



## UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

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*[Towards a sustainable and inclusive water future for Sudan:  
Introducing the SYPW as a bridge between Sudanese youth and  
decision-makers]*

[24 march, 9:30-10:45, UNHQ/Room C]

Organized by: [Sudan Youth Parliament for water, World Youth  
Parliament for water and International Secretariat for water]

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#### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

The event was an introduction about the Sudan youth parliament for water which is the national chapter of the world youth parliament for water that has been established since 2016 and registered as NGO since 2020. The event was highlighting its work and activities as a youth organization working actively to achieve SDG 6 in Sudan as well as bringing the outcomes of the youth regional dialogues that covered all Sudan states about the actions that needed to be done now in order to have an optimistic future in 2030.

**Water Action Agenda (one paragraph, if possible, please include the link to your commitment in the [Water Action Agenda database](#))**

#### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

Despite that Sudan known as a “country of plentiful fresh water sources”, there is still water stress in the region

- When looking into water resources in Sudan, it clearly seen that most of it are transboundary resources; this makes the issue of water management in Sudan more complex
- In comparison to other countries, Sudan has a number of old and evolving challenges that require novel approaches

- In country like Sudan, where historical perceptions, culture and politics often overshadow facts on the ground, technical understanding and solutions to water-related issues need to be devised
  - To address the emerging challenges of our Sudan, we can no longer rely on the tradition way to manage our problems
  - This will make it necessary to include other constituents/ stakeholders with potential to contribute with new ideas toward win-win outcomes
  - In this context, it is important to tap into the youth of the region to find new, innovative ways to move forward, and, in the process, build cooperative partnerships to improve professional interactions
  - Reaching out to the next generation of professionals is very important to move beyond inter-generational conflicts to a new era of cooperation
  - These “change-makers” need to be attracted to the water and sanitation sector to ensure Sudan water challenges be solved with the brightest and most committed minds
  - Creative solutions can be generated from dialogues and consultations with Youth and fed to the formal interactions
  - In particular, we should focus young people from disadvantaged contexts, who have ideas with the potential to improve water and sanitation issues in their communities
  - Policy-makers must take what Youth have to say into account, but beyond that, they also need to empower them to help formulate and implement solutions
  - Our challenge is how best to manage the flow of information to formulate and achieve desired outcomes
  - The flow of information among generation is what enables developing the region
- Why Involving Youth in Water Sector?**
- They are directly affected by water issues. It is essential that we have a say in how they're managed right now.
  - To benefit from the most ambitious and demanding tasks of implementing solutions in the field
  - Conducting in-depth studies need the contribution of Youth that will lead to ideas of solutions that can be translated into viable and implementable win-win projects
  - The Youth have the possibilities and the energy to contribute a lot in solving the water problems
- It's important when we talk about youth to actually target grassroot youth

**Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

1. Solve conflicts and enhance the peace and stability .
2. Restoring democracy in Sudan which helps to reduce corruption in development projects
3. Transparency in both decision making and implementation process in water projects
4. Commitment of decision makers .
5. Have a strategic work plan for each state linked with the center
6. Develop future plans to adapt water and climate related disasters
7. Develop Polices and regulators that oblige private sector and international organization in financing development water projects

8. Urgently Water Cooperative agreements in the regional scale (Ethiopian GERD dam )
9. Create Youth bodies to observe the policies implementation
10. Increase funds for water research at each state
11. Increase numbers of water harvesting projects
12. Improve water infrastructures
13. Behavioral change for government institutions and priorities water projects.
14. Implement IWRM approaches
15. Encourage investment in water sector.
16. Develop clear financing policies in water sector
17. Awareness and behavioral change approaches for communities
18. Capacity Building and exchange experience programs
19. Youth in Advocacy and community awareness
20. Youth engagement in decision making and problem solving
21. Encourage Youth initiatives
22. Regular youth dialogues
23. Encourage innovative solutions