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UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

The Youth's Perspective: Water for Climate, Resilience, and Environment

March 23, 2023, 9:30 am-10:45 am Side Event Room A

Organized by: Urban Assembly New York Harbor School and Billion Oyster Project

This side event was organized by high school students at the New York Harbor School located on Governors Island and in partnership with the billion oyster project. The Harbor School is a public Career Technical Education School, meaning it teaches students things they wouldn't learn until post-secondary education. The school is maritime-based, and offers extensive experience to students, especially with the billion oyster project. The billion oyster project's goal is to restore oysters to the NY harbor. Six student Representatives spoke at this event along with Administration from the New York Harbor School and billion oyster project.

Key Issues Discussed

- Lack of youth representation
- lack of youth education
- Lack of young students getting exposed to sustainable development
- Environmental jobs
- Sustainable development goals in youth education

Key Recommendations for Action

- Expand youth education on sustainability
- Create more access for youth to be represented
- Listen to the youth!!!

