

This statement is on behalf of the international secretariat for water and the World Youth Parliament for Water. Young people will suffer the consequences of inaction the most and so lack of adequate acceleration to achieve SDG6 will disproportionately affect my generation and those to come. We need action and we need it now.

We, the 370 organizations of the Global Youth Movement for Water, involved in the Fill Up the Glass campaign, demand creation of an inclusive and permanent body within the United Nations to address water challenges. We must reinforce global water governance by obtaining a UN General Assembly Resolution establishing regular intergovernmental meetings on water to address all targets of SDG 6, including the acceleration of implementation of the human rights to water & sanitation, especially for young women and girls. As we work to reinforce global water governance, we must ensure that youth are included and represented in decision-making processes. We invite you to request a UN Youth Envoy on Water, supported by a Youth Advisory Group on Water, representing all regions of the world.

For the sake of our generation and those to come, we must come together to #FillUpThe Glass.