



**World Youth
Parliament
for Water**

2021 General Assembly

March 22nd - March 26th

Speakers, Facilitators and Organizing committee



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**9th WORLD WATER
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Opening Ceremony

March 22th - 15:30 GMT



Abdoulaye Sene

Co-President of the International steering committee
9th World Water Forum

Abdoulaye Sene is the Co-President of the International steering committee, and an African pioneer and leader on environment assessment. He is a sociologist, lecturer, and consultant. He has been involved in several environmental and social assessments and management (ESAM) projects development in Central and West Africa.



Simon Zbinden

Head of Global Programme Water
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Simon Zbinden has been working at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for more than 5 years, holding various positions. He is currently the Head of Global Program Water. Simon has a master's degree in Economic Resources from Cornell University.



Dr. Canisius Kanangire

Executive Secretary
The African Ministers' Council of Water (AMCOW)

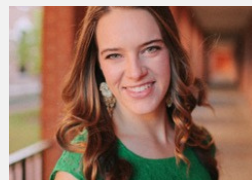
Before joining the African Minister's Council of Water (AMCOW) Secretariat in Abuja, Dr. Kanangire was the Executive Secretary of Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), an inter-governmental institution under East African Community (EAC) mandated to promote sustainable development and poverty eradication in the Lake Victoria Basin.



Sarah Dousse

Executive Director
International Secretary for Water (ISW)

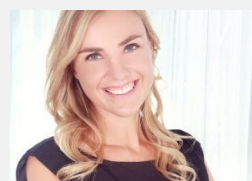
Sarah Dousse is a socioeconomist by training with a solid understanding of international development, particularly in the water and sanitation sector. Her natural curiosity and desire for a challenge led her to work and study abroad. She has worked for local NGOs and for the water division of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).



Lindsey Aldaco-Manner

President (2018-2021)
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Mina Guli

CEO
Thirst

The founder and CEO of Thirst, Mina Guli is a global leader, entrepreneur and adventurer committed to making a difference in the world. Following a 15-year career in climate change, Mina established Thirst – a non-profit changing the way we think about water.

Moderators



Kareem Hassan

Executive Director

United Nations ESCWA Technology Centre

Kareem is a researcher/entrepreneur in the field of sustainable development for the MENA region. He is currently working on building a knowledge hub for Arabian Technologies, building regional capacities, and implementing transformative technological projects.



Elysa Vaillancourt

Youth Project manager

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

Elysa focuses her work on mobilizing and empowering youth in the water sector. She works closely with several youth organizations and young leaders across the globe who are implementing inspiring initiatives in their communities.

Closing Ceremony

March 26th - 16:00 GMT



Thierry Vatin

General director

Water agency of Artois Picardie

Mr. Thierry Vatin is an architect and a state urbanist appointed General Director of the Artois-Picardie Water Agency. He has built part of his professional career in several Departmental Equipment Directorates.

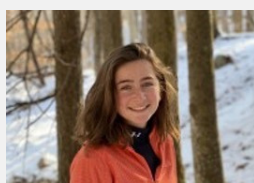


Kasha Sequoia Slavner

Film director

Closing ceremony

Kasha Sequoia Slavner is a Gen-Z, multi-award-winning first-time documentary filmmaker who comes to the profession as a seasoned photographer, entrepreneur and social justice advocate for over a decade.



Carolina Tornesi MacKinnon

Incoming president (2021-2024)

World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)

Carolina graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in May 2019. She was involved in research regarding the sanitization of water using photochemical reactions and in helping design and implement drinking water systems in schools in the Dominican Republic. Since, Carolina has been working at Xylem, a water technology company.

Moderators

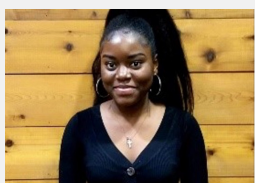


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Danielle Kamtié

Incoming Vice President (2021-2024)

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Danielle holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences, with a specialization in international development and she is pursuing a master's degree in the management of humanitarian action and the international development.

Session – Youth commit to water and peace

March 23th - 12:30 GMT



Natasha Carmi

Lead Water Specialist

Geneva Water Hub

Natasha Carmi is an engineer by education and holds a master's degree in Hydrology for Environmental Management. She joined the Geneva Water Hub in March 2018 and contributes to the establishment of the Global Water Observatory on Water and Peace, as well as the development of the women, water, and peace agenda.



François Münger

General Director

Geneva Water Hub

François Münger holds master's degrees in mineralogy and geophysics (Univ. of Lausanne), hydrology (Univ. of Neuchâtel), and environmental engineering (EPFL). After heading SDC's Global Water Program for the past eight years, François was awarded the title of Swiss Special Envoy for Water and given responsibility for the creation and development of the Geneva Water Hub.



Dr. Danilo Türk

Former President of Slovenia

Danilo Türk is the former President of Slovenia. He was elected by popular vote as the third President of Slovenia for the term 2007-2012. Prior to his term as President, Danilo Türk was a professor of international law, an expert on human rights, a diplomat and United Nations' Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

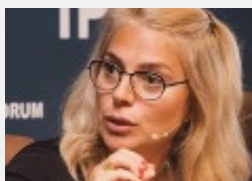


Dinara Ziganshina

Deputy Director

Scientific Information Center of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia

Dinara Ziganshina is a deputy director at the Scientific Information Centre of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (SIC ICWC) in Central Asia. Within SIC ICWC she is responsible for legal and international affairs and supervises departments of planning, international relations and capacity building.



Lena Salame

Lawyer & Conflict management specialist

Geneva Water Hub

Lena is a lawyer in international public law, specialized in conflict mitigation. She is also a professional mediator, negotiator and dialogue facilitator. For 17 years, she managed UNESCO's programme on water cooperation. She now is involved in a variety of projects related to transboundary waters, international law, ethics and conflict mitigation.



Mara Tignino

Lead Legal Specialist

Geneva Water Hub

Dr Tignino is a reader at the Faculty of Law and Coordinator of the Platform for International Water Law. She holds a PhD in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva and has been a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University School of Law in Washington DC.

**Hasmik Barseghyan**

President

[European Youth Parliament for Water \(EYPW\)](#)

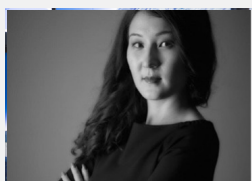
Since her election as president of the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) in November 2019, she has committed to supporting young water leaders to pursue their concrete local actions by reinforcing their capacities and mobilizing the network of future environmental leaders for common water issues at the European scale and beyond.

**Andrés Felipe Sánchez Peña**

Manager (Specialist), Water Program

[Organización de los Estados Americanos](#)

Andrés is a proactive and result-oriented economist with a focus on water management, with more than 10 years of experience in projects portfolio management, development and monitoring of green finances initiatives. He is familiar with multilateral agencies, policies and procedures, knowledge management and partnership for development.

**Zhaniya Khaibullina**

National coordinator

[Central Asia Youth 4 Water](#)

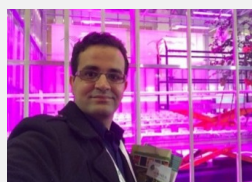
Zhaniya is a young water professional and National Coordinator for Kazakhstan for the Central Asia Youth 4 Water.

**Rabi H. Mohtar**

Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences

[American University of Texas A&M](#)

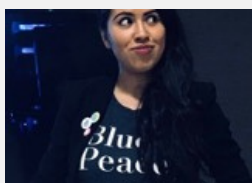
At Texas A&M, Mohtar founded and led the Water-Energy-Food Nexus Initiative and serves as an Advisor to the Energy Institute. He was the founding executive director of the Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI), Qatar Foundation and the inaugural director of Purdue Global Engineering Programs.

**Ahmed Alboraey**

Member

[World Youth Parliament for Water \(WYPW\)](#)

Ahmed Alboraey graduated from The Islamic University of Gaza in 2015 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biotechnology and with Professional Diploma in Entrepreneurship and Business Applications in 2017, he worked at the ministry of agriculture and as a teacher assistant at the Islamic University of Gaza.

**Joyce Najm Mendez**

Youth Climate Ambassador of the Center

[United Nations Constitutional Research \(CUNCR\)](#)

Joyce is a MSc student in Sustainability and Adaptation Planning at the Centre of Alternative Technologies UK. She is co-founder of the Youth Network for Water – Paraguay and a member of the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW). She is also part of the Blue Peace Initiative, promoting water transboundary cooperation, and of the Climate Reality Project Brazil.

Session - Communications for Development

March 23th - 12:30 GMT



Jergus Semko

Communications Officer
Global Water Partnership CEE

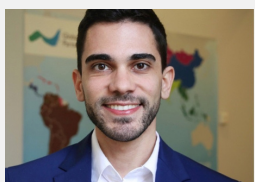
Jergus is a marketing specialist with a master's degree in Marketing Communications who worked within big and small companies. Technology enthusiast he introduced the first Slovak satellite skCube to public & received Android Basics Nanodegree by Google. He also led a MarCom department in a global technological company.



Monika Ericson

Senior Communications Specialist
Global Water Partnership (GWP)

Monika is a communications professional with content development and strategic planning responsibilities within GWP. Over the years, she developed an in-depth knowledge of strategic communication principles and methods and a proven record of accomplishments in most fields within communication.



Patricio Guillermo

Communications Assistant
Global Water Partnership

With over 7 years of experience in sustainability-focused communications, backed by a Diploma in Social Media and Digital Communications, Patricio has developed the precise skillset required to build awareness and advance the missions of environmentally focused non-profits.



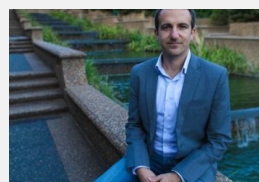
Helene Masliah-Gilkarov

International Communications & Project Management
International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

Helene is part of the team at ICPDR as the resource person for International Communications & Project Management.

Session - Global Water Governance

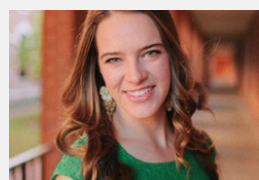
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Josh Newton, PhD

Independent consultant on global water political processes, governance and stakeholder engagement

For over 15 years, Dr. Josh Newton has passionately followed his interest, in all things water, becoming an accomplished professional and recognized thought leader in global water political processes, governance and stakeholder engagement.



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Session - The Power of Young Women

March 23th - 15:30 GMT



Brianna Huber

Founder & Executive Director
[Her2O](#)

Brianna is Founder & Executive Director of Her2O™, an international 501c3 envisioning women equitably involved in water management in every corner of the globe. She is also the Director of a municipal water utility. She holds a BA in biology, MS in Health Science and is pursuing an MBA.



Ratidzaishe Tracy Mupinga

African Regional Ambassador
[Water Science Policy](#)

Ratidzaishe is a Zimbabwean Chemical Engineer working as the Africa Regional Ambassador for Water Science Policy. She is also studying for a master's in engineering based in South Africa focusing on Faecal sludge management and sanitation.



Dwinita Wulandini

Program Manager
[Water.org](#)

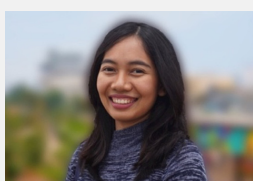
Dwinita previously worked in banking. She became interested in the water sector while doing her graduate studies in Indonesia. She is currently the Program Manager for Urban Water Utilities at Water.org Indonesia, where she expands partner organizations' capacity and develops affordable financing schemes to improve access to safe water.



Sara Gamaleldin

Water and Wastewater Engineer
[Greeley and Hansen](#)

Sara has 12 years experience as a professional engineer in the field of water and wastewater consulting. She is currently employed by Greeley and Hansen. She is a very active volunteer with the ISAWWA, where she has just taken over as Chair of the Women in Water Committee.



Seshana Aviananda

Program Manager
[Water.org](#)

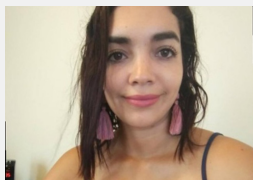
An Indonesian environmental enthusiast, currently working in the development area of water, sanitation, and microfinance. Having graduated as an environmental engineer she was exposed to a lot of world challenges. Intrigued with the mother nature, Seshana loves to do outdoor activities in her free time.



Sovattha Neou

Executive Director
[WaterSHED Cambodia](#)

Sovattha has two children, and her background is in agriculture. She has worked in youth empowerment, strategic thinking & organizational development for 20 years. She is also a yoga practitioner. Her passion is creating platforms where youth learn from the experiences of adults and don't make the same mistakes.

**Marion Chuquiyure**

Administrative assistant

[Water.org](#)

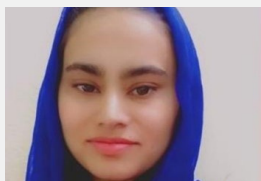
Marion is a Peruvian Business Administrator specializing in Human Resources. She is the Administrative Assistant and Grant Management Specialist for Latin America at Water.org. She is a dog and cat lover, and enjoys traveling, cooking and spending time with her family. She considers herself a persistent, honest and straightforward person.

**Liudmyla Odud**

Leading engineer in sector of geoinformatical system “Rivne” service

[Rivne regional water supply company](#)

Liudmyla holds a Ph.D. in water supply and sewerage. She works as Leading Engineer in geoinformatic systems at Rivne Regional Water Supply Company (Ukraine). She is involved in the International Water Association, International Water Resources Association, and World Youth Parliament for Water.

**Nuzhat Bashir**

General Secretary

[Pakistan Youth Parliament for Water \(PYPW\)](#)

Mrs. Nuzhat Wasif Bashir Babar is a passionate & dedicated young WASH professional. She is an Advocate of Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM), ensuring gender equality, improving health, education, economy, respect, privacy, dignity, and prosperity of women universally. She is the General Secretary of Pakistan Youth Parliament for Water (PYPW).

**Sara Sanchez Lopez**

Head of International Relations

[Young Water Professionals of Spain](#)

Sara is a Forestry Engineer, holding a master's degree in environmental water management. Most of her experience focuses on WASH development projects. She is a member of the Women in Water & Sanitation Network and Head of International Relations of Young Water Professionals of Spain.

Session - Focus America

March 23th - 18:30 GMT



Vladimir Arana

Program Coordinator for the Americas
International Secretary for Water

Vladimir is the program officer for the Americas, and he has held key positions such as senior advisor to the Latin American Development Bank in the field of water and infrastructure; senior advisor at CARE; advisor to the deputy minister of the environment of Peru and general director of the environment.



Russell Huaman

President
Pachapaq for the Earth Association

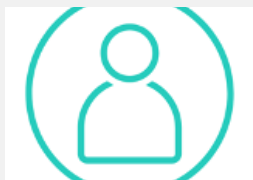
Russel is graduated from the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the National University Federico Villarreal. He is an architect and a cultural manager. Russel has experience in the management of infrastructure and urban development projects in the public and private sphere in Latin America. He now is the President of Pachapak for the Earth Association



Maegan Mitchell

Environmental specialist
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Maegan Mitchell acts as an environmental specialist within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.



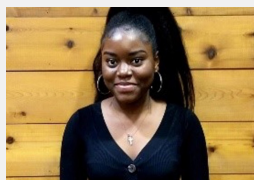
Norma Cuba

Major of the Choccoro town in the Andes of Peru

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Session - How to get involved in WYPW

March 23th - 18:30 GMT & March 24th - 15:30 GMT



Danielle Kamtié

Communications and youth intern
International Secretary for Water

Danielle holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, with a concentration in International Development. She is currently an intern in communication and preparation for the PMJE General Assembly. During her studies, Danielle was involved with several extracurricular associations, which gave her experience working with young people around the world.



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Session – Water and Sanitation Services for Sustainable Development in Africa

March 24th - 12:30 GMT



Emmanuel Chimezie Uguru

Africa Sanitation Monitoring Support Officer

The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)

Emmanuel C. Uguru works with the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) as a monitoring, evaluation and learning support officer, as well as the youth focal person of the institution. Emmanuel holds a master's degree in Computer Science with a specialization in Information Technology and Security from College de Paris France.



Dr. Paul Orengoh

Director of Programs

African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)

He plays a critical role in setting and executing Africa's water and sanitation sector agenda as the technical figurehead within the African Union framework which recognizes AMCOW as the continent's premier water and sanitation body under the Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment.

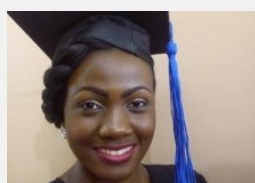


Mrs. Comfort Kanshio

African Sanitation Policy Guidelines (ASPG) Support Officer

African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)

Mrs. Kanshio has been involved in several research types around water quality and sanitation issues. Amongst others, she was involved in community visits to raise awareness for increased investment in Water Sanitation and Hygiene and currently supporting the development of sanitation guidelines for developing national policies in Africa.



Ms. Margaret Kironde

Water policy analyst and environmentalist intern

Water Institute in Tanzania.

Ms. Kironde is currently an intern at the Water Institute in Tanzania. Previously, she has served as a Program Coordinator at Young Women's Christian Association of Tanzania (YWCA), ensuring that women, youth, and girl's rights and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership.

Session - Workshop on the Blue Peace Index

March 24th - 12:30 GMT



Nataliya Chemaveva

Head of Information Department

Scientific Information Centre

Nataliya Chemaveva is a recent graduate of the MSc in Water Cooperation and Diplomacy (2020). Since 2018 she has been an active member of the World Youth Parliament for Water and stands at the core of the regional youth-led initiative, Watercafé.



Botagoz Sharipova

PhD fellow

IHE Delft Institute for Water Education

Ms. Bota Sharipova is from Kazakhstan and since 2011 she has been involved in a wide range of the water-related transboundary projects in the Aral Sea Basin. Currently she works as Junior expert on Central Asia for the International Secretariat for Water (ISW) and as Consultant on water education in Central Asia for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.



Stéphanie Piers de Raveschoot

Programme Manager, Global Programme Water

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Stéphanie has a Master of Environmental Sciences and of International Project Management. She has been working within the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for the past 6 years. She is now the Programme Manager – Global Programme Water.

Session - Mobilizing youth voices for the 9th World Water Forum

March 24th - 15:30 GMT



Fatimatou Sall

Young water professional

9th World Water Forum

Dr. Fatimatou SALL, is a young water professional and the president of the “Association of Young Water and Sanitation Professionals of Senegal”. The dominant theme of her mandate is the assertion of youth leadership in the governance of the water and sanitation sector. She is currently working for the 9th WWF organization committee.

Session - Youth perspectives from the MENA region

March 25th - 11:00 GMT



Adil Jouamaa

Africa Focal Point (2021-2023)

World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)

Adil Jouamaa is an environmentalist. He is highly motivated and passionate about coast and Landscape management. He is an experienced geometrician who is fully knowledgeable in the ways to ascertain spaces. This includes measurement of land, water and air space that can be used in engineering, Geosciences, construction, mining, and other projects.



Redoine Khlifate

Founder and Director

Mediterranean forum for SDG

Prof. Khlifate is the founder and organizer of "The Mediterranean Forum of Tetouan for SDGs" and winner of the INTERSTELLAR International Award as Best Global Community Lead.

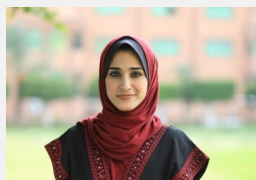


Maya Atieh

President and Water Resources Engineer PhD

Lebanese Youth Parliament for Water (LYPW)

Dr. Atieh is the President of the Lebanese Youth Parliament for Water (LYPW) that was initiated in 2019. She is also a member of the youth committee at the Ibrahim Abd ElAI foundation aiming at raising awareness regarding the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Lian Al-Dahshan

Save Youth Future Society (Environmental Unit) SYFS

Graduated from the college of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Palestine, coordinator of the Public Health Department at the Environmental Unit, Lian worked in the field of nutritional health education for four years. Facilitator for dialogue sessions and electronic summits with the Association to Save the Youth Future, Lian is also author of an article related to the International Day of Zero Emissions and its relationship to sustainable nutrition under the auspices of the Palestinian Climate Group.



Giuseppe Scandone

Mediterranean Youth for Water Network

Giuseppe is a freelance environmental consultant and secretary at QG Enviro, an organization working for environmental awareness and youth empowerment in South Italy. Since 2018, he has been part of the ChangemakerXchange, a program for social innovators co-created by Ashoka and the Robert Bosch Stiftung foundation. He joined MedYWat in 2019, with the 3rd Water Heroes contest.



Fatine Ezbakhe

Mediterranean Youth for Water Network

Fatine is a scientific officer at the Geneva Water Hub/University of Geneva, working on research and education projects related to hydropolitics and water governance. Before, she worked in the field of water and environmental data analysis, with an emphasis on the development of policy tools to support decision making under uncertainty. She holds a PhD in Civil Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Catalunya (UPC) in Barcelona (Spain).

Session - Focus Asia: challenges of involving the stakeholders in water-related questions

March 25th - 11:00 GMT

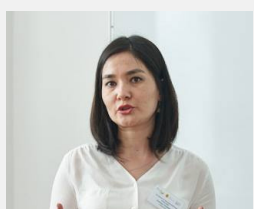


Cholpon Aitakhunova

COY 16 Glasgow Country Coordinator for Kyrgyzstan

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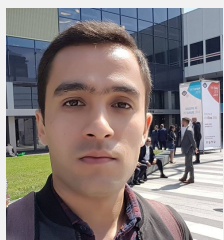
Cholpon Aitakhunova attended American University in Central Asia (AUCA) from 2007-2011, and the OSCE Academy in Bishkek from 2011-2012 where she got her degrees in European Studies (BA) and Politics and Security (MA), respectively. Currently, Cholpon Aitakhunova is a regional co-coordinator of the "Central Asian Youth for Water" (CAY4W) Network.



Ms Shohida Tulieva

Syr-Darya Basin Women Forum of Tajikistan

Ms. Tulieva is a Project Officer on "Water Use Efficiency" and the National Coordinator for "Gender and Social Equality" in the National Project on "Water Resources Management in Tajikistan", Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation in Tajikistan. The last 10 years of her experience were focused on the field of water resources management using IWRM principles, as well as gender mainstreaming in IWRM.



Mr Umidkhon Uzbekov,

CAY4W, TIIAME, Uzbekistan

Mr Umidkhon Uzbekov graduated with a double master's degree in Environmental Science from Wageningen University, the Netherlands and Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIIAME), Uzbekistan. Currently, he is employed as an assistant professor at TIIAME, and he is the national coordinator of the Central Asia Youth for Water (CAY4W) network for Uzbekistan.



Olivier Normand

Program Coordinator for Central Asia

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

Olivier Normand is responsible for the ISW's Central Asia programs, in particular in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. He holds a law degree from the University Paris II Assas and a diploma from the Institute of Political Studies of Paris in political science, economics and sociology. Throughout his career, Olivier has managed development projects around the world. Since 1996 he has mainly worked in Central Asia.



Lyazzat Syrlybayeva

Regional coordinator

Central Asia Youth for Water (CAY4W) Network

Lyazzat Syrlybayeva graduated with a double master's degree in natural resources management from the University of Padova, Italy and the University of Lisbon, Portugal. She specialized in water ecosystem services inclusion in forest management planning.

Session – Global Water Quality Challenge

March 25th - 15:30 GMT



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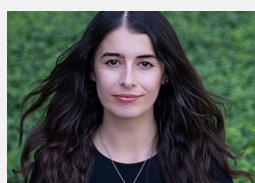


Andreas Steiner

[Programme Officer Global Programme Water](#)

[Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation](#)

Andreas has a Master of Sciences in Water and Environmental Management. He has been working at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for over 10 years holding different positions related to the water sector. He is the Program Officer of Global Programme Water for over 6 years.



Ioana Dobrescu

[Programme Officer](#)

[Wetskills foundation](#)

Ioana Dobrescu is approaching a decade of experience in the international water sector. Originally from Romania, she obtained her BSc degree in Environmental Sciences in Cluj-Napoca and her MSc in Nature Conservation from Wageningen University in the Netherlands. She has held various adviser and project manager positions.

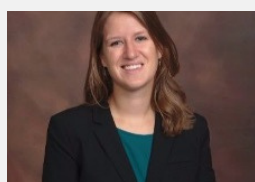


Fiseha Bekele

[Lecturer and researcher](#)

[Hawassa University, Ethiopia](#)

Fiseha Bekele is a postgraduate student at Pan African University.



Alyssa Offutt

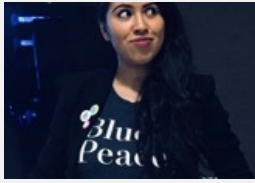
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[Youth for the Rhine pilot project](#)

Alyssa Offutt is a professional engineer and multidisciplinary consultant at the IHE Delft Institute of Water Education. She supports the Water, Peace and Security consortium that is developing tools and analyses, capacity development, and dialogue to foster preventative action for water-related conflicts. Alyssa supports projects in Mali and Iraq, and her work often addresses water stress related to climate change.

Session – Young perspectives on building public-private partnerships

March 25th - 15:30 GMT



Joyce Najm Mendez

Youth Climate Ambassador of the Center
United Nations Constitutional Research (CUNCR)

Joyce is a MSc student in Sustainability and Adaptation Planning at the Centre of Alternative Technologies UK. She is co-founder of the Youth Network for Water – Paraguay and a member of the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW). She is also part of the Blue Peace Initiative, promoting water transboundary cooperation, and of the Climate Reality Project Brazil.



Anna Huber

Specialist, Water and Environmental Resilience
World Economic Forum (WEF)

Anna Huber's (MA, '18) greatest passion is water. She is now working for the Global Water Initiative of the World Economic Forum. Anna's passion was sparked at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom during her undergraduate studies.



Rodrigo Ramirez

Member
Youth Network for Water - Paraguay

Young leaders and active member of Youth Network for Water – Paraguay



Freeman Elohor Oluowo

Founder and Centre Coordinator
African Centre for Climate Actions and Rural Development (ACCARD)

Freeman is a civil society youth representative working on climate change and development with Climate Investment Funds. He is coordinating both Governmental, institutional and international efforts in integration of climate change knowledge in water resource management. He is a serving Ambassador with the United Nations being nominated and recognized as one of the Most Influential Persons of Africa Descent (MIPAD) in 2020 under the United Nations Decade of Influential People of African Descent.

Session - On the road to COP26: Water and Climate

March 25th - 17:00 GMT



Luciana Raquel Verástegui Moncada

Contact Point and Coordinator

[YOUNGO International Ocean's Voice WG](#)

Luciana Verástegui is the Contact Point and Coordinator of Ocean's Voice working group which currently works with the aim of raising the profile of actions in oceanic regions within the considerations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.



Emma Grave Wilkinson

Coordinator

[Global Choices' Arctic Angels](#)

Emma Grace Wilkinson is the coordinator of Global Choices' Arctic Angels: a youth-led, intergenerational action network. From Greenland to Uganda, the Arctic Angels are mobilizing to protect our Global Commons from wilful harm, with an immediate focus on the unprecedented loss of the Arctic sea ice.



Marie-Claire Graf

[YOUNGO Focal Point](#)

[UNFCCC](#)

Marie-Claire Graf is a youth advocate, change-maker and public speaker for a just transition towards sustainable development and ambitious climate action. She was initiating and is leading several associations and movements such as Sustainability Week International or Youth Constituency YOUNGO of UN Climate Change.



Beth Doherty

[Arctic Angel](#)

[Global Choices](#)

Beth Doherty is a 17-year-old Arctic Angel with Global Choices from Dublin, Ireland. She has been involved with the climate movement since 2019, organising nationally and internationally. She has been involved with organising climate strikes, climate litigation, and furthering the presence of climate justice within education

Session - Valuing Low Tech Sanitation in the Americas

March 25th - 17:00 GMT



Kelsey McWilliams

Founder & Managing Director
Point of Shift

Kelsey focuses on connecting innovations and building narratives to create a more circular, efficient and equitable society. Kelsey works to implement circular sanitation solutions, promoting human waste as a renewable resource and a key component to healthy soils. She is currently running her own consultancy, Point of Shift, designing sanitation systems, developing online tools and conducting market landscapes.



Kimberly Worsham

Founder and Principal
FLUSH

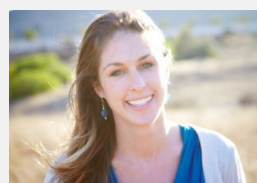
In my global career as a hybrid professional, I have combined my business acumen, personable professional demeanour, and industry-specific expertise to support or lead programs and initiatives for governments, companies, and NGOs in over a dozen countries. I currently focus on WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), environmental resource management, and global public health.



Jasmine Burton

Founder + CEO
Wish for Wash

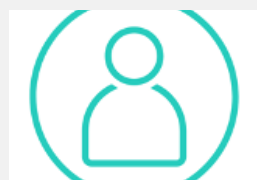
As the founder of Wish for WASH, which seeks to bring innovation to sanitation and hygiene with a gender equity lens, Jasmine has led iterative toilet innovation pilots and research across sub-Saharan Africa and in Atlanta-based resettled refugee communities.



Julie Waechter

Chief Program Officer
DIGDEEP Water

Experienced and passionate leader working to improve water access in vulnerable communities. Skilled in Community Development, Management, and Training/Facilitation. Strong community and social services professional with a Master's Degree focused in International Relations from American University.



Paulo Shinji

Activist, Founder and Board Member
GRITO

Paulo Shinji is an activist, founder and board member of the GRITO initiative.

Session – Water Innovation from Space

March 26th - 14:00 GMT



Shanna McClain

Global Partnerships Manager and Resilience Advisor
NASA, Earth Sciences Division

Dr. Shanna N. McClain serves a dual role as Manager of the Earth Sciences Division Global Partnerships, while also advising the Applied Sciences Program on risk reduction & resilience. Her work involves defining NASA's role in resilience through the development of EO-focused approaches in fragile and crisis-affected areas, and to identify strategic partnerships that can improve linkages between science and policy.



Amber Jenkins, PhD

WWAO Information Architectures Lead, Water Resources
NASA

Amber is passionate about the power of science and technology to change the world. Her interests include creating impactful science programs, compelling storytelling and effective science-based policy, with a view to addressing our climate crisis. She launched NASA's Climate Change website, which garners 40 million views a year, is featured in op-eds, major media outlets and on TV, and has won multiple Webby Awards including for Best Science Site.



Iliana Mladenova, PhD

Crop Assessment Specialist
USDA FAS-IPAD

Dr. Mladenova is currently a Crop Assessment Specialist at USDA FAS-IPAD. Previously, she was the lead science PI of a project that aims at enhancing the USDA Global Crop Forecasting system using hydrologic modelling and large-scale satellite data sets. Dr. Mladenova worked previously as an Assistant Research Scientists at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Session – A story of impact: how youth are taking action worldwide

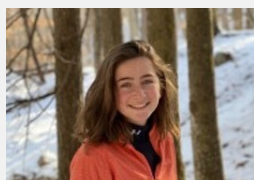
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Amrita Gautam

Project Leader
Drink Pani

Amrita is a Ph.D. Candidate in the final phase of her research work about “Water Supply and Quality Monitoring via emerging technologies”. As a result, She founded a research initiative - “drinkPani” together with her core research interns. Amrita was also awarded with ‘Women with Vision 2018’ in a category ‘Academician of the Year’ and received Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) Scholarship Award 2019.



Carolina Tornesi MacKinnon

Incoming president (2021-2024)
World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)

Carolina is a young water advocate. She has newly been elected as the President of the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW). Carolina is also an Engineering Leadership Development Program member at Xylem Inc.

**Michael Agbo**

Project beneficiary

Ghana Youth Environmental Movement (GYEM)

Michael Agbo is a youth from the community of Treba who is a beneficiary of the project KY3NSU in Ghana. He is a student in high school.

**Sahil Giri**

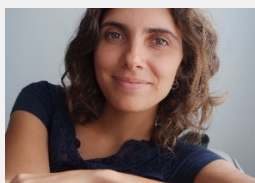
Volunteer

Drink Pani

I'm Sahil Giri a Young Water Volunteer-YWV of Janapriya DrinkPani Club from Nepal. Currently, I completed my Intermediate level (in Civil Engineering Faculty). I am generally interested in travelling, helping the community and expressing myself/ speaking up my mind in mass which eventually led me to active in DrinkPani, including my passion for digital communication for resources management. As a YWV, the research initiative in DrinkPani inspired me a lot and I have collected many experiences of encouraging people to drink pure water.

Working group 1 : Shaping WYPW

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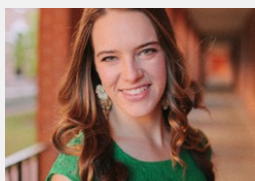


Antonella Vagliente

Co-founder & Director

Young Water Solutions

Antonella started carrying out environmental projects when she was 15 years old, specializing in the last 9 years in WASH projects, social entrepreneurship, multi-stakeholder collaboration and youth empowerment. She is co-founder and Director of Young Water Solutions and coordinate globally the Young Water Fellowship programme.



Lindsey Aldaco-Manner

President

World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW)

Lindsey is an ambitious water resources policy analyst experienced in analyzing water resource management policies and systems to provide recommendations for improvements. She has High capacity for organization and program support, with demonstrated abilities in publishing scientific research and advocacy work.



Karen Kun

President and Founder

Waterlution

Karen Kun is the Founder and President of Waterlution, and co-founder of Greatness – The Great Lakes Project. As a woman, mother, entrepreneur, risk-taker, mentor and Waterlution's leader, Karen proudly supports youth. Growing the development of future global water leaders with the necessary tools to approach complex water issues has become a monumental aspect of Waterlution's ongoing work and driver for change.



Megan Cornall

Water Innovation Lab Coordinator

Waterlution

Megan leads the Water Innovation Lab Global sessions. She completed a Bachelor of Science in biology in 2014, then completed a Bachelor of Education from the University of British Columbia in 2018. In 2020, Megan led 15 virtual interactive sessions hosting 60-100 participants at each, as well as one of the lead facilitators during the Aqua-Hacking challenge.



Laina Timberg

Youth Programs Coordinator

Waterlution

Laina Timberg completed a Bachelor of Arts and Science in 2018 and is currently completing a Masters of Environmental Studies in Sustainability Management (Water). Laina is a Youth Programs Coordinator for Waterlution and leads the Young Water Speaks Storytelling Contest, which is a storytelling project and contest that inspires youth across Canada to write stories about local waterways and history.



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Working group 2 : Innovation and local action

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Celia Schmidt

Project manager

Cewas

Celia is an anthropologist with a passion for participatory processes and innovative thinking. She holds a postgraduate degree in International Cooperation for Sustainable Development from the Humboldt University in Berlin, where she is also based. Celia has worked in several African and Latin American countries in urban agriculture, climate change and natural resource management.

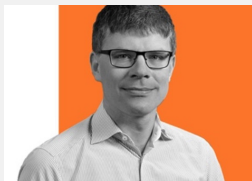


May Haghour

Programme Officer

Cewas

May is an urban planner and holds master's degree in International Development from ETH Zurich. Her passion lies with fostering sustainable innovation, social entrepreneurship, and knowledge transfer. May has worked for various NGOs and academic institutions in Europe and the MENA region with strong focus on communication and business development.



Micheal Kropac

Senior Managing Partner

Seecom

Michael has been working with seecon as an innovator, trainer, facilitator and coach since 2006. Besides initiating, supporting and managing projects, he is also member of the executive board of seecon. In his work, Michael focusses on bringing his clients to the next level to create a sustainable impact. He transforms students to entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs to successful businesses and NGOs, existing organisations to the sector leaders.

Working group 3 : Water security for peace and development:

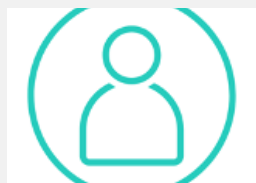
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Basile Diouf

Geographer specialized in water management

Basile Diouf is a Ph.D. student in Geography at Gaston Berger University in Saint-Louis, Senegal.



Dr. Amadou GUEYE

Chairman

Scientific and Technical Committee and Head of the R&D and training department at DELVIC Sanitation Initiatives

Dr. Amadou Gueye is the Chairman of the Scientific and Technical and Head of the R&D and training department at DEVIC Sanitation Initiatives.



Dame Ndiaye

Association and Operations Officer at the Planning

Coordination and Program Monitoring Unit of the Senégals Ministry of Water and Sanitation

Dame Ndiaye is the former President of the Association and Operations Officer at the Planning, Coordination and Program Monitoring Unit of the Senéga Ministry of Water and Sanitation.

Working group 4 : The power of youth

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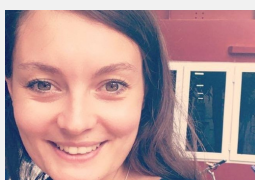


Camille Bureau

WASH Project Officer

Action Against Hunger

After a master's degree in development economics, I got involved with several NGOs. An expatriation of almost 4 years in Laos (South East Asia) allowed me to discover and develop my skills in WASH. I am now a WASH Project Officer at ACF France.



Morgane Dussud

Head of Civil Society Advocacy Team

Action Against Hunger

Currently Ph.D. researcher at the London School of Oriental and African Studies on human rights in Myanmar, I also manage the civil society engagement advocacy team of Action against Hunger. Before that, I started to work at the French Senate, then for Amnesty International's Secretary-General before working in Myanmar for several NGOs.



Lucille Hermant

Advocacy officer

Action Against Hunger

After a master's in public affairs, I joined Action against Hunger as an advocacy officer in Niger for two years to influence local and national decision-making on nutrition issues. Since then I joined ACF's French HQ to advocate for civil society engagement on aid and governance issues.

Working group 5 : Rapporteur team

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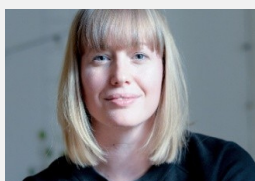


Amira Sayed

Egyptian Journalist

Egypt's Youth Parliament for Water

Amira is an Egyptian journalist with five years of experience and Egypt's representative at the World Youth Parliament for Water (WYPW). In 2007, She started her career as a journalist in 2013 and writing for the Egyptian Gazette, the first English-language daily in the Middle East and now it is affiliated to the " Gomhuria" newspaper.

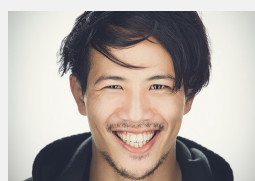


Marianne Girard

Co-founder and artistic director

Bon Karma - Creatives for Positive Impact Projects COOP

Marianne is an artistic director and a graphic designer from Montreal. She has been supporting positive impact initiatives for several years and is a co-founder of the Bon Karma Creatives for Positive Impact Projects COOP.



Benjamin Von Wong

Visual Artist

Benjamin Von Wong is a Canadian artist, activist and photographer best known for his environmental art installations and hyper-realist art style. He is a motivational speaker and an advocate against Ocean Plastics. He is also notable for creating several viral Social Media campaigns. Benjamin is focused on amplifying positive impact. His mission is to help make a positive impact unforgettable.

Organizing committee



Sarah Dousse

Executive Director

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

A socioeconomist by training with a solid understanding of international development, particularly in the water and sanitation sector, her natural curiosity and desire for a challenge led her to work and study abroad. She has worked for local NGOs and for the water division of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). While at the SDC, she advocated for access to water and sanitation to be considered a human right, and for the inclusion of a specific water goal in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Laurie Fourneaux

Youth program coordinator

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

Laurie Fourneaux holds master's degree in political science and environmental science from the University of Québec in Montreal. During her studies she focused on Integrated Water Management in Burkina Faso and worked in sustainable development and local development before joining the ISW in 2009.



Olivier Normand

Program Coordinator for Central Asia

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

Olivier Normand is responsible for the ISW's Central Asia programs, in particular in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. He holds a law degree from the University Paris II Assas and a diploma from the Institute of Political Studies of Paris in political science, economics and sociology. Throughout his career, Olivier has managed development projects around the world. Since 1996 he has mainly worked in Central Asia.



Anne-Catherine Mercuri

Project coordinator

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

A native of Strasbourg, France, Anne Catherine holds a Master degree in International Relations and specializes in the management of cooperation projects. Before joining the ISW-SWE in 2017, she completed several missions related to European and international development within public administrations and NGOs in France and Italy.



Elysa Vaillancourt

Youth Project manager

International Secretary for Water (ISW)

Elysa holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from HEC Montréal and a Master's degree in International Studies at the Université de Montréal. As a youth project manager, Elysa now focuses her work on mobilizing and empowering youth in the water sector. She works closely with several youth organizations and young leaders across the globe who are implementing inspiring and innovative initiatives to support the most vulnerable communities.



Vladimir Arana

Program Coordinator for the Americas

International Secretary for Water

Vladimir is the program officer for the Americas, and he has held key positions such as senior advisor to the Latin American Development Bank in the field of water and infrastructure; senior advisor at CARE; advisor to the deputy minister of the environment of Peru and general director of the environment.

**Mathieu Pagé**

Communication officer

[International Secretary for Water \(ISW\)](#)

Mathieu holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Politics from the Université de Montréal. His interest in visual journalism and international cooperation led him to complete a documentary internship in Cambodia during his studies and a Quebec Sans Frontières internship in Bolivia at the end of his studies, in the summer of 2019.

**Sophie Gonthier**

Youth Project Assistant

[International Secretary for Water \(ISW\)](#)

Sophie holds a bachelor's degree in civil law and a master's degree in environmental management. During her studies, she developed a keen interest in the relationship between respect for human rights and the sustainable management of natural resources. Her master's degree allowed her to complete an internship in the Philippines where she worked on the implementation of social and environmental projects.

**Danielle Kamtié**

Communications and youth intern

[International Secretary for Water \(ISW\)](#)

Danielle holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, with a concentration in International Development. She is currently an intern in communication and preparation for the PMJE General Assembly. During her studies, Danielle was involved with several extracurricular associations, for which she worked, which gave her experience working with young people on different development issues in the world.

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