



South Asia Youth Water Challenge

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Background

Water issues are still dominant across South Asia and there is a need to address interconnected issues of water. The burden of managing and addressing the incoming water challenges increasingly falls on the next generation.

Under the World Water Day 2023 with the theme of “Accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis” through the campaign of be the change you want to see in the world, Brandix Apparel Limited, Global Water Partnership South Asia (GWP SAS), and Youth and Young Water Professionals (YYPP) are launching “South Asia Youth Water Challenge” to provide opportunities and empower the younger generation to create meaningful impact and change while contributing to the sustainable development goals.

We are now accepting concept notes that will support the implementation of SDG 6: Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All and other inter-connected SDGs.

8 concept notes will be selected for presentations out of which 4 concept notes will receive guidance and support from experts to refine their proposals. One winning concept note will receive a grant of up to USD 2500 for the project implementation with the support of Brandix Apparel Limited, Global Water Partnership South Asia, and Youth and Young Water Professionals.

The challenge

Achieving the SDGs is key challenge of those multiple national governments, private entities, and international institutions. With the current rate of progress towards SDG 6, we are not on track to meet the global targets. Against this backdrop there is a need to accelerate progress towards SDG 6 through tangible actions. Achieving SDG 6 will not be possible without taking intersectional perspective and addressing the interconnections between the different SDGs.

We would like to invite youth to submit their concept notes and proposals for projects that would tackle the following thematic areas of inter-related issues around water:

- Increased freshwater availability (including water quality) through circular management of wastewater and using non-conventional water sources
- Access to safe drinking water
- Deliver sustainable Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services in schools and among communities,
- Build farmer resilience to climate change and water risks by using climate smart interventions and biotechnology,
- Water for environment and biodiversity

- Overcoming information and data barriers to develop digital solutions through big-data
- Valuing water, water-energy-food nexus and sustainable economic and urban development

Eligibility

- Team members must be a national residing in South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka)
- Fluency in written and oral communication in English
- Each team member must be a youth with age between 18-35 years old
- Teams must register as groups of 3 to 5 participants with the team leader based in the country of proposed project (Bangladesh, India or Sri Lanka)
- Youth from a range of different disciplines are welcome to apply and there is no prior experience in the field of water is required
- Geographic scope of the project must be located within the vicinity of Brandix Facilities in Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka respectively

Template for the Concept Note

Concept notes should not be more than 5 pages. The general template for the concept note must include:

- Abstract
- Problem identification (Including geographical Scope)
- Project Design and Outline
- Workplan and Timeline (Gantt Chart)
- Tentative Budget
- Outputs
- Expected outcomes and impacts

Selection Criteria

The concept note selection will be judged by the panel during the first round on the following criteria:

- Concise information on project requirements and implementation plan
- Clear identification of the problem and demonstration of project impact
- Feasibility of the project
- Interdisciplinary approach to address the thematic areas of water and its interconnections is preferred
- Special consideration and inclusion of gender, youth and indigenous communities are considered as a strong asset

Winning prize

The winning concept note will receive a grant as financial support of up to USD 2500 from Brandix Apparel Limited to implement and monitor the project in partnership with Brandix Apparel Limited, GWP SAS and YPPP. Furthermore, the winners will be supported by a mentor/expert group to further refine and bring the concept note up to the level of implementation. The project implementation will be logistically supported by partner

organizations and like-minded youth from YYPP. The participants in the programme will be eligible to join the Youth and Young Water Professionals Platform.

Application Process

Round 1: 8 concept notes will be selected for presentations after the deadline

Round 2: 4 concept notes will be selected based on the presentations and will receive guidance and support from experts to refine their proposals for a duration of 2 weeks

Round 3: The winning proposal will receive a grant of USD 2500 for the project implementation with the support of Brandix Apparel Limited, Global Water Partnership South Asia, and Youth and Young Water Professionals

Please complete the following [registration form](#) and share your concept notes by the **extended deadline of 22nd May 2023**. If you have any questions please contact Raunak Shrestha, raunak.shrestha@gwpsas.org.

Project Selection Panel

A project selection panel with members from Brandix Apparel Limited, Global Water Partnership South Asia, other GWP Partners and Youth and Young Professionals Platform will be evaluating all proposals.