



Global Competition for #YouthLed Projects

Youth for Water and Climate

Deadline for applications: 14 October 2016

Awards: 5 grant awards of 1,000 EURO each

Context

There are nearly a billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the world today, eighty-five percent of whom live in developing countries where there are few opportunities for productive work. Yet when young people are productively employed they are an asset to their communities and to the world. Young people can and do play an important role in transforming societies. Involving youth in community development and in addressing their own particular needs can create a deeper and active sense of ownership, contribute to sustaining interventions, build trust and social capital in the community, and become effective drivers for change. Empowering and engaging with them as equal partners in development can fundamentally shape our societies for the better.

GWP plays a facilitating role to bring different youth organizations together and provide a platform to empower them, build capacity, and support them to be involved in different governance processes.

Background

At a global level, [GWP](#) and its partners - [OFQJ](#), [ISW](#), [WYPW](#), [OIF](#) - have supported the consultation process of francophone youth from 21 countries in the creation of a [White Paper](#),

which expresses the role desired by youth in the management of water in the context of climate change. It was presented to decision-makers during COP 21 in Paris. It also led to the elaboration of a youth commitment within the Lima-Paris Action Agenda. As a follow up on recommendations that were made at COP 21, it is envisaged to organize a session during COP 22 to take stock of the present situation and devise a roadmap for a future plan of action.

Also, GWP Central America (GWP CAM) organized a similar [competition](#) at a regional level with Central American Youth Water Network and La Ruta del Clima, regarding the recommendations of the White Paper. In the competition, young people were asked to submit an action project that is underway and responds directly to the recommendations of the White Paper, in any of the four main areas identified: water and agriculture, water and health, water services, and water and climate change.

Building on the process of COP 21 and GWP CAM activities, a similar competition is being held at global scale. The objective of the competition is to have young people share concrete actions that are being done at the national and regional level and provide an incentive to continue best practices in water and climate change, already in place. The aim of the competition is to support youth in leading and organizing water management activities that help communities as well as develop capacity and skills. It is also to

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contribute to expanding the momentum gained since COP 21 in terms of moving the recommendations from talk to action. The proposals received will be assessed and those matching the criteria will be included in a “project fair” physically hosted under the dedicated web portal. It is expected that this will help youth reach out to potential donors and partners for implementation. Only the five best proposals will be awarded with money while others will benefit from visibility and recognition attached to this global initiative.



Schedule

Posting of call: 14th September – 14th October 2016

Announcement of Results on the [web portal and the Facebook page](#): 28th October 2016

Implementation Duration: January – June 2017

Your proposal should not exceed 3 pages and include:

- Project Scope: The challenges that the project aims to address, scope of work to address the challenge, location, and objectives
- Project Team and associated partners including at least one GWP Partner organization or Regional Water Partnership/Country Water Partnership
- Timeline: Activities, dates, and budget
- Relevant Monitoring and Evaluation process and indicators: Can be further finalized once the project has been selected.
- Potential risks and mitigation

Selection criteria

- Should be youth-led activities/project and include youth participation across all aspects of the project
- Projects have to be results oriented (clear objectives)
- Projects have to be locally based and owned activities that contribute to building skills and leadership of young people
- Strategic criteria: Focus on development context in at least 1 of 4 themes of the white paper
- Social innovation and entrepreneurship ideas are encouraged
- The applicant cannot be a for-profit entity

Committee

Selection committee comprises GWP Global Secretariat, GWP Regions, and initiative partners.

How to apply

All interested applicants should send their project proposals to: youth@gwp.org by 14th October.

For any further information please contact youth@gwp.org

AWARDS

Five grant awards of Euros 1,000 each are available for youth-led projects which are based on the white paper recommendations made at COP 21.

The awards can be used for new projects or partially funded projects that are already under implementation.

The funds can be transferred either directly to the winning entity or through GWP regional and country offices. Final decisions will be made upon discussions with winning projects.