



Global Competition for #YouthLed Projects

Integrated Approaches to Flood and Drought Risk Management: The role of youth

Deadline for applications: 31 March 2017

Awards: 1,000 EUR (Category 1 projects) & 3,000 EUR (Category 2 projects)

The significance of engaging young people in the design and implementation of policies, plans and standards in Disaster Risk Reduction has been recognized by Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.

The Youth Forum at the Budapest Water Summit 2016 further showed that young people are unified across disciplines and scales to understand, innovate and adapt to the complex and dynamic nature of the global water system and climate change.

A need exists for continued opportunities and resources for youth participation in decision-making, (applied) research, and project/programme creation and management to utilise youth's innovative capacity for social change and sustainable development.

Competition themes

This competition has been designed to showcase the practical examples and cases on how an integrated approach to flood and drought risk management has been advanced in practice by or through the involvement of youth under the following three themes:

A. Understanding risk: Participatory data collection (hazard, exposure, vulnerability), risk modelling tools, assessment and mapping and risk communication

B. Early Warning System development: Impact based forecasting, needs assessment, warning communication (technologies), response, and warning evaluation

C. Risk management and planning: Identifying, evaluating and implementing mitigation, preparedness, recovery and response measures at the local level

Application categories

CATEGORY 1: Ongoing youth projects

Could be research, volunteering or case studies where young people are acting as social innovators and communicators to bridge the gaps between science and action to make flood and drought risk management more integrated and effective at the local level.

CATEGORY 2: New youth project

Includes innovative projects and projects developed on existing knowledge that engage youth to support integrated flood and drought risk management at the local level.

***Note: submissions are allowed to both categories from the same organisation.

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Selection criteria

- Should be youth-led activities/project and include youth participation across all aspects of the project. The project team members should be less than 35 years.
- Relevance to the theme of integrated flood and drought risk management
- Should address social needs at the local level
- Innovative approaches and solutions to problems
- Consideration of local partnerships and multi-stakeholder integration
- Financial feasibility
- Sustainable with possibility to upscale and replicate

How to apply

Email the completed application form at ywci@gwp.org by 31st March 2017.

Category 1: [application form](#)

Category 2: [application form](#)

**One organization can apply for both category 1 and category 2 for different projects.*

More information:

- [Concept note](#)
- <http://www.gwp.org/en/gwp-in-action/News-and-Activities/Global-Competition-for-YouthLed-Projects-Flood-Drought-Special/>

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Prizes

There will be one winning project for CATEGORY 1 and one for CATEGORY 2.

- Opportunity for one representative of each winning project from Category 1 and Category 2 to present at the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction Conference in Cancun, Mexico, 22-26 May 2017
- Opportunity for collaboration with the WMO/GWP flood and drought programmes (APFM and IDMP) for developing communication content and technical advice with direct support of up to **EUR 1,000 for Category 1** and **EUR 3,000 for Category 2**
- Networking support from the Water Youth Network

Youth for Water and Climate Initiative

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(YWCI) was conceived at World Water Forum in Korea. It is a joint undertaking of many partners ([GWP](#), [OFQJ](#), [ISW](#), [WYPW](#), [OIF](#), [WyN](#)), organizations which have the same vision to empower and support youth in water related issues. The goal for YWCI is to upscale the concrete implementation of the Youth, Water and Climate COP 21 [White Paper](#) ambitions by supporting the development of youth-led initiatives, in particular youth entrepreneurship. The Youth for Water and Climate Initiative (YWCI) has seen strong support by youth organizations and senior organizations. The YWCI supports youth with project development, mentoring, support to fundraising and with providing more visibility to the activities that have been pursued.