

EMERGING WATER LEADERS FORUM | 13 DECEMBER 2023

The global water sector faces unprecedented challenges, exacerbated by climate change, population growth, and urbanisation. To address these challenges effectively, it is crucial to empower and equip the next generation of water professionals with the knowledge, skills, and networks necessary to champion the course for a climate and water resilient future.

The primary objective of the 2023 Emerging Water Leaders Forum is to empower young water professionals to become leaders in addressing the challenges posed by climate change and water scarcity. Through a series of engaging sessions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities, participants will gain valuable insights and practical knowledge to contribute to a more sustainable and resilient water future.

Format

The event will consist of a mix of formats, including:

- **Panel Discussions:** In-depth discussions on key themes, featuring experts from academia, industry, and government.
- **Workshops:** Interactive sessions to develop practical skills and solutions.
- **Networking Sessions:** Opportunities for participants to connect with mentors and peers.

Expected Outcomes

- **Enhanced Knowledge:** Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the water sector, particularly in the context of climate change.
- **Skill Development:** Young professionals will acquire practical skills and tools that are essential for addressing water-related issues.
- **Networking:** Participants will have the chance to build meaningful connections with peers, mentors, and potential collaborators.
- **Increased Engagement:** The event aims to inspire young water professionals to actively engage in efforts to ensure a sustainable and resilient water future.

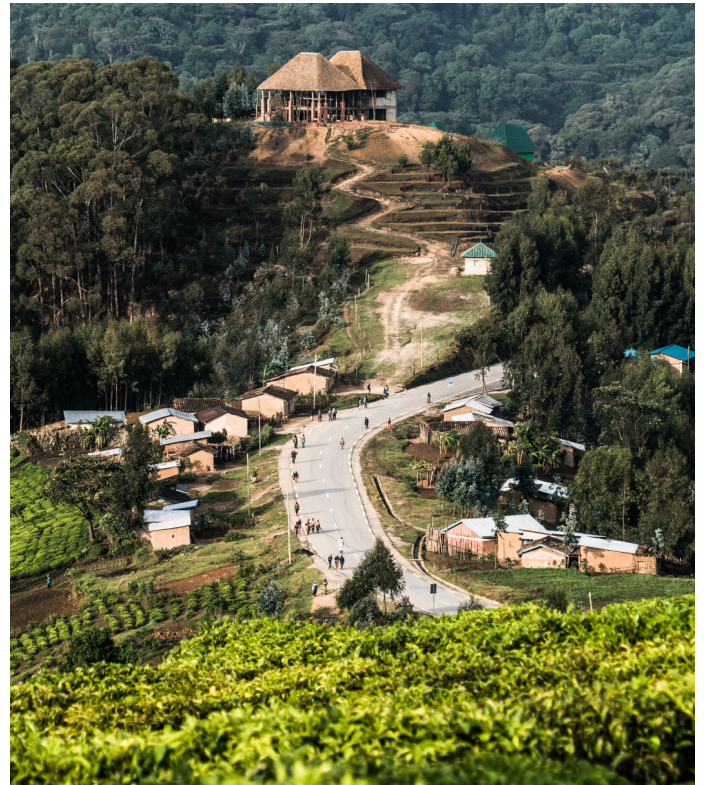
Key Themes

Youth Engagement: Fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among young professionals on water-related issues. Strategic positioning of YWPs based on the SDG 6 Global Acceleration framework; Capacity development, Governance, Data and Information, Financing and Innovation.

Networking and collaboration: Creating opportunities for participants to connect, collaborate, and build networks with peers and experts.

YWP leadership: YWPs driving collaboration efforts and knowledge sharing and as a voice for advocating water safe practices.

Innovation: Innovative solutions, including climate-resilient WASH solutions.



COLLABORATION



INNOVATION



LEADERSHIP

EMERGING WATER LEADERS FORUM AGENDA

CHAMPIONING THE COURSE FOR A WATER AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023

10:15 – 10:30 Opening & Welcome Remarks

Jacob Amengor, IWA YWP Steering Committee Chair, Ghana
Bénigne Mugwaneza, YWP Rwanda
Tom Mollenkopf, IWA President, Australia
Moderator: Bénigne Mugwaneza

10:30 – 11:00 Updates from IWA Chapters

Asia: Sayyid Syafiq, Malaysia
North America: Farokh Laqa Kakar, Canada
Oceania: Chelsea Hayward, Australia
Latin America & the Caribbean: Federica Brenner, Argentina
Europe: Inês Breda, Denmark
Africa: Natasha Mumba, Zambia
Moderator: Isabela Espindola, IWA

11:00 – 12:00 Knowledge transfer: Thinking Globally and Implementing Solutions for a Water and Climate-Resilient Future

Gretta Muhimpundu, Rwanda
Hayat Raza, Canada
Lisa Maria Brand, LG Sonic, the Netherlands
Tasnim Tamanna, Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Human Capital Development Project, Bangladesh
Q&A session moderated by Bénigne Mugwaneza, Rwanda


13:00 – 15:00 Speed Networking & Workshop

Icebreaker activity led by Chelsea Hayward
Speed Networking moderated by Isabela Espindola & Jacob Amengor
Wavemakers United Workshop led by Gijs van Nes, the Netherlands

15:15 – 17:00 IWA-Grundfos Fellows Workshop

Energising focus exercise led by Chelsea Hayward & Jacob Amengor. Introduction and conclusion moderated by Hadi Toure (Mali) & Anique Azam (Pakistan).
World Café style discussion moderated by Isabela Espindola & IWA-Grundfos Youth Action Fellows.
Plenary discussion moderated by Pabel Cervantes, Mexico.
Climax of Forum presented by Bénigne Mugwaneza & Jacob Amengor



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