

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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1. Introduction

Be Bold. Be Creative. Get Support. That is the Youth for Water and Climate platform mantra! It is vital that young people are engaged and empowered for achieving water security. The significance of engaging young people in the design and implementation of policies and of supporting them in water management and climate action has been more than ever been recognized during COP23 and the 8th World Water Forum. Through their actions, youth have shown 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 challenges. Continued support, opportunities and resources are needed to sustain and enhance youth-led initiatives, to utilise youth's innovative capacity for social change and sustainable development. This call for proposal has been designed to identify, encourage and support youth engagement related to water management and climate change adaptation. This call for proposal is made possible thanks to the contributions of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, which will enable youth from around the world to access financial support to help implement innovative and creative water and climate projects.



2. Objective

- To support youth initiatives related to water and climate issues, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals and the climate agenda. Through this call, youth-led initiatives of all types will be showcased to provide as evidence of practical examples on how youth contribute to integrated water management solutions. The competition covers all water and climate related issues including but not limited to agricultural water management, health, disasters, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), watershed management, etc.

3. Themes

The Youth for Water and Climate platform is structured around [4 thematic pillars](#) that cover a wide range of topics. Admissible projects must cover one or several of these themes, as listed below:

- Water and health: can be related to WASH, health campaigns, water-borne diseases, etc.
- Water and agriculture: can be related to irrigation, drought issues, rainwater harvesting, etc.
- Water-related risks: can be related to risk management, recovery and response to natural disasters, floods, drought, etc.
- Sharing water: can be related to transboundary cooperation, watershed management, water & peace, etc.

4. Prize & Incentives

The selected projects will receive financial support **up to 3500 euros** each. These projects will be featured on the YWC platform where they will be able to interact with other supporters, including technical experts, that can help them scale up their projects. In addition, every selected project will be featured in YWC outreach activities in the following months, including through a project poster showcase during COP24.

The financial support can be used over 10 months of implementation of the projects. Financial and operational reports will need to be submitted at different stages of the project (mid-project & end of phase reports).

In addition, 10 projects receiving medium-high scores from the jury will receive technical support from YWC to have their project published on the platform for further visibility and support.



5. Project types

We encourage submissions of development projects, advocacy projects and/or social entrepreneurship projects. They can be new or ongoing. Project proposals showing innovativeness, such as the use of new technologies are encouraged.

6. How to apply

To apply, fill out the project template (attached as a Word document to this call), then visit the Youth for Water and Climate platform (www.youthwaterclimate.org) to submit your project online. Follow the **Submit a project** steps!



IMPORTANT: Don't forget to upload your filled out project template in Word under "Project Brief Upload" in the online submission form! Please refer to the LEARN section of the website to find out more about what makes project proposals strong. Project documents must be submitted in one single file online (project proposal + budget + short logical framework + activity calendar). Project applications not using the template, or not submitting a full project document WILL NOT be considered.

The call is open from 18th September to 16th October 2018. All project submissions received in that period will be admissible.

If you have trouble submitting your project online, please send your project file using the project template at: ywcplatform@gmail.com

7. Activities and timeline

Submission deadline – 16th October 2018

Announcement of the results to the project leaders – 9th November – 2nd December 2018

Showcase of winning projects: COP24 – December 2018

8. Eligibility and Selection criteria

To be eligible, participants and their project must correspond to the following rules:

- The project must be youth-led, with the youth being aged between 18 and 35;
- Project leaders from low and middle income countries or targeting indigenous communities will be prioritized;
- Project must address one or several of the 4 YWC pillars;
- Youth participation must be included across all aspects of the project.
- Projects must have a direct local impact on vulnerable communities;
- Can be an ongoing or new project;
- The proposals will be assessed and scored according to a scoring grid;
- An additional score will also be attributed for innovativeness, including social entrepreneurship and the use of new technologies.
- Projects already receiving funds from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) are not admissible.

A team of reviewers will review the projects proposals. The review will use a scoring grid based on the [Quality Assurance framework & criteria](#) of the platform. These include, among others:



- **Relevance:** Does the project contribute to the achievements of the 2030 development and climate agendas as per the priorities identified by #YWC? How relevant is the project to water management and climate change issues in the chosen community? How practical is the implementation of the project? Does the project appear meaningful in terms of issues to be addressed and could it achieve real change?
- **Youth inclusion:** Is youth participation included across all aspects of the project?
- **Social impact:** How has/ will the project support social needs at the local level (e.g. stronger community cohesion, transfer of technology or knowledge)?
- **Innovation:** Does the project have 'thinking outside the box' elements? Is the project multidisciplinary in nature?
- **Local partnership and multi-stakeholder integration:** Does the project consider stakeholders and actors involvement?
- **Finance:** Is the project financially feasible?
- **Sustainability:** How sustainable is the project and its ability for future adaptation? Is it possible to upscale or replicate the project?
- **Implementation:** Does the implementation plan appear credible and adapted to the ambitions set out for the project?

Gender and regional balance will be taken into account in the final selection of projects.


Contact information:

Should you need additional information please contact: **YWC Secretariat** at ywcplatform@gmail.com

YWC consortium:



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