to be positive and happy!
10.00-11.30	<i>Collaborative Space</i>	Collaborative Space is a workshop around 3 youth projects that are either ongoing or about to be implemented. The goal of the workshop is to give the project leaders a chance to promote their projects but also have an opportunity to discuss with other youth and professionals in order to see where there is room for improvement. This collaborative space is a place of discussion, brainstorming and constructive criticism to help young professionals learn how to develop great projects.
13.00 - 14.00	<i>Love at first sight</i>	It's a "business love game" between 3 young professionals and 3 potential partner organizations/donors. In this serious love game, participants will ask each other questions to learn more about the projects and the organizations. After a series of questions from the youth to the organizations and from the organizations to the youth about their projects, they will all be asked to declare their business soulmate. Young professionals and organizations that have a match will be put in contact to further their possible partnership around the youth project. Love WILL be in the air!
16.20-17.00	<i>Official Launch of the new branding of YWC & Signature of the Declaration</i>	This official launch of the #YWC platform will include a presentation of the prototype of the upcoming website and the new visual identity of the platform. Five speakers will say a few words on the projects from their different perspective (root partners, youth, donors), together they will highlight what has been done so far and the strong potential of the #YWC platform. The launch will end on a signature session of the Declaration of Support of #YWC.
17.00-18.00	<i>Cocktail</i>	A cocktail will follow the official launch, this will be an opportunity for youth and potential partners to network.

Detailed program of the 16.30 event- Official Launch

5 minutes per speaker.

16.20	Welcome words from the Chair of GWP (Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren)
16.25	Presentation of the #YWC platform (ISW- Hannane Sellai)
16.35	Partner organization (UNESCO – To be confirmed)
16.40	Example of youth project
16.45	Partner organization (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation- To be confirmed)
16.50	Youth presentation: the road to #YWC
16.55	Signature Session of the Declaration of Support