


Asian Sanitation Solutions Debate: Youth and Civil Society Accelerate Progress in Sanitation and Hygiene in Asia Pacific



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Session Coordinators



- Asian Development Bank Youth Initiative
- Plan International

Partners:

- ASSIST
- Korea Water Forum
- International Youth Steering Committee

Review of Asia's Progress in Sanitation and Hygiene



- Presented by Dr. Aida Karazhanova, UN ESCAP
- Highlighted the need for improvements in sanitation and wastewater management. Asia is lagging behind.
- Policies and strategic government investments may spark the private sector as strong financial contributor and support households.
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Youth4ASIA solutions search Awarding



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- Youth4ASIA search for sanitation solutions youth winners:
 - 1st: Gamal Albinsaid, Indonesia Medika (Indonesia)
 - 2nd: Aggarwal Ashwani, Basicshit.org (India)
 - 3rd: Himanshu Shekar, Seva Mandir (India)
- The three winning organizations will receive mentorship and seed fund

Asian Sanitation Solutions Debate



- Moderated by Ms. Maja Cubarrubia, Country Director, Plan Thailand

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- Preparatory youth debates supported in Thailand, Philippines, and India
- National champion student debaters from India vs. nationally-ranked youth debaters in Korea
- Debate motion: “This house would subsidize the youth to lead sanitation initiatives within their communities.”

Who do you think will win?

To vote:
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"Which team should win at the Asian Sanitation Solutions Debate?"

- Government
- Opposition

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Key Messages from the Session

- Community empowerment and community participation improves governance, innovation, infrastructure quality, cost effectiveness, and the sustainability of projects.
- Youth are vital links to communities and valuable members of civil society.
- Youth are innovative, energetic, and knowledgeable. If further engaged and empowered, they can drive changes needed in improving water and sanitation in Asia.

Key Messages from the Session

- Youth Debates and Youth4ASIA prove youth's capacity to voice out opinions and knowledge and showcased their ability to implement innovative solutions and change the world.
- ADB Youth Initiative and Plan International commit to continue engaging young people in Asia and the Pacific to mobilize them in contributing to the creation and implementation of solutions that improve water and sanitation in the region.

Key Outputs of Preparatory Process

- Engaged more than 300 youth debaters in preparatory sanitation debates in Thailand and Philippines. Engaged 100 young water leaders in preparatory meetings in Pakistan and Laos.
- Gathered good and innovative youth-led projects in Asia (42 entries from 8 countries). Supported the 9 finalists to participate in WWF7.
- Engaged International Youth Steering Committee as partners

Key Outputs of Session

- Supported 36 youth and young water leaders from 13 ADB member countries to participate in WWF7 and Asia Pacific Youth Parliament for Water.
- Will award seed fund to top 3 Youth4ASIA winner
- Increased awareness and understanding of sanitation issues and solutions in Asia through the voice of youth debates.