

Statement by GWP Chair Oyun Sanjaasuren

**Beta Launch of the Digital Platform for Youth and Water & Climate #YWC
22 March 2018, 11:30-12:30, Swiss Pavilion, World Water Forum 8, Brasilia**

We are very happy to launch the beta version of the YWC digital platform today, together with youth and our partners. Special thanks go to the International Secretariat for Water (ISW) and AgroParisTech, with whom GWP is currently sharing the YWC Secretariat.



The launch today is indeed a **milestone** that we should all be very proud of. This online marketplace provides an excellent opportunity for connecting youth and their projects with potential donors and technical partners and their resources, which in turn will harness youth's innovation capital and scale up their **contributions to the SDGs and climate agendas**.

GWP supports youth activities through its Global Youth Engagement Strategy

which was launched in 2015. Since then, GWP has supported youth in a multitude of ways that include direct capacity building support to youth networks. The **major implementing tool** of our strategy is this **Youth for Water and Climate Platform**.

With this **innovative business model**, donors and partners can be confident that they are engaging with high-standard projects. Young leaders will learn how to meet those standards with the help of guidelines, experience sharing tools, and mentorship by a quality assurance committee.

YWC is an inclusive and open partner platform to which everyone can contribute and learn from. So our word to youth and donors:

- Try it out!
- Provide feedback.
- Submit projects.
- Get donors to sign up.

This is truly a practical opportunity for youth to contribute to the SDG and climate agendas!

Thank you!