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Perspectives from Asia-Pacific youth on
the UN 2023 Water Conference



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AGENDA



- 5 minutes Welcome, Introduction & Meeting Objectives
- 5 minutes Opening remarks from IWA and YFPF
- 20 minutes Summary of the 2023 UN Water Conference (UNWC) 5 themes
- 30 minutes Panel discussion and audience Q&A
- 15 minutes Breakout discussions
- 10 minutes Plenary shareback
- 5 minutes Closing & updates from IWA HQ

Opening remarks from IWA

CHELSEA HAYWARD, IWA-GRUNDFOS YOUTH ACTION FOR SDG 6



Opening remarks from YPFP

LAUREN POWER, FOUNDER & ADVISOR, YPFP



Summary of the 2023 UN Water Conference (UNWC) 5 themes

YOUNG WATER & FOREIGN POLICY PROFESSIONALS



Theme 1: Water and Health

DR. SUDIPTI ARORA, IWA-GRUNDFOS YOUTH ACTION FOR SDG6



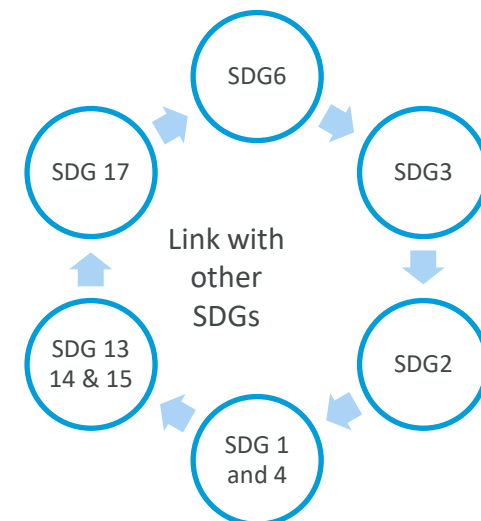
INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE 1: WATER FOR HEALTH: ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE, INCLUDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION



	<p>Safe Drinking Water [Target 6.1]</p>	<p>Prevention of water-borne diseases Climate Change & Health</p>
	<p>Safe Sanitation & Hygiene [Target 6.2 & 6.3]</p>	<p>Access to Safe & Affordable WASH Services Wastewater treatment, Recovery & Reuse</p>
	<p>WASH for Health [Target 6.3]</p>	<p>Safe Sanitation in Health care Facilities Menstrual Hygiene Management Water & Mental health</p>
	<p>Water for Safe Nutrition & Agriculture [Target SDG 6.4]</p>	<p>Safe & Contamination free Water for irrigation Access of safe water for agriculture</p>



Target SDG 6A & 6B



PERSPECTIVES OF YOUTH

Youth Participation in UN Water Conference & beyond

Decision Making process,
Policy & Advocacy, Governance

Capacity
Development

Youth Led
movements

Youth water
networks &
Platforms

Innovation,
Integration &
Implementation



Theme 2: Water for Sustainable Development

NAHO CHUJO, YFPF TOKYO




UNWC INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE THEME 2

About myself

- YFPF Tokyo Taskforce member
- MSc in Water Resources Engineering in Germany
- Internship in Palestine now



Key points of Theme 2 : Water for Sustainable Development : Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development

- Technically and financially efficient water services
- More public and private investment
- Utilize data and information
- Capacity development and innovation
- Acknowledge multiple values of water in governance
- IWRM  **Equitable access for all to clean and sustainably managed water**

RECOMMENDATIONS

WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

VALUING WATER, WATER-ENERGY-FOOD NEXUS AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable economic and urban development

- System-wide water management urban planning to limit the footprint
- Multilevel governance and integrated regional urban planning
- Renew focus on the role of women, indigenous, the young and vulnerable people in water governance
- End water wastage
- Consistent strategies and data-informed tools
- Better mobilize the private sector
- Circular solutions
- Promote water accounting and auditing
- Open-source courses for IWRM
- Adjusted water tariffs
- Water access and management at the heart



Republic of Tajikistan



Kingdom of the Netherlands

General:

Additional financial commitments

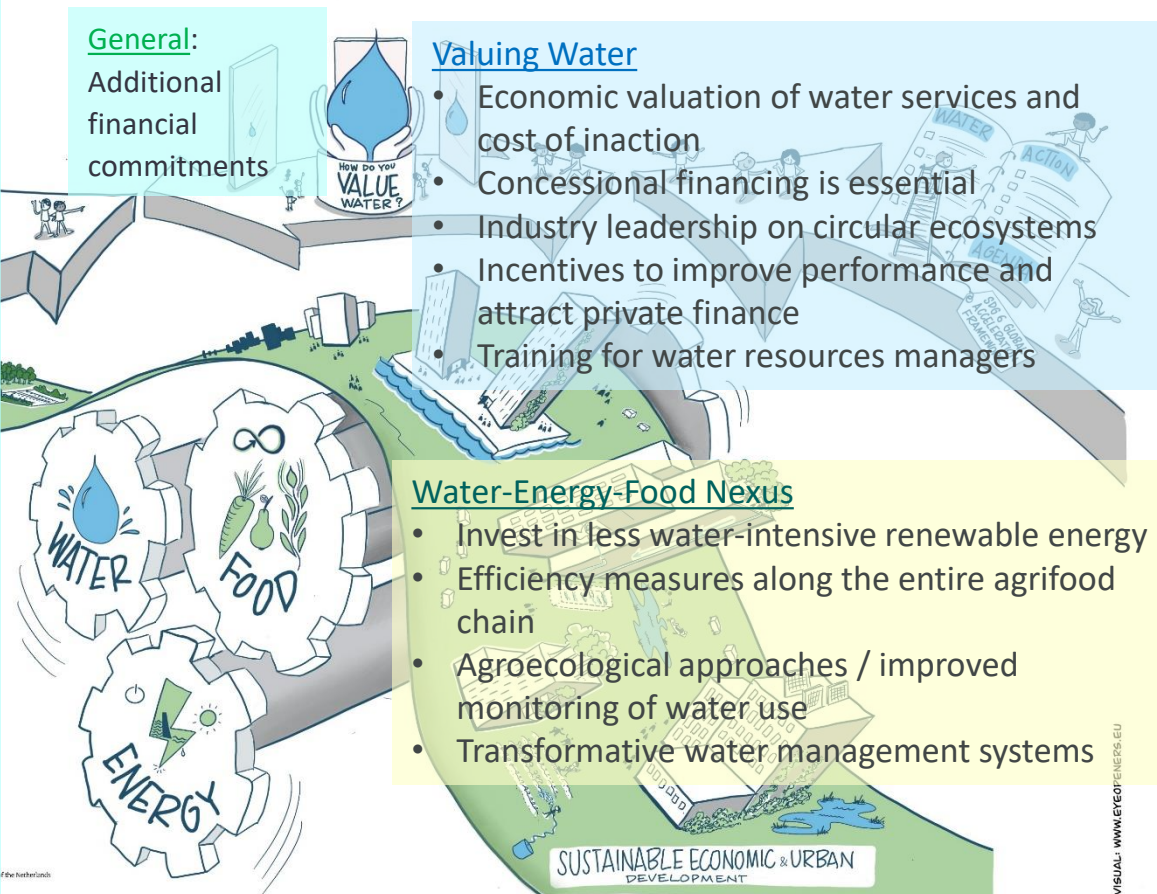


Valuing Water

- Economic valuation of water services and cost of inaction
- Concessional financing is essential
- Industry leadership on circular ecosystems
- Incentives to improve performance and attract private finance
- Training for water resources managers

Water-Energy-Food Nexus

- Invest in less water-intensive renewable energy
- Efficiency measures along the entire agrifood chain
- Agroecological approaches / improved monitoring of water use
- Transformative water management systems



Theme 3: Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment

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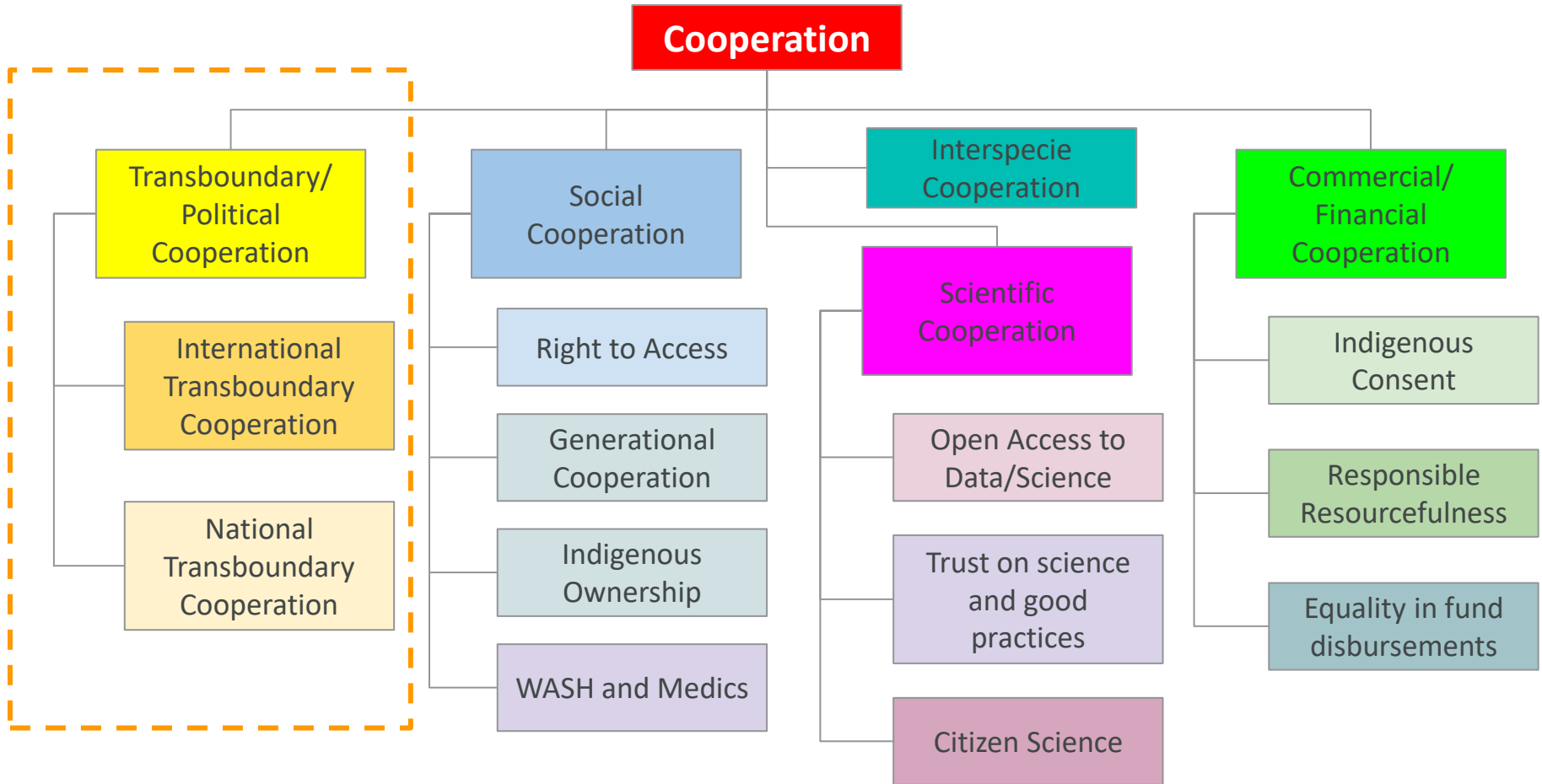


Theme 4: Water for Cooperation

MUHAMMAD ANIQUE AZAM, IWA-GRUNDFOS FELLOW



Interactive dialogue 4: Water for Cooperation



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- The huge importance of including local communities, especially indigenous people, in decision-making processes related to water management
- Account not just human needs but also the needs of other species that depend on water
- Science should learn to speak *THE* language
- Self marketing is a low hanging fruit
- ~~Water is life.~~ What is water, if not life? WASH
- ASK, don't SAY - the dwellers are rightfully the heirs
- Money? Why not youth, indigenous groups, and marginalized people.
- Solve lakes to solve basins.

Theme 5: Water Action Decade

KRITHIKA IYER SHIVAKUMAR



VISIT UPDATE

Activities Involved

- Youth in the Water Action Agenda (UN1FY Side Event)
- “Water Safe Cities - A blueprint for climate actions” (C40 Side Event)
- Global Youth Movement for Water - Briefing and networking & coffee
- Interactive Dialogue 4 Water for Cooperation
- Achieving SDG 6 through (1) a gender lens on climate change & youth and (2) global goals for menstrual health & hygiene (Grundfos Foundation side event)
- Roundtable: Empowering Women, Youth and Indigenous Persons to Accelerate Global Water Security in the Water Action Decade“
- Interactive Dialogue 5 Water Action Decade

Key Takeaways

- Importance of the water economics, and the need to have the difference between cost, value and price of water
- Human rights to water and access to indigenous communities
- Scaling up of best practices
- By rapporteuring for Interactive Dialogue 5, able to hear the perspectives, actions and initiatives by other countries.
- However, overall political participation, and the brand visibility of the conference was not as high as expected.
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Panel discussion

MAFALDA PINTO, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK



Panel discussion

DR. MADELEINE HARTLEY, WATER NEW SOUTH WALES



Panel discussion

DR. BIDISHA BANERJI, AMITY UNIVERSITY



Panel discussion

DR. AYANTHIKA DEY CHOUDURY, CCRC, IITM



Breakout discussions



Closing remarks

DR. ISABELA ESPINDOLA, IWA



UPCOMING IWA EVENTS



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WATER AND DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

WATER, SANITATION, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE – KEYS TO A WATER-WISE FUTURE

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