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## UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

Youth session -Local Action, Global Impact: Creating Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainable Water Management-

24<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 11:00 - 12:15 Side Event Room C

Organized by: Children and Youth International, Asia Development Bank, Global Water Partnership, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Water Forum, Water Cooperation Association Com aqua, Kumamoto city, Water Security Council of Japan

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

Water is a critical issue both globally and locally, and it is closely tied to the history of each region. Resolving water challenges requires cross-generational efforts, and youth have been recognized as valuable contributors to sustainable development, given their expertise in their own issues. Various organizations have launched initiatives to involve young people in water-related issues, including the Japan Water Forum's Youth Water Forum and the efforts of Children and Youth International. Kumamoto City has also pledged support for youth activities following the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in 2022. In addition, JICA has been dispatching its Water Security Action Team (W-SAT) as youth volunteers to improve water and sanitation in Africa since 2008, with 289 youth volunteers dispatched cumulatively to 21 countries by the end of 2022. Currently, 15 volunteers are working in 4 countries.

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

The Youth Water Forum, which is run by the Japan Water Forum, aims to increase the involvement of young people in high school by providing them with a new platform. This platform was launched on the occasion of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit and is designed to facilitate youth participation in international and intergenerational discussions on water-related issues. Our strategy is to collect and share short videos created by youth that showcase their ideas, projects, activities, or campaigns related to sustainability actions related to water. Additionally, we aim to provide opportunities for young people to engage in key international conferences.

To accelerate progress and improve enabling conditions, we recognize the need for collaboration with development banks, the private sector, government, schools and relevant government authorities is essential to encourage young people to become increasingly interested in water. To achieve this, we propose activities such as study tours and workshops to help young people gain a deeper understanding of water issues.

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/youth-water-forum>

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

The session aims at proposing meaningful youth engagement to resolve water-related issues through sharing youth-led projects across the world. The session involved a wide range of organizations of a multi-lateral development bank, government ministry, government organization, international NGO, international water platform, youth platform. Based on ongoing activities, the session explored further initiatives led by youth groups and discussed how to strengthen intergenerational partnerships to support these initiatives.

JICA, ADB, and Japanese high school students gave presentations on local action.

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

- Meaningful insights are crucial tools for informed, equitable, and sustainable water governance.
- Intergenerational partnerships can help to strengthen collective ambition and drive sustained global impact.
- It is important to amplify local actions to achieve the desired impact.
- The call for action is addressed to all stakeholders, including fellow youth and senior leaders.
- We will develop a collaborative action plan and exchange information on an ongoing basis as we work towards the 10th World Water Forum.



# Agenda



# Youth session

**-Local Action, Global Impact: Creating Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainable Water Management-**

Co-organized by





## **Our “Decade for Action”: Resolving Water Issues through Inter-generational Cooperation**

Local Action, Global Impact

# Creating Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainable Water Management

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Asian Development Bank



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# Why Meaningful Youth Engagement?



- When engaged in decision-making processes, young people improve their self-esteem, gain academic skills and knowledge beyond academic curriculum
- Organizations that develop inclusive programs gain better community recognition, improve their own policies, and become more appealing to the younger generations.
- Staff and adults involved in intergenerational projects gain exposition to new competencies and feel their commitment to their communities and organizations increased.
- Communities benefit by developing stronger bonds and embracing diversity.

**Youth engagement benefits everyone involved**

# Youth Facts: Asia and the Pacific

**2 billion people under the age of 30**

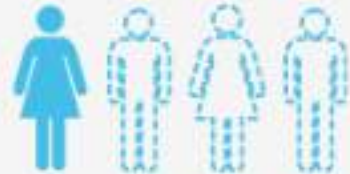
**54% of the global youth population**

# First step: Youth for Asia

## The Challenge



Under and unemployed young people are particularly excluded from the opportunities of participation, leadership and leading productive lives.



ADB has underutilized its potential to engage young people in project design to make the projects more responsive to the needs of young people across the region.

## The Challenge

ADB Youth for Asia, a unique initiative where young people joined cross-generational project teams bringing innovative perspectives to develop sustainable, resilient and inclusive solutions.



Young people (co-)leading components in the design and implementation of projects



Young people (co-)leading components in evaluation and research using innovative methodologies



Young people advocating for change, (co-)leading campaigns and influencing youth-led development



# Learning from the efforts on Gender Mainstreaming



- 2012: ADB adopted the gender categorization system
- Creation of guidance notes for gender mainstreaming
- 2024 Corporate Target: 71% of operations categorized as 'gender sensitive'
- 2022 Water Sector achieves 100% gender sensitive' operations

# ADB: The Climate Bank

Pledge to deliver \$100 billion in climate financing to developing member countries (DMCs) between 2019 and 2030.

## STRATEGY 2030'S SEVEN OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES



1. Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities



2. Accelerating progress in gender equality



3. Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability



4. Making cities more livable



5. Promoting rural development and food security



6. Strengthening governance and institutional capacity



7. Fostering regional cooperation and integration



# Bagmati River Basin Youth Project in Nepal



- 1,899 youth trained on SDGs by 117 youth facilitators during short and 6-week long courses.
- 59% of youth-led project proposals were incorporated into ward, school and CSO plans during project implementation
- 55% of participants were young women
- 30% participants coming from vulnerable youth groups.
- Participants across different age groups

# Dushanbe Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Tajikistan



- Youth engagement included during design phase
- Procurement modalities adapted to engage youth partner organization
- Intergenerational collaboration between youth and International Behavior Change Consultant
- Youth-led data collection to assess willingness to pay for water services
- Delivery of a stakeholder communication strategy

# Water Operator Partnership: Uvarkhangai Public Utility Services Organization



- Water Operator Partnership included the development of a Social and Behavior Change (SBC) Plan for sanitation
- Schools were integrated in the SBC to teach about wastewater and local fecal sludge management.
- Students develop a deeper understanding on the importance of water, sanitation, and hygiene to their community.

## **Apply an intersectional lens in analyzing systemic issues particularly for water and sanitation**

How does gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion and socioeconomic factors affect the local context?

## **Align entry points for youth engagement with the project cycle**

Project design, implementation and evaluation

## **Re-think mentorship as a partnership, not a one-way flow of knowledge**

Don't forget that we can all be students and teachers

**...and avoid tokenism**

# Thank you



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# Q&A





# Sustainable Water Conservation Efforts

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# The Youth as Partners in Water Conservation

Young people played pivotal roles throughout the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto City on April 23rd and 24th, 2022.

Opening Ceremony's Declaration



Sharing with the World at the Exhibition

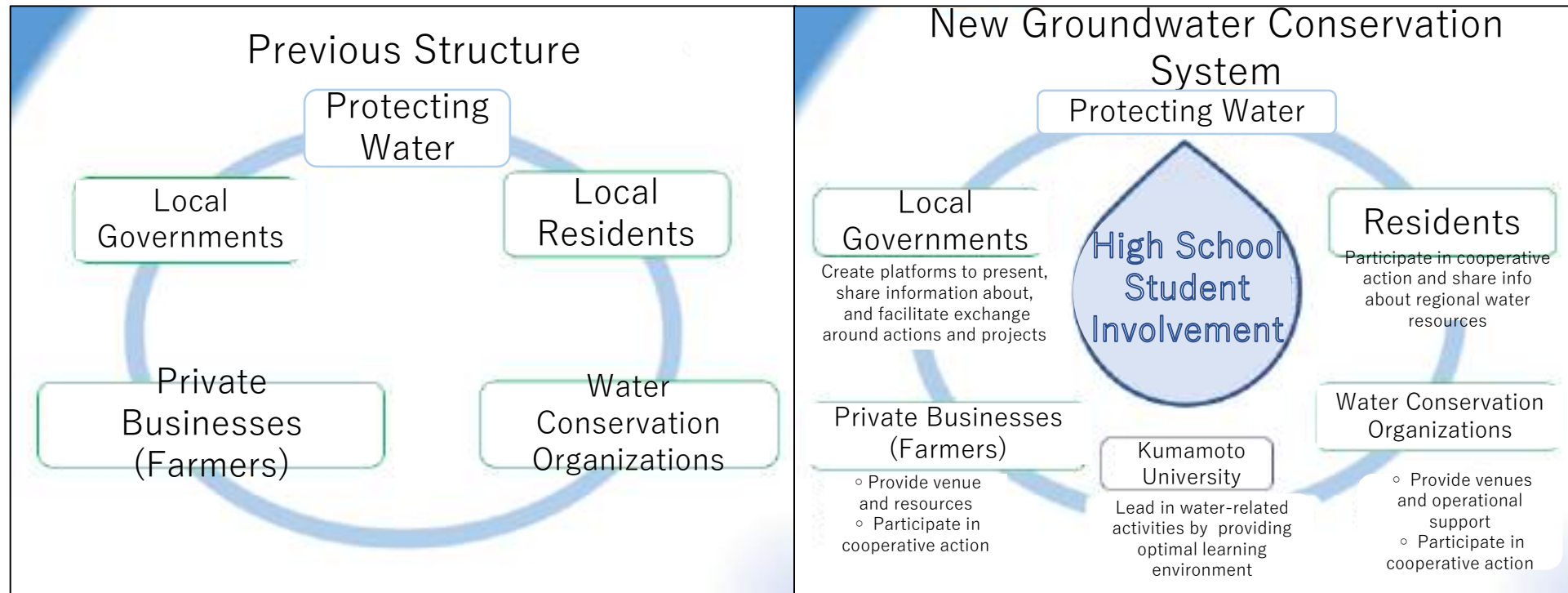


Closing Ceremony's Message to the Future



# New Conservation Methods in Kumamoto

The city is also bringing in youth participation and developing new systems and plans around it.





**Thank You for Your Listening.**

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# Building and Scaling Youth Partnerships

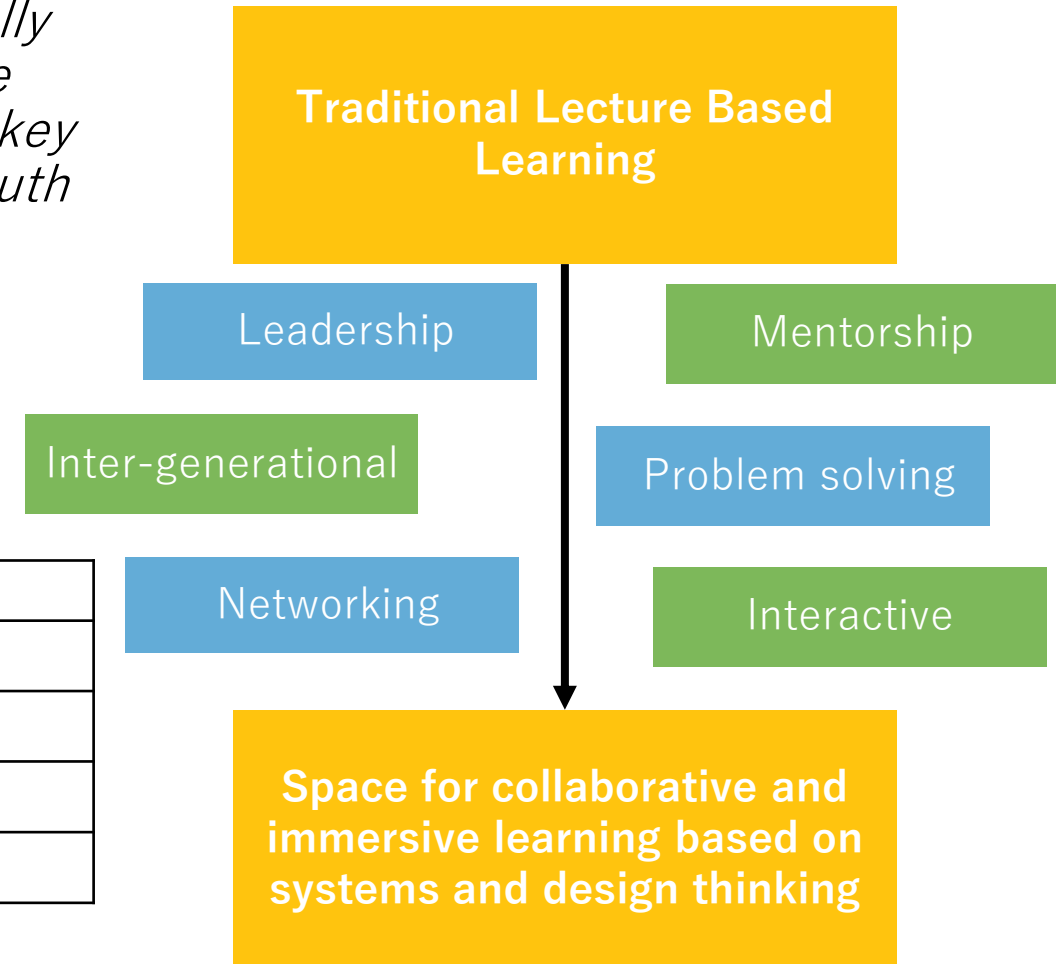
The GWP WAY

Raunak Shrestha  
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# Water Academy for Youth

*To be an opportunity for **young water professionals** to fully realise their potential in the water community and become **influencers and leaders**, and to **create momentum** with key actors in the water community to support and enhance youth engagement and empowerment in water resources management which should ultimately contribute to the enhanced **achievement of sustainable development**.*

<b>Delivery:</b>	Online; Field Components
<b>Theme:</b>	Varies according to region
<b>Target Age Group:</b>	Youth and Young Professionals (Age 18-35)
<b>No. of participants:</b>	20-30 per region
<b>Region:</b>	Southern Africa, Caribbean, South Asia, Southeast Asia



# Water Academy for Youth

## C1: Leadership and Skills

- Leadership and Decision making
- Storytelling and Communication
- Presentation and Report Writing
- Reflection

## C2: Locally Centered Learning and Capacity Building

- Design Thinking
- Systems Thinking
- Problem Identification
- SDG 6 and IWRM

## C3: Scenario Planning and Problem Solving

- IWRM ToolBox and GWP ActionHub
- SDG6 and IWRM
- Solution Finding

## C4: Mentorship and Intergenerational Sharing

- Mentorship
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Inter-regional networking

**Case Studies**

280+ case studies

Practice examples of IWRM implementation

280+ case studies

Practice examples of IWRM implementation

Case study search, comparison and report systems

Use-friendly search, comparison and report systems

**Breakout group 2**

Develop a policy to keep or increase green cover

Develop a policy for the industries to do water X% recycle and to reduce freshwater usage

Impose some policies and regulations on industrial waste to the streams

1. Integrated policies and regul. **Visiting Innovator**

2. capacity strengthening/ awareness

Multi-stakeholder consultation

Ground Water Recharge

New concept on water harvesting

Promote rainwater harvesting

Construct water infrastructures (grey water recycle, water supply networks, etc.)

Develop gender inclusion strategies

Develop IWRM policies

Capacity building

strengthen community ownership

**what are your chosen challenges**

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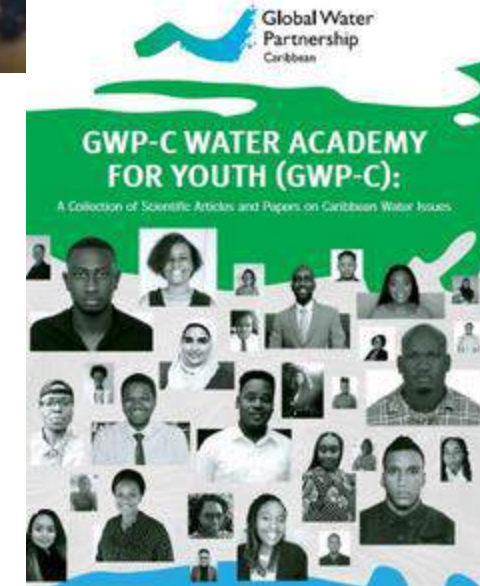
? what is the problem

? why is it of interest for YOU to explore



# Building Youth Partnerships

- **Involvement in global processes**
  - Youth co-guardians in the Transformative Futures for Water Security by IWMI at national, regional and global dialogues
- **Peer-to-Peer network**
  - Joining Youth and Young Water Professionals (YYPP)
  - Participation in Hackathons
  - WAY Community of Practice
- **Presenting entry-points into the Water Space**
  - Many mentor-mentee relationships extend beyond the duration of the programme
  - Seed funding for outputs
  - Youth led publications, stories, reports and concept notes



# Scaling Youth Partnerships



## Youth and Young Water Professionals

- Formalise a **cohesive** and evidence-based youth initiative for collaboration on water management
- To **mobilise and empower** youth across South Asia
- To promote and **celebrate cross cultural diversity** and strengthen collaboration with other regional and global youth
- To enhance the connection and collaboration with **decision makers** and engage in **inter-generational dialogue**
- To contribute to **capacity building and knowledge transfer**
- To **operationalise** the ongoing GWP youth initiatives

# Brandix Apparel x Global Water Partnership

**FRAMEWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**

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# Thank you

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# Achievement and good practices of JICA's youth initiative in Africa: Water Security Action Team (W-SAT)

March 24<sup>th</sup> , 2023

Eri NODA

Water Resource Teams2, Water Resource Group,  
Global Environment Department, JICA

Safe  
Water!





# What is the W-SAT ?

- **Initiated by former Prime Minister** Yasuo Fukuda at the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) held in May 2008.
- **JICA's youth initiative**, as a type of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers
- Contributing to Safe Water and Sanitation in **Africa**
- The **activities** of W-SAT vary as follows;
  - Support for **operation and maintenance** of water supply facilities
  - Support for **water utilities** using expertise in water quality testing, computer technology, etc.
  - **Hygiene awareness raising** at schools and health facilities
  - **Environmental education** such as water source forest conservation
  - **Livelihood improvement support** to promote payment of water tariffs



Instruction on how to repair hand pump (Rwanda)



"Handwashing class at an elementary school considering where "germs" can stick (Ethiopia)



Livelihoods improvement activities to boost payment of water tariffs (Uganda)



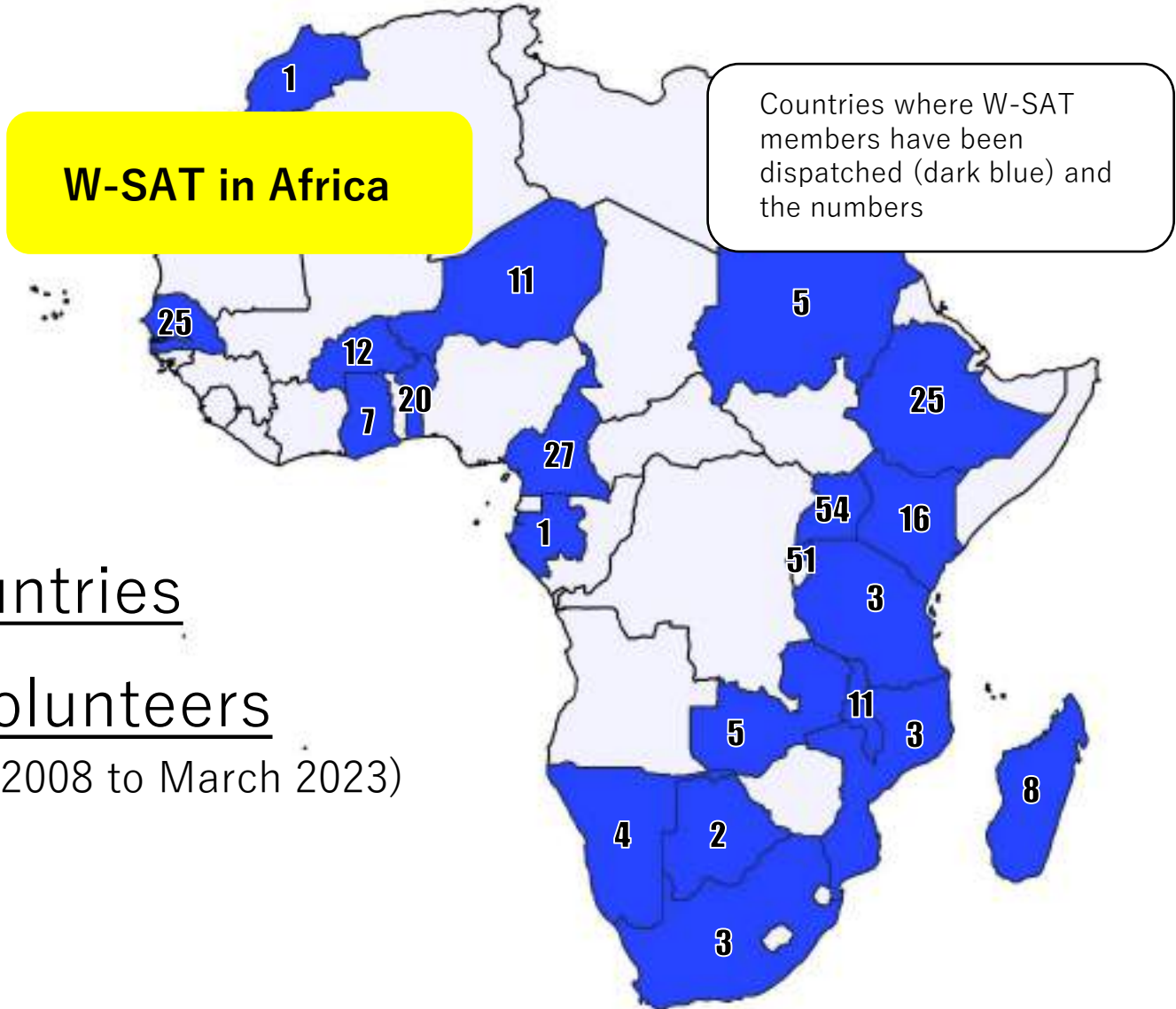
Confirmation of pipe network drawings at a water service provider (Kenya)





# Outstanding Dispatch Record

Country	Dispatch Number of volunteers
Uganda	54
Ethiopia	25
Ghana	7
Gabon	1
Cameroon	27
Kenya	16
Zambia	5
Sudan	5
Senegal	25
Tanzania	3
Namibia	4
Niger	11
Burkina Faso	12
Benin	20
Botswana	2
Madagascar	8
Malawi	11
Mozambique	3
Morocco	1
Rwanda	51
South Africa	3
Total (21 countries)	294



**21** countries

**294** volunteers

(November 2008 to March 2023)



# Distinctive features of the W-SAT

1. **Innovations** by Youth
2. Achievement of **Intergenerational Partnerships**
3. Influence on **Government Policy**

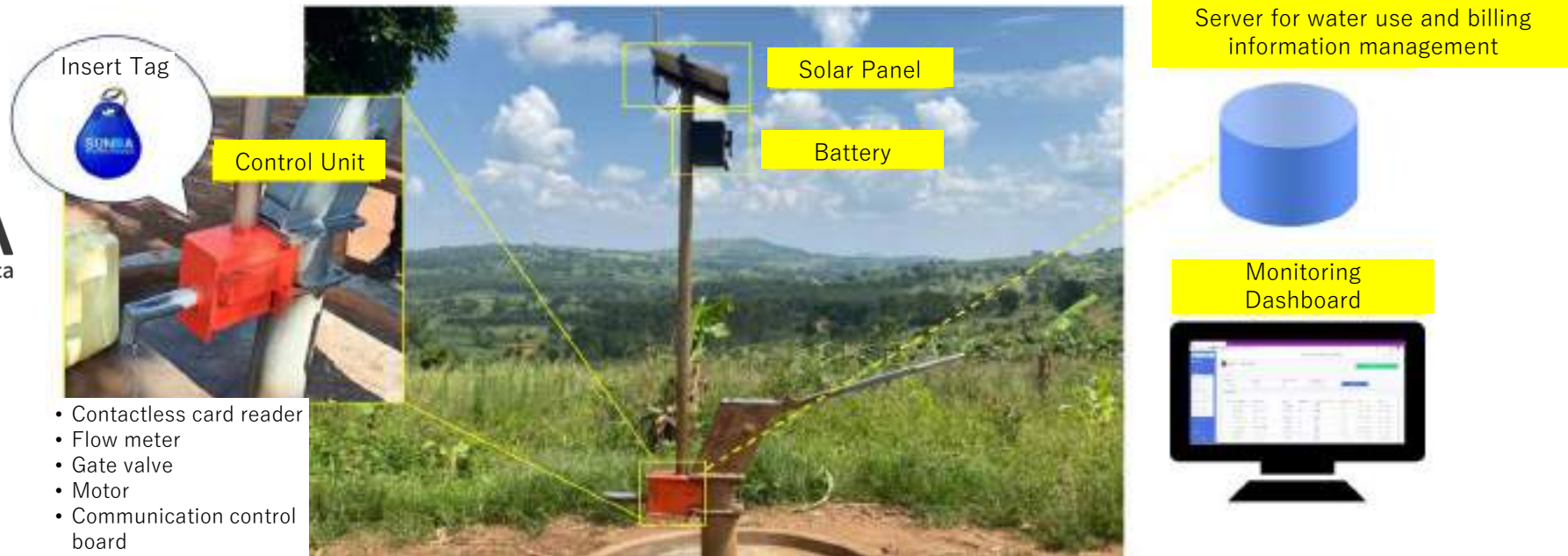


# 1. Innovations by Youth

The W-SAT leads to innovation, as youth live with the people in the communities ⇒ Identify local need ⇒ Come up with solutions with free thinking.

## UGANDA : A prepaid volumetric tariff collection device that attaches to a handpump

- Charging a tariff in advance. Local people bring ID card to handpump and fetch water as they paid.
- Centralized management of prepaid payment status, amount of water used at handpump, etc.
- Remotely monitoring operation status in real time. Sure to accumulate water charges.
- Quick repair response. Drastically reduced repair time from weeks or months to just one or two days.




# 1. Innovations by Youth

## RWANDA : A reporting system for handpumps attaching QR codes

- Attaching QR codes to handpumps to facilitate notification to government agencies in the event of breakdowns.
- Scanning QR code with a smartphone and reporting monitoring items via Google Forms.
- Managing the reports in Excel.
- Monitoring the operation status of handpumps far away from an office.



QR code and monitoring request sticker from local government



Google Form

# 1. Innovations by Youth

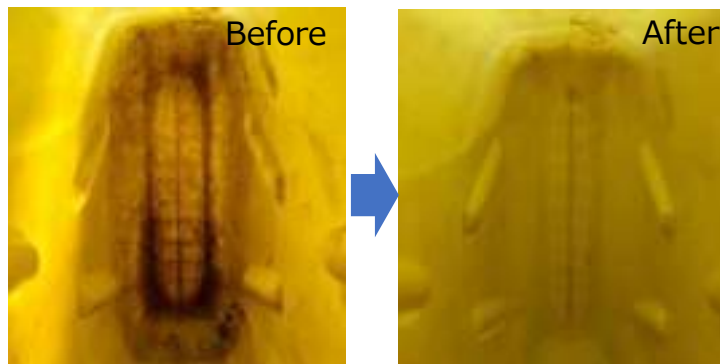
## RWANDA : Washing Jerrycans (Water Storage Containers) by using locally available eggshells

- Taught local people how to wash jerrycans by using locally available eggshells, etc.
- Contributed to raising awareness of hygiene
- Recognized the need to look not only at the quality of the water source, but also at the quality of the water storage containers

Boiled Eggshells



Visual Effect



## 2. Achievement of Intergenerational Partnerships

### **Intergenerational partnerships, working with JICA's technical cooperation (TC) senior experts and local influential figures.**

- Senior experts and W-SAT enhance the effectiveness of each other's activities by working together, for example;
  - Expanding W-SAT' activities by utilizing the assets of the TC project.
  - W-SAT' initiative incorporated into projects and trials considered.
- Involving and collaborating with actors of different positions and generations to develop and expand W-SAT' activities.





## 2. Achievement of Intergenerational Partnerships

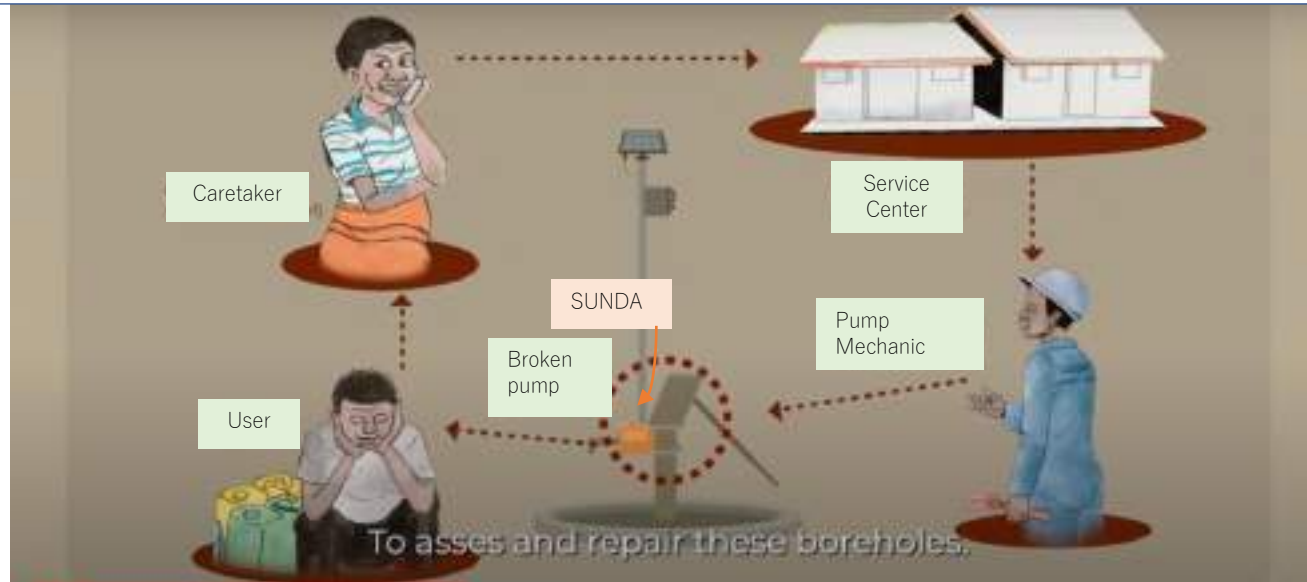


### 3. Influence on Government Policy

JICA can link youth activities and initiatives at the community level to government policies and actions.

- [UGANDA : SUNDA incorporated into the government policy as a result of a joint demonstration project by JICA experts with the Ministry of Water and Environment.](#)
  - SUNDA is used in Uganda's unique O&M of rural water supply model, Direct Management System (DMS).

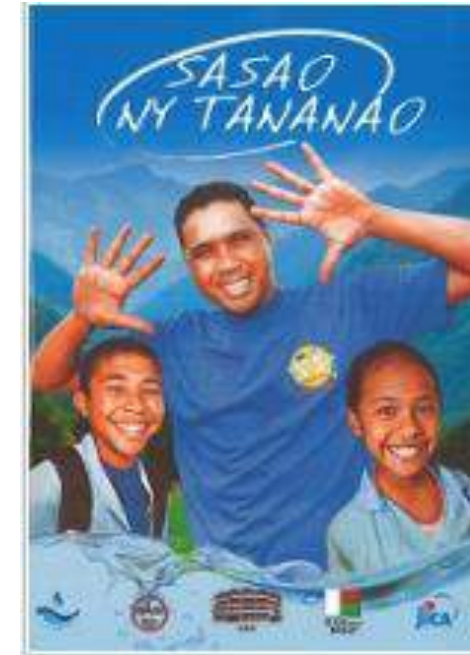
DMS: User notifies Caretaker of breakdown; Caretaker reports to Service Center; Pump Mechanic repairs handpump.





### 3. Influence on Government Policy

- [MADAGASCAR : The government uses handwashing song video created by the W-SAT in a public awareness campaign to address COVID-19.](#)
  - Created a promotional video of handwashing song with dance with a popular local singer and choreographer.
  - Authorized as the official handwashing song in Madagascar.



Reference : [Madagascar Handwashing Song: A collaboration between JOCV and a popular singer has been raising awareness of proper handwashing | News | News & Features | JICA](#)

# Thank you for your attention!

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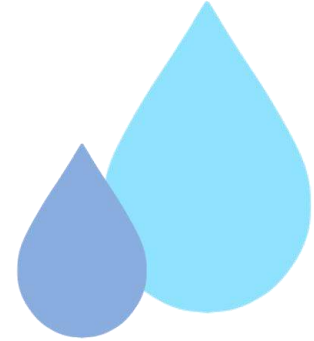


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# Water in Kumamoto City

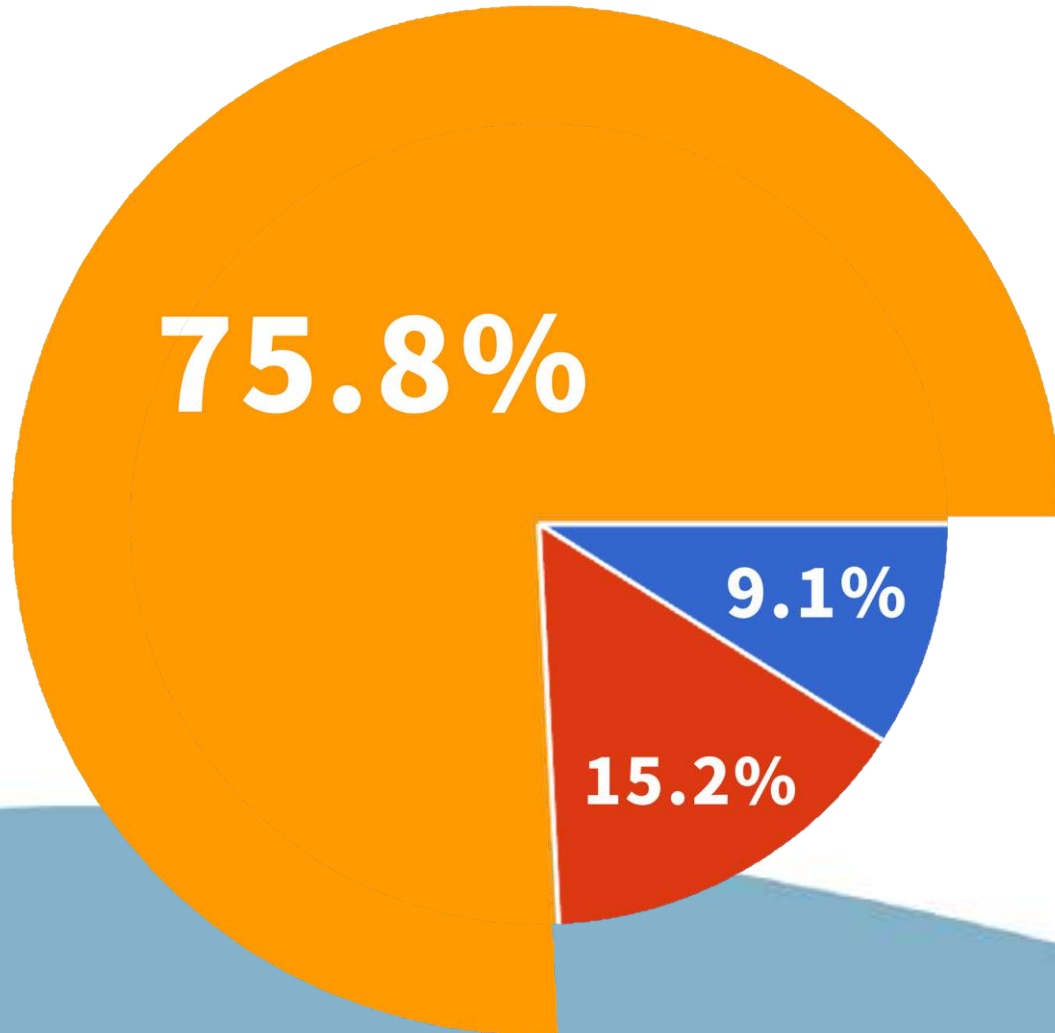


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## Question 1

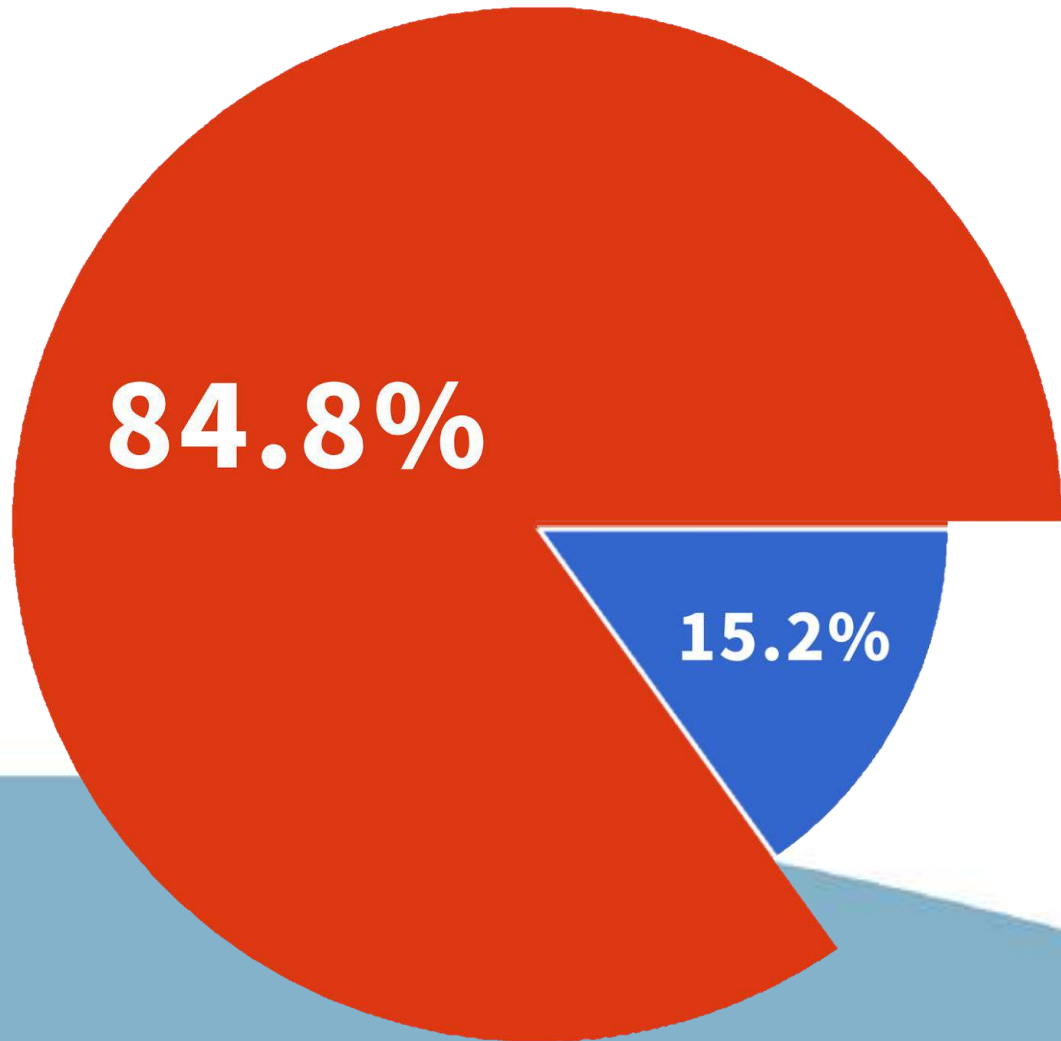
Have you ever heard of an organization called Youth Water Forum?



- I know both the name and the activities.
- I know either the name or the activities.
- I don't know it.

## Question 2

Do you know how much water Kumamoto citizens use per person per day?



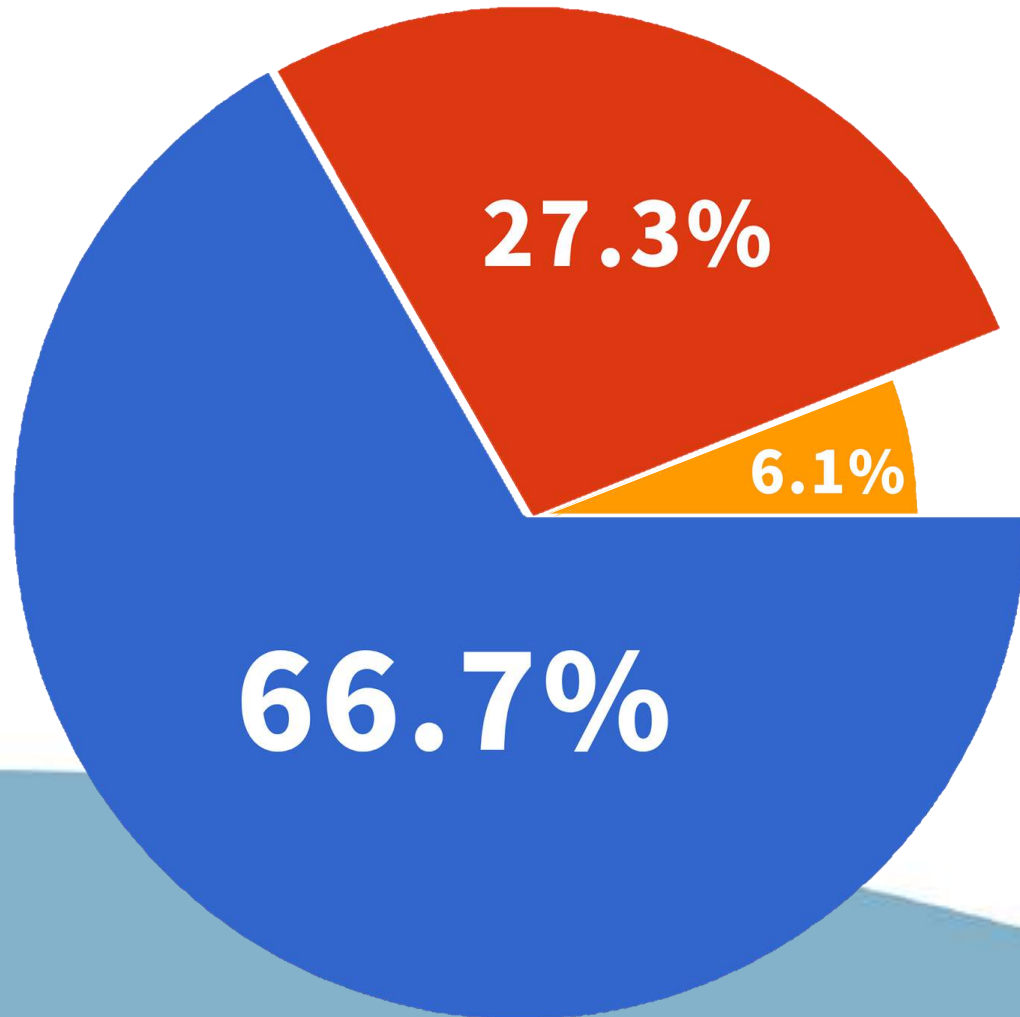
 Yes

 No



### Question 3

Do you think ever about what you can do to save water and do you work on it on a regular basis?



- Working on it
- Not working on it but thinking about it
- Not thinking about water conservation

# Let's protect water together and join "Youth Water Forum Kumamoto"!



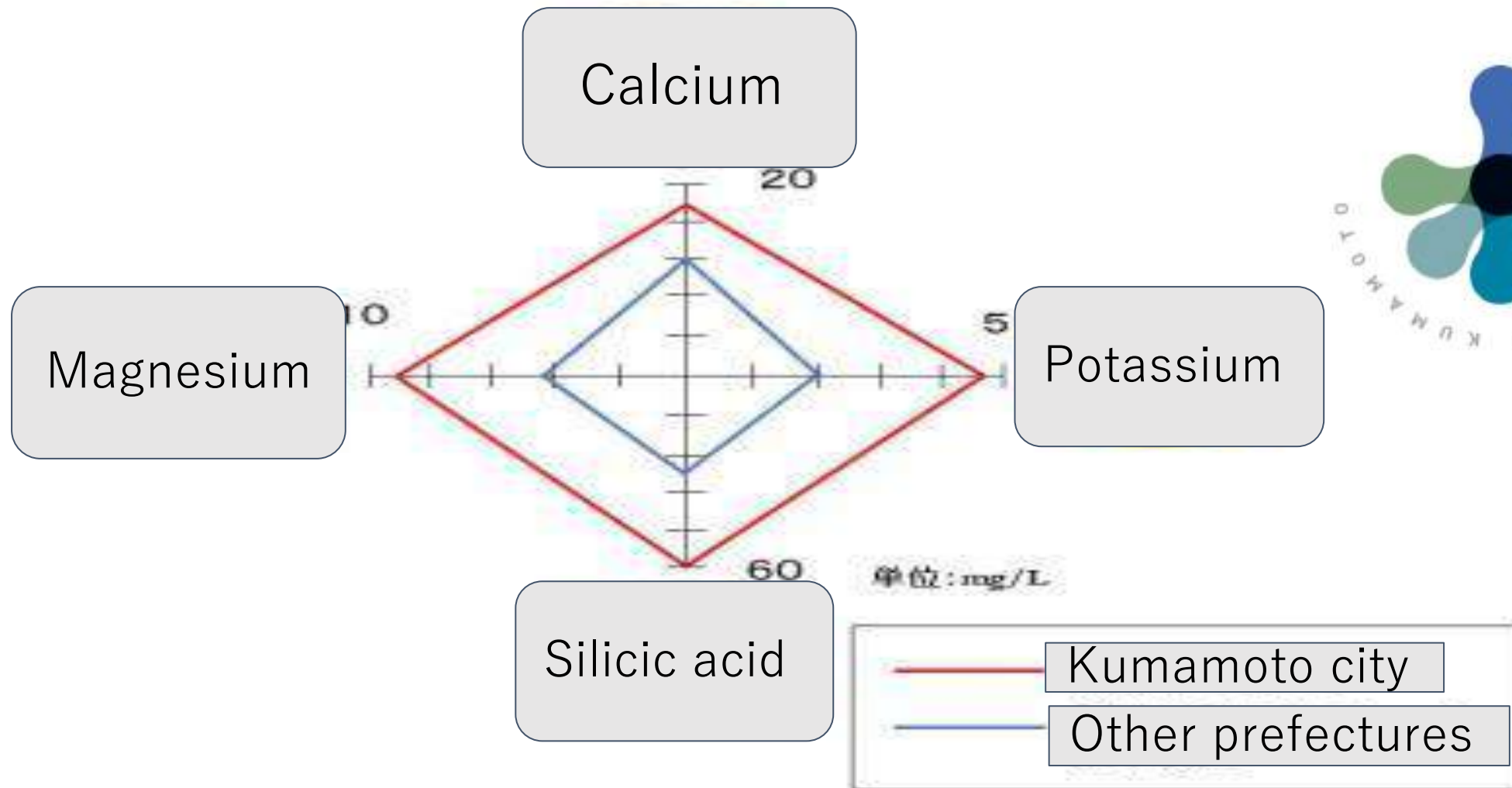
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The logo for the UN 2023 Water Conference is a circular emblem. It features a central black circle with a white dot inside. Surrounding this center are five teardrop-shaped petals in shades of blue and teal. The words "YOUTH WATER FORUM" are written in a light grey, sans-serif font around the perimeter of the circle, with "YOUTH" at the top, "WATER" on the right, "FORUM" at the bottom, and "YOUTH" on the left.

# UN 2023 Water Conference

# Kumamoto's Water is rich in minerals



# Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto



4th APWS



# Before



# After





If you use water like this...



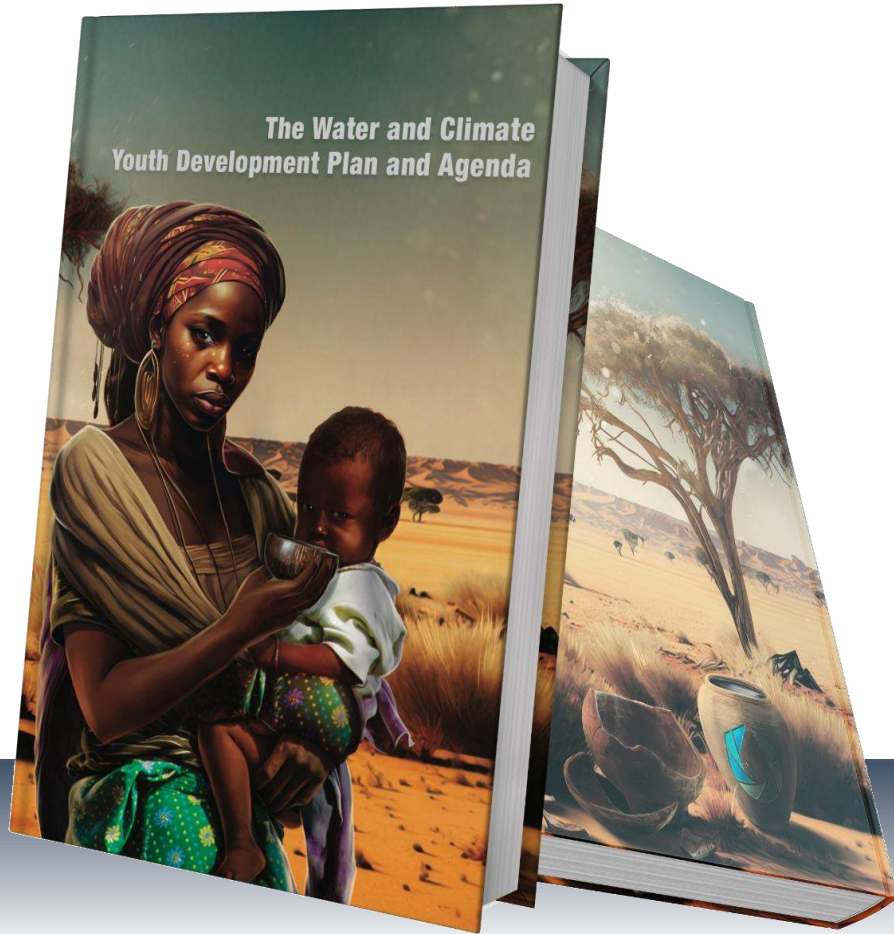
One day, water will run out



# Water for the next generation!







# Intergenerational Partnership in the Crafting Dynamics of Water and Climate Youth Development Plan and Agenda

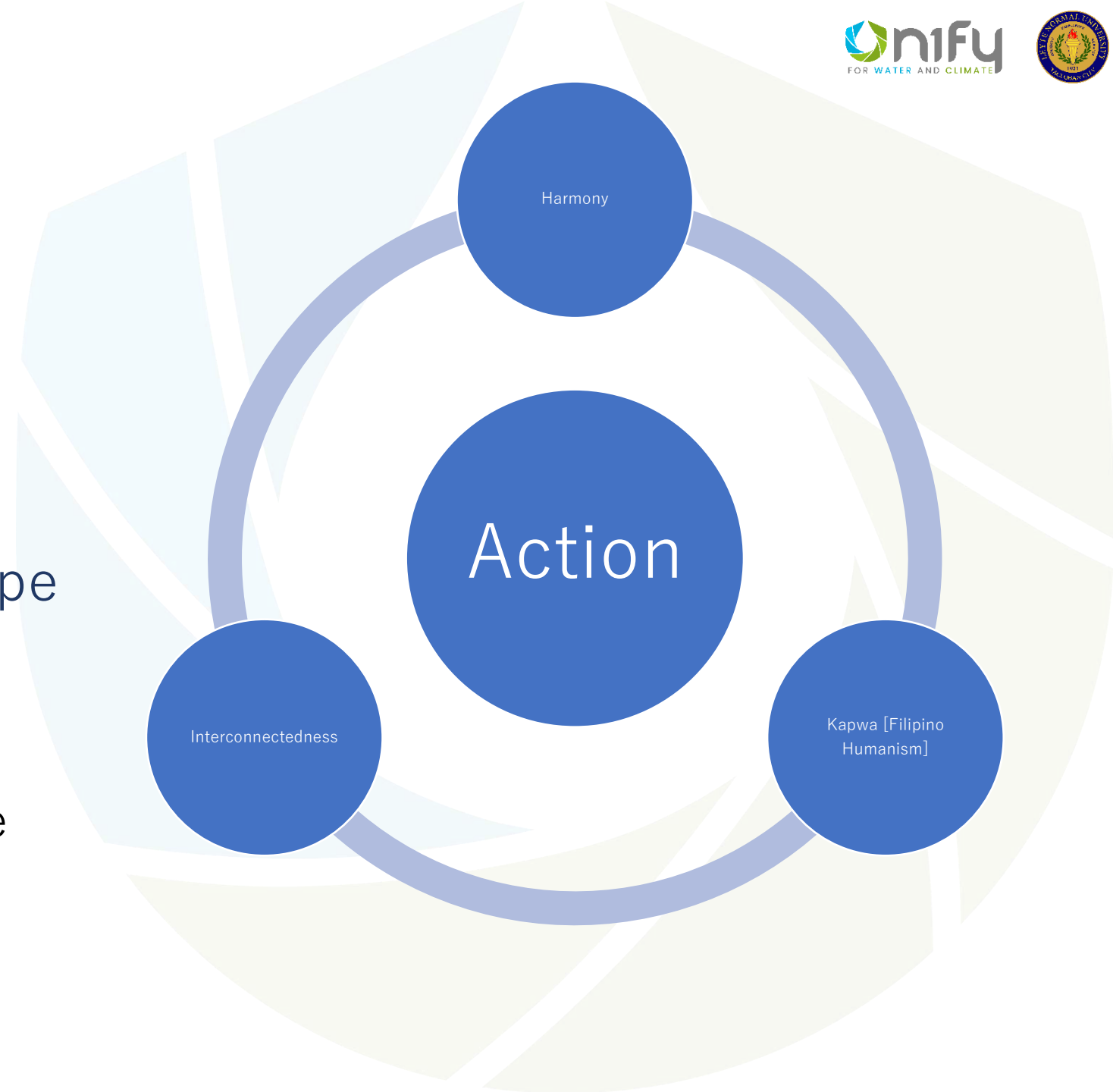
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# Echoes of Haiyan

- Yolanda 2013, Tacloban City, Philippines
- Haiyan changed the **mindscape** of the survivors
  - Adaptation, Mitigation, and Resilience
- Vulnerability to climate change



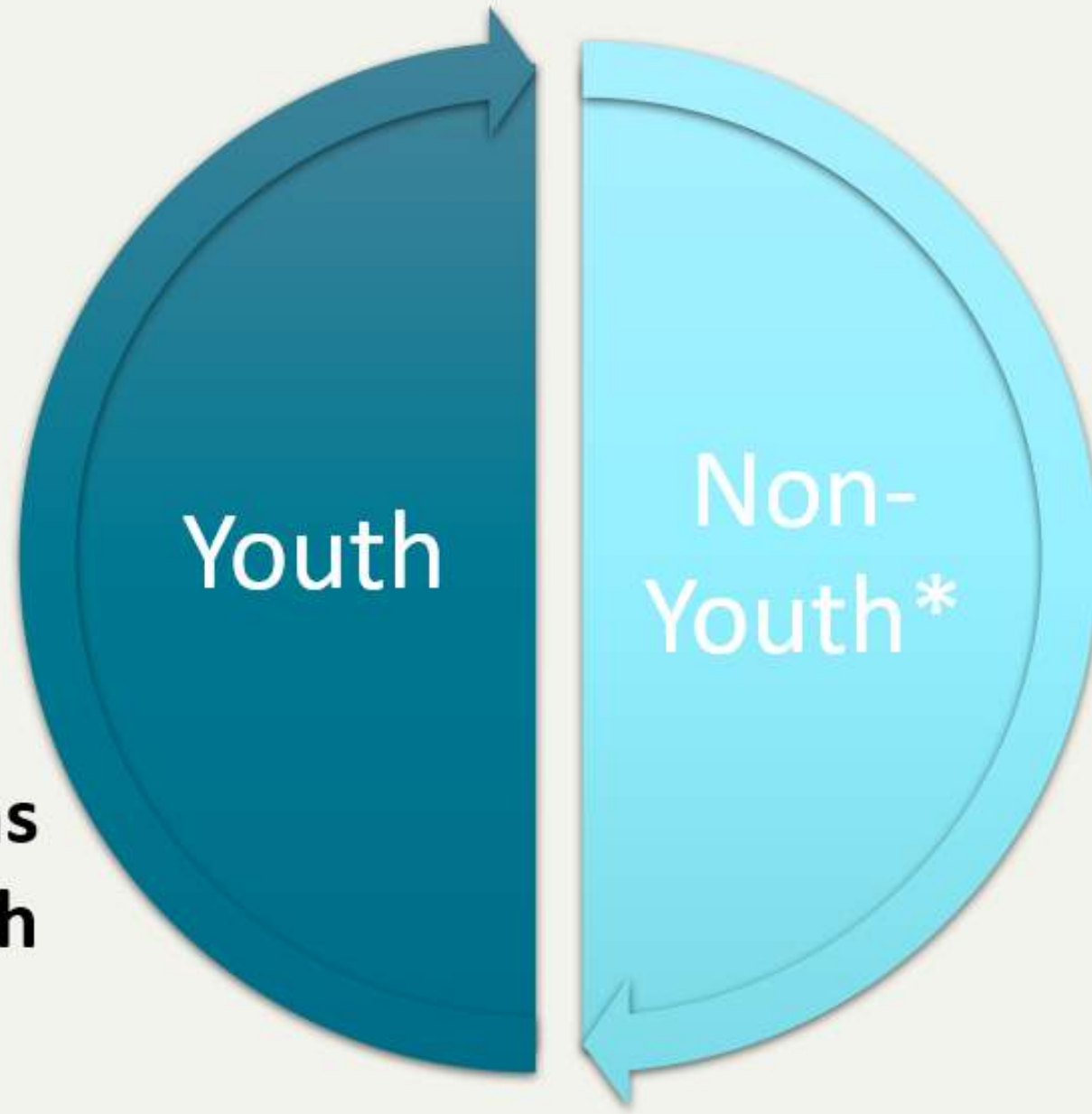
# Centrality of Agency vis a vis Collective Meaning



The positions and perspectives on how to craft the water and climate agenda will be put to light. The emphasis of characteristics that the YDPA must champion, the components it should represent, and the positions it should strike balance. In here, discourses on the challenges of intergenerational partnership will be put to perspectives.



## Misconceptions about the youth



*\*Non-youth refers to individuals 36 years old and above and excludes children in the dichotomy.*



Difficult to engage.

They demand more than they work.

They tend to disconnect from the bigger picture.

## Misconceptions about the youth

Youth

*\*Non-youth refers to individuals 36 years old and above*

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“Youth that is responsive,  
more than being reactive”

Demands to  
concrete action

An action plan  
anchored on  
empirical data

Science  
Communication

Intricacies of  
actions  
(Dynamics of  
Social Science)



## WATER ACTION DECADE

SECOND HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
 DECADE FOR ACTION "WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT", 2018-2028  
 6-9 June 2022, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

### FINAL DECLARATION From Dushanbe 2022 to New York 2023

*We, the Heads of Delegation, high-level representatives of the states, organizations, major groups and other stakeholders having met in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 6 to 9 June 2022, contributing to the Dushanbe Water Process in our different roles and responsibilities,*

*Reaffirming our commitment to pursue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)<sup>1</sup> and the vital role of water in achieving all SDGs,*

*Recognizing water as essential for resilient and sustainable development, the eradication of poverty and hunger, health, combating desertification and biodiversity loss and to promote a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable, resilient, equitable, peaceful and inclusive future, as we navigate the present and aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, including for the empowerment of women and indigenous peoples and the prosperity of children and youth, as well as for persons with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations,*

*Acknowledging that water, sanitation, health, ecosystems, ocean, energy, food systems and nutrition are interlinked and that the rising trend of losses caused by water-related disasters, such as droughts, floods, cyclones, flash floods, coastal surge, sea level rise, salinity intrusion, mudslides and avalanches, including from changing climate patterns and extreme weather events, must be reversed, paying particular attention to people in vulnerable situations;*

*Emphasizing that climate change affects the world's water in complex ways (including through water scarcity), and noting the Water and Climate Coalition Leaders' call recognizing the role of water for informed decisionmaking in climate change mitigation and adaptation action<sup>2</sup>, as well as the Action Plan on Hydrology, adopted by the WMO, and the Ninth Phase of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Program of UNESCO "Science for a WaterSecure World in a Changing Environment";*

*Recognizing the United Nations General Assembly Resolution proclaiming the period from 2018 to 2028 as the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", the Resolutions specifying the process for the mid-term comprehensive review of the Decade and describing modalities and expectations of the United Nations Conference on the Mid-Term Review of the Water Action Decade in March 2023 (either the UN 2023 Water Conference) and the Resolution proclaiming the period from 2020 to 2030 as the International Decade for Action to deliver the Global Goals;<sup>3</sup>*

*Emphasizing that the Second Dushanbe Water Decade Conference supports the effective preparation of the UN 2023 Water Conference co-hosted by the Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands to be held in New York;*

*Noting the outcomes of the First Dushanbe Water Decade Conference in 2018, the President of the General Assembly's High-Level Meeting, the High-Level Political Forum, the Bonn Water Dialogues for Results, the 4<sup>th</sup>*

*We support and encourage the participation of young people to play an important role in the UN 2023 Water Conference and further note with interest the development of a "Water and Climate Youth Development Plan and Agenda";*

# Dushanbe Water Process Final Declaration

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015

<sup>2</sup> Leaders for Integrated Water and Climate Action, [www.water-climate-union.org](http://www.water-climate-union.org)

<sup>3</sup> #WaterDecade 74/212 of 21 December 2019, 75/212 of 20 December 2019 and 75/212 of 29 December 2020.

# Key Milestones


High Level Political Forum

New York, USA



 **EarthX Global Youth Summit**  
Dallas, Texas, USA



 **Dushanbe Water Process**  
Dushanbe, Tajikistan



**RCOY APAC**  
Leyte, Philippines



**World Water Week**

3/30/2023 1:02:51 Stockholm, Sweden



**UNGA 77**

New York, USA



**One Young World 2022**

Manchester, UK





## WMO HydroHub Youth Symposium

Geneva, Switzerland



## 27<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Conference


Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

3/30/2023



## African Youth Climate Hub Event

Rabat, Morocco



## Chorus of Action: As a Framework of Intergenerational Partnership

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The emerging framework that surfaces from the 14 months of partnership dynamics will be surfaced. The framework will be positional with a conceptual perspective of necessary actions, and key roles that must be ushered to ensure a successful intergenerational partnership.



Awareness

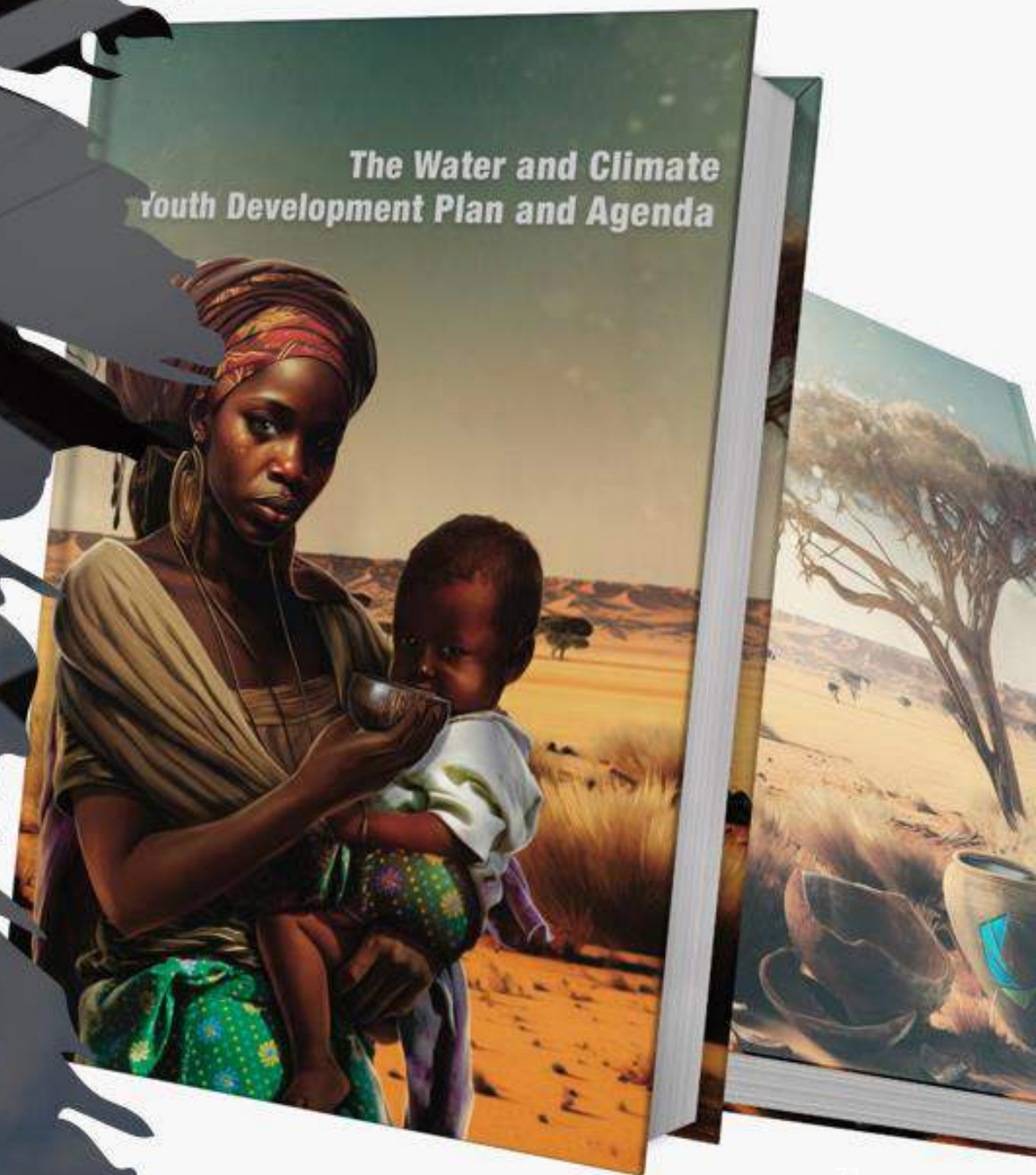
Participation

Empowered  
Action

Leadership



# The YDPA as a reflection of Intergenerational Partnership



Leadership

Empowered Action

Participation

Awareness



## 1. Youth Representation

Secure 30% of representation from people under 30 by 2030 (30, 30, 30) across multiple levels of decision-making and action

### Led by decision-makers and non-youth organisations

#### 3. Governance and Management

Strengthen multi stakeholder, cross sectoral, and equitable processes in water governance and management

#### 4. Capacity Development

Increase awareness and local capacity to address water and climate challenges

#### 5. Data-knowledge Generation and Innovation

Create an enabling environment for data generation, knowledge sharing and innovation

### Led by young people and youth organisations

#### 6. Influence and Advocacy

Empower youth to become agents of change through influence and advocacy

#### 7. Direct Action

Accelerate and support youth led direct action in water and climate

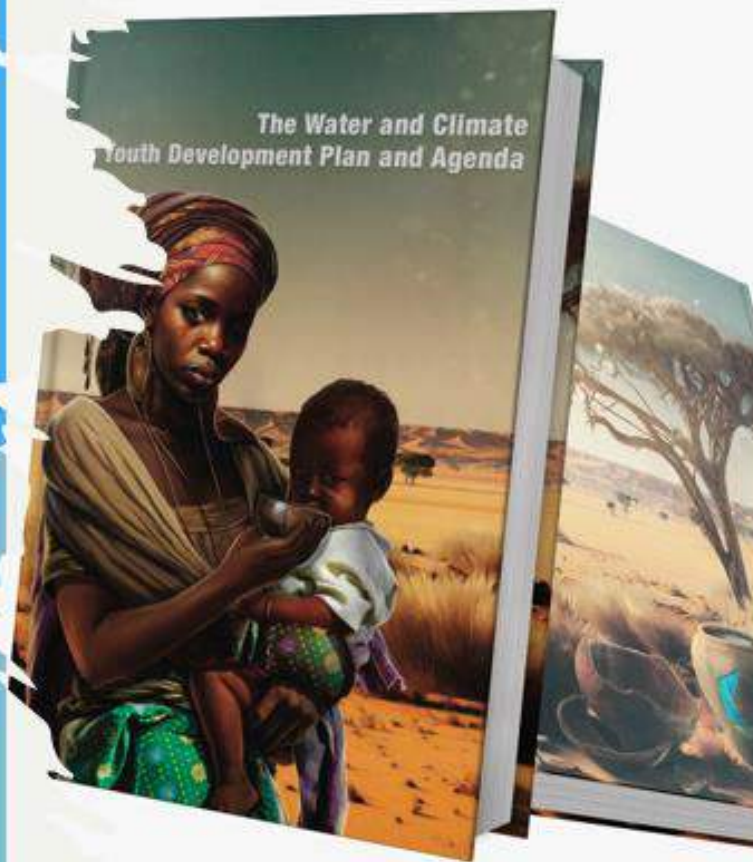
#### 8. Networking and Partnership

Foster collaboration among youth networks and with other non-youth stakeholders



## 2. Finance and Financing

Mobilize public and private finance for water and climate action, and allocate sufficient resources for ensuring youth participation and representation, as well as YDPA implementation and monitoring



Youth

Non-Youth\*

2023

UN Water Conference 2023

2024

2025

Goal 4: Create an enabling environment for data generation, knowledge sharing and innovation.

2026

2027

Goal 2: Mobilize public and private finance for water and climate action, and allocate sufficient resources for ensuring youth participation and representation, as well as YDPA.

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2028

2029

2030

Goal 1: Secure 30% of representation of youth by 2030 (30,30,30) across multiple levels of decision-making and action.



A LIVEABLE PLANET FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

## Tiers of Youth Empowerment

### AWARENESS

Young people are aware of water and climate issues.

### PARTICIPATION

Young people participate in some form of water and climate action.

### EMPOWERED ACTION

Young people actively and independently engage in water and climate action.

### LEADERSHIP

Young people serve as or transition to become role models, who mobilize others to collectively resolve the water and climate crisis.

7000

Members

140+

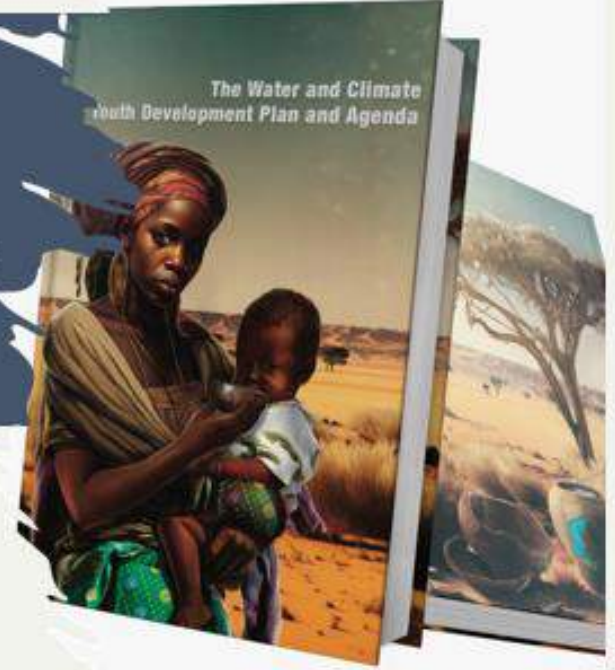
Countries

70

National  
Focal Points

2

Publications:  
IAHR & T20



Adoption of youth-proposed/related commitments under the YDPA

Institutionalizing a secretariat

Establishing water and climate youth support fund

Conducting biennial, multisectoral, and intergenerational conferences



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## Wrap-up

Thank you for joining us for today's session.

We have heard meaningful insights today that are important tools to ensure an informed, equitable, and sustainable water governance.

To our fellow youth, senior leaders, and all stakeholders, let's strengthen our collective ambition through intergenerational partnerships, and amplify local actions for sustained global impact.