

World Water Envoys Workshop:

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Description

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1) Short Description

We know water security can be endangered in many ways: water scarcity, natural hazards, conflicts, contaminants... the challenges and priorities are **multiple, complex and diverse**.

That is why for this Congress, IWRA wanted to hear some different voices and stories from around the world, from representatives of the next generations to showcase the issues they face when it comes to Water Security during the next XVII World Water Congress. Selected representatives are called **“World Water Envoys”**.

The five World Water Envoys were selected among more than a hundred applications from all around the world, to **talk about one particular water security challenge faced in their community and the impacts that the challenge has on every day life: access to water, groundwater pollution, lack of sanitation, etc. After being introduced briefly at the opening ceremony, the Envoys will have the opportunity to go into more details about their water security challenges, during this special session.**

2) Objectives

The first objective of this session is to give the opportunity to the five World Water Envoys to talk about their water security issue faced in their community in more details. The second objective is for the audience to try to find solutions to the envoys' issues, which will be done in the second part of the session, in breakdown workshops, one per envoy. This will allow the envoys to network, discuss, and define possible solutions and key of understanding to their communities' situations.

3) Justifications

IWRA wants to hear different voices and stories from around the world. In particular, we are looking for representatives from the “next generation” to showcase at the Congress the issues they face in their communities when it comes to Water Security. This session helps the audience reconnecting with people on the field, who really deal with water security problems on a daily basis, and gives them the opportunity to potentially help and contribute. This session can help the envoys to make connections, build an network, understand the full picture behind their situation, to help them have an impact on their community afterwards.

4) Projected outcomes

Thanks to this session and the time allocated to hear about the Envoys' situation, we hope they can bring some solutions back home and be able to have a positive impact on their community.

5) Alignment with Congress

This session is not only focusing on various aspects of water security, but is also empowering 5 young professionals who would normally not have access to an event such as the World Water Congress. This fits very well with theme B3.