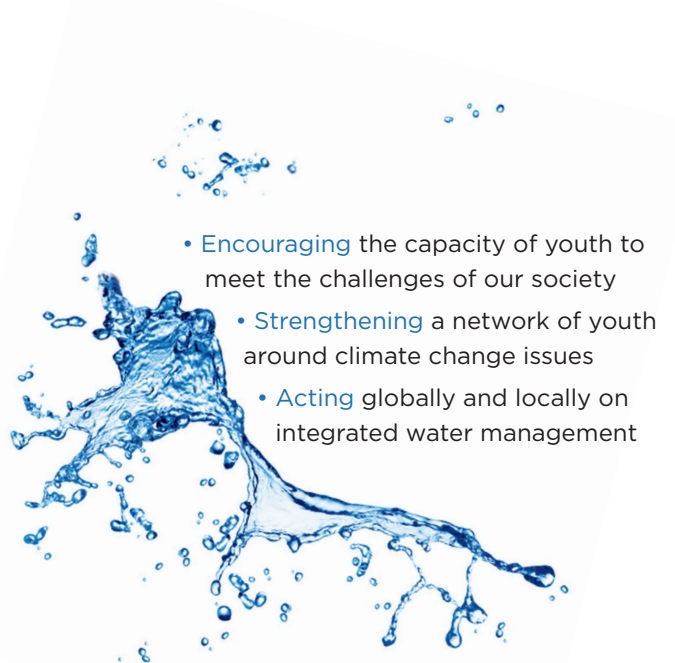


Calendar of 2015 activities

- **March (20th)** «I love my planet», event organized by the International Organisation of La Francophonie within the international day of La Francophonie: launch of the initiative.
- **April (12th-19th)** World Water Forum in **South Korea**: designing the operational approach and initiating the 8 national assessments.
- **May (7th-8th)** General Assembly of GWP West Africa in **Cotonou**, Benin «Africa and the challenges of development».
- **May-October** Feeding the planet, Energy for Life, Expo **Milano 2015**.
- **April-August** implementation of 8 national assessments on integrated water management and food security in the context of climate change.
- **July (1st-2nd)** World Summit Climate and Territories **Lyon**.
- **July (7th-10th)** «Our common future under climate change», international scientific conference, **Paris**.
- **October (5th-9th)** FACTS (French-American-Canadian climate talks), **Quebec**, sharing the results of the country assessments and initiating the synthesis to be done at the final session at COP 21.
- **November (24th-28th)** Workshop organized by OFQJ-GWP-ISW-WYPW, elaboration of the white paper during COY 11, **Paris**.
- **December (30/11-10/12)** Promoting the white paper at COP 21 through accredited YOUNGO youth, **Paris**.



- Encouraging the capacity of youth to meet the challenges of our society
- Strengthening a network of youth around climate change issues
- Acting globally and locally on integrated water management

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Editorial

2015 will be key in global mobilization for sustainable development in the face of climate change. Indeed, the end of the Millennium Development Goals is around the corner but we are not there yet and millions of people see their future jeopardized by low or no access to food and water.

In Paris at COP 21 States will make decisions about the future of the planet.

The Francophonie, beyond its important cultural, economic, and political dimensions, has to care about youth as they represent the majority of the population. Youth have a huge potential for innovation and their voice has to be taken into account.

In this context France-Quebec Organization for Youth (Office Franco Québécois pour la Jeunesse), Global Water Partnership, and International Secretariat for Water have initiated a project on water and food security.

This initiative aims at mobilizing young water experts from 4 continents in their countries and at international events in order to act at both global and country level. They will in particular issue analyses and recommendations in a white paper to be released and presented to decision makers at COP 21.

Thank you to all partners supporting the project, in particular to the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie.

All participants are proud to contribute to a sustained involvement of youth in public policies related to sustainable development.

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Objectives

- To allow **francophone youth** to actively participate in the **debate around climate change** within COP 21.
- To develop and **strengthen the knowledge and capacities** of the participants on tools and good practices in each of the countries in order to help youth address current environmental challenges.
- **To consolidate an international network of francophone youth** in the field of integrated water management and food security.
- **To establish an electronic platform of expertise** that local actors will use and disseminate.

Activities

- To coordinate **meetings of francophone youth from 8 countries** and **4 continents**, at **international events** on environmental issues, in particular water.
- **To assess the situation and to elaborate proposals in 8 countries:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada/Quebec, France, Haiti, Togo, Tunisia. In addition, other countries, such as Cape Verde, are also organizing similar consultations
- Based on country diagnosis and **recommendations**, to elaborate a **white paper** for the attention of international decision makers.



Partners



OFQJ
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GWP
Global Water Partnership

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Various ministries of the
French government
Foreign Affairs:

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr

Youth:

www.jeunes.gouv.fr

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21 will be a crucial conference because it needs to achieve a new international agreement on the climate, applicable to all countries, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2 degrees C.

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