Call for partnership to strengthen the Asia Pacific Citizen’s Forum

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Citizen’s Forum

What is Citizen’s Forum?

- **Session·Exposition** that anyone (CSO, NGO, citizens) can participate and discuss about water issues and possible solutions.
- **Encouraging various parties** to be involved in other processes
  - Sharing information and opinions with diverse parties
- **Extended roles** of civil society organizations
- **Opportunities** to be involved in water related platforms
Citizen’s Forum

Targets for Citizen’s Forum

- Announcement of declaration referring all citizen’s messages
- Consecutiveness from 6th and 8th
- Strengthen international networks focused on alienated citizens
- Enhancing linkages with other processes
- Support indigenous participants by developing distinct programs
Citizen’s Forum (7th World Water Forum)

Diverse participants from Civil Society Organization will deliver water related messages through various sessions, exhibitions and events.
Present status

• Proposal submission deadline: 30th September, 2014
  - Submitted Proposals: over 120 proposals
  - Youth, Children, Women, Culture & Ethics, Indigenous People, Civil Society in general, Education, Others
    * Korea & Asia region: 62 proposals
      * Africa(13), Europe(10), North America(13), South America(6), Other/International(7)
• Evaluation: 1st ~ 30th October
  - Approved Proposals: 63 proposals
    * Korean proposals(30), Asia(5) approved
      * Japan, Taiwan, Nepal, Indonesia, Iran, China, Pakistan
  - Hold Proposals(14), Rejected(38)
    * The hold proposals will be resubmitted and re-evaluated.
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<td>2015 World Children Water Forum</td>
<td>Teens/children from 21 countries will have their own forum for 5 days 4 nights, discussing various water issues and working on a declaration.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Korean 5 Rivers Walk</td>
<td>By walking 5 rivers side, citizens can learn how rivers are managed as well as the relationship between ecosystem and water through monitoring rivers ecology. Finally, water from each river will be collected and to be combined to be one as a symbolic event at the forum. These all events will be broadcasted through YouTube to spread all over the world.</td>
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<td>Water education exhibition and competition</td>
<td>To manage booths where people can experience various water education programs organized by Korean NGOs. Visitors and juries will select the best case and award it. About 30 booths to be operated according to different themes, regions and methods.</td>
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<td>Children’s photo contest on Water</td>
<td>Exhibition</td>
<td>Water culture and ethics</td>
<td>Focusing on children's point of view in terms of loving water, it helps to participate in action for water in their daily lives. Photos taken by children’s cell phones will be displayed at the forum.</td>
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| 5   | various events and exhibitions on WELL        | Exhibition/Cultural Event | Water culture and ethics     | Intellectual reinterpretation of the well space to enhance the worth of water  
- Dance ritual performances and Jeju women divers' dance and singing  
- Local story telling about wells, well model exhibition with photos and exhibition                                                                                                           |
| 6   | Asia Pacific Youth Parliament For Water       | Conference Local activities | Youth, Education             | Representative youth water education program, gathering approximately 100 youth delegates, throughout the Asia Pacific region, by encouraging them to deeply ponder and investigate pragmatic solutions for the water challenges of our generation                                                                                                                |
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<td>7WWF Citizen's Network Japan (Japan)</td>
<td>Session</td>
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<td>The dynamics and perspectives of Japanese citizens’ participation and movements of NGO/NPO in the water environmental protection and resource management after the 3rd WWForum in Japan</td>
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<td>Change Planet Partners Climate Innovation Foundation (India)</td>
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<td>&quot;Introduction to Water MOOCs&quot; Online open course designed and delivered by leaders in the water sector, delivered via MOOC platforms</td>
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<td>Ecoforum (Uzbekistan)</td>
<td>Lecture</td>
<td>youth, women, education, children, culture, civil society, indigenous</td>
<td>Manual &quot;Environmental safety of family and environment conservation&quot; presentation and distribution</td>
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| 4   | Women in Environment (Nepal)         | Session       | women, children, indigenous, civil society                         | Workshop on Gender and Water  
- Introduction of women’s important role in term of water  
- Show case about development on water by patnership with regional NGOs  
- Making video about the procedure of role play and share through social media |
| 5   | China International Water Law        | Session       | others(transboundary water cooperation)                             | Regarding the theme of the Asia’s transboundary water-energy-climate nexus, introduction case study that can be discussed on a role of the international law. |
Budget status

- Total budget for the citizen’s forum
  - **330,000 USD**
  - It will be allocated to each CSO organization for their presentation at the Citizen’s forum & 7th WWForum
- Requested financial support from CSOs
  - **1,351,265 USD**

- The secured budget is only ¼ of CSOs requirement.

- High possibility for the cooperation between Citizen’s forum and regional process, and between CSOs and APWF member organizations.
Connecting with other process

- Interactively connect with other process; thematic, regional, political, and Science & Technology process
- Cooperation among citizens and experts
Thank You
Looking forward to seeing you at the 7th WWF