



## SUB-REGIONAL SYNTHESIS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM

### 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER FORUM

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**Session Title:**

*Sub-Region (Northeast Asia) Synthesis Session*

Youth Session: Promoting intergenerational initiatives for achieving sound water cycle

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**Sub-regional Synthesis Session Description (300 words):**

The Asia-Pacific Region faces mounting challenges related to climate change and maintaining a sound water cycle. In this dynamic landscape of water management, youth engagement is increasingly crucial. Young people possess the potential to drive innovation and sustainable solutions, leading to a societal transformation towards a sound water cycle. The youth session at the UN Water Conference in March 2023 confirmed the necessity of “Meaningful Youth Engagement” (MYE) and established a network among various youth groups, building upon the discussions initiated at the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto, April 2022. Building on this momentum, the Youth Water Forum Asia, hosted by the Japan Water Forum and the Korea Water Forum in Kumamoto in November 2023, proposed activities that integrate both scientific and social components. Promoting MYE is essential for solving water issues. The key to furthering MYE is to share Youth-led projects, adopt the best practices, and engage in intergenerational dialogue.

The purpose of this session is to propose implementable strategies to MYE in resolving water cycle problems. The session will showcase community-based activities led by youth groups and discuss opportunities for intergenerational cooperation to support youth group activities and explore joint programs of multiple youth groups in the field. Engaging the audience in discussions at the session will be facilitated by a moderator.

Prior to this session in Bali, an introductory session was organized among panelists and organizers virtually. This preliminary session serves as a platform to discuss and refine the ideas for joint programs and collaborations.

**Key messages from your Sub-region (2 maximum)**

1. Youth-led initiatives and intergenerational collaboration offer refined approaches to attaining a sound water cycle.
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**Concrete outcomes (eg. Initiatives, practices, dialogue, commitment, etc.) (5 maximum)**



1. Continuous opportunities for potential partners to collaborate in furthering the cause of youth-driven, culturally sensitive water resources management. Joint programs of multiple youth groups in the field will be proposed.
2. Showcase of tangible examples of successful cross-cultural initiatives that integrate local and indigenous knowledge into sustainable water cycle solutions.
3. Video competition will be announced.
4. Follow-up activities are planned for the next Youth Water Forum Asia in 2024, ensuring continuity and building upon the outcomes of this session.
5. Collaboration opportunities with a platform for potential partners, including UNESCO, to collaborate in furthering the cause of youth-driven, culturally sensitive water resources management. Tangible examples of successful cross-cultural initiatives that integrate local and indigenous knowledge into sustainable water cycle solutions.

**Detailed Session plan:**

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
3 mins	Opening	Dr. Mikio Ishiwatari Japan Water Forum <a href="mailto:ishiwatari.mikio@jica.go.jp">ishiwatari.mikio@jica.go.jp</a>	OK
10 mins	Panelist	Research on improving the quality of drinking water /making an ash filter with animal bones Mr. A. Darkhan-Erdene, MONGOLIA, <a href="mailto:ddarhanerdene@gmail.com">ddarhanerdene@gmail.com</a> Cultural inter-generational dialogue for water management Ms En Lin, China <a href="mailto:linen2021@whu.edu.cn">linen2021@whu.edu.cn</a> Water science popularization to younger generation Mr Yin Jianqi, China <a href="mailto:yjq_yinjianqi@163.com">yjq_yinjianqi@163.com</a>	OK
7 mins	Panelist	Introduction of Cooperation between youth and government in the water system in ROK Ms. Hayoung Park, Project Manager at TurnTable, <a href="mailto:hayoungpark77@gmail.com">hayoungpark77@gmail.com</a>	OK
10 mins	Panelist	A youth group supports activities for people with disabilities in West Timor Mr. Dino Satria, CWS, <a href="mailto:dinosatria@cwsglobal.org">dinosatria@cwsglobal.org</a>	OK
7 mins	Panelist	Protecting Wajiro Tidal Flat: The Struggle to Save an Urban Tidal Oasis Ms. Hinako Ogisawa Ms. Fumina Ishimaru Fukuoka Institute of Technology Jyoto High School, Japan Challenges to co-work with local water management by youth Ms. Honoka Mombetsu Mr. Yuya Yamaguchi Tomikawa High School, Japan	OK
10 mins	Panelist	Digital Transformation and Nature-based Solution by Youth in Africa Ms. Eri Noda, Global Environment Department, JICA, <a href="mailto:Noda.Eri@jica.go.jp">Noda.Eri@jica.go.jp</a>	OK



10 mins	Panelist	<b>Engaging the Youth in Asia and the Pacific's Water and Sanitation Management</b> Ms. Tanya Huizer Senior Water Resilience Specialist, Water and Urban Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB <a href="mailto:thuizer@adb.org">thuizer@adb.org</a>	OK
30 mins	Q&A	Moderator:	TBC
3 mins	Closing	<b>Prof. Eun Namkung</b> Vice President, Korea Water Forum <a href="mailto:enamkung@snu.ac.kr">enamkung@snu.ac.kr</a>	OK