



Introduction

General Assembly
September 17th, 2020

an impression of
SOLVING THE WATER-CLIMATE-PUZZLE
BY CONNECTING YOUTH STORIES
AND DECISION MAKERS



DECISION
MAKERS
MUST BE
MORE
AWARE
OF THIS



HUMAN
MINDSET
IS THE BIGGEST
BARRIER





Need for Youth Engagement

- 50 % of the world's population is under 30
- Young people have most stakes in the decisions concerning the future
- Youth involvement in water, climate and development issues are increasing
- Organizations benefit from ideas and energy generated by young people
- Need for intergenerational cooperation and collaboration to solve the world's complex problems
- Water Sector needs more bright and committed young people to carry on it's work

SWP recognizes the importance of Youth

SWP Youth Strategy 2019

- **Aims to integrate and support young people within the water sector**
- **Under 3 pillars (i) Dynamic Learning, (ii) Swiss Voices and (iii) Political Dialogue**
- **Welcome and Facilitate entry of young professionals in the water sector**



Vision:

Swiss Young Agents of Change
- action and disruption for a water secure world

Rationale:

- Demonstrate potential of the water sector to young people
- Create a Swiss network to engage youth in the water sector
- Empower more young voices in the decision arena

Objective:

- A platform for Swiss youth in water sector to initiate and join projects
- A community of young water leaders

Youth Members

Youth membership

Open to all Swiss and Swiss-based youth (15 - 30 years) interested in water solutions for transition and developing countries

- Around **75 members**
 - Pupils from high schools
 - Students from higher education (university, applied science, apprenticeship, youth associations)
 - Young professionals
- **Youth advisors** from SWP member organisations: 31+ years
- **SWP friends** (cooperation with non-Swiss youth organisations)

Swiss + Water + Youth = SWP Youth



Organigram

Youth Management Committee

2-5 elected committee members & SWP secretariat focal point

- Representing the youth in Steering Board
- Coordinating youth-led initiatives and funding
- Liaising with other youth organisations
- Communicating relevant developments

Youth Projects and Initiatives

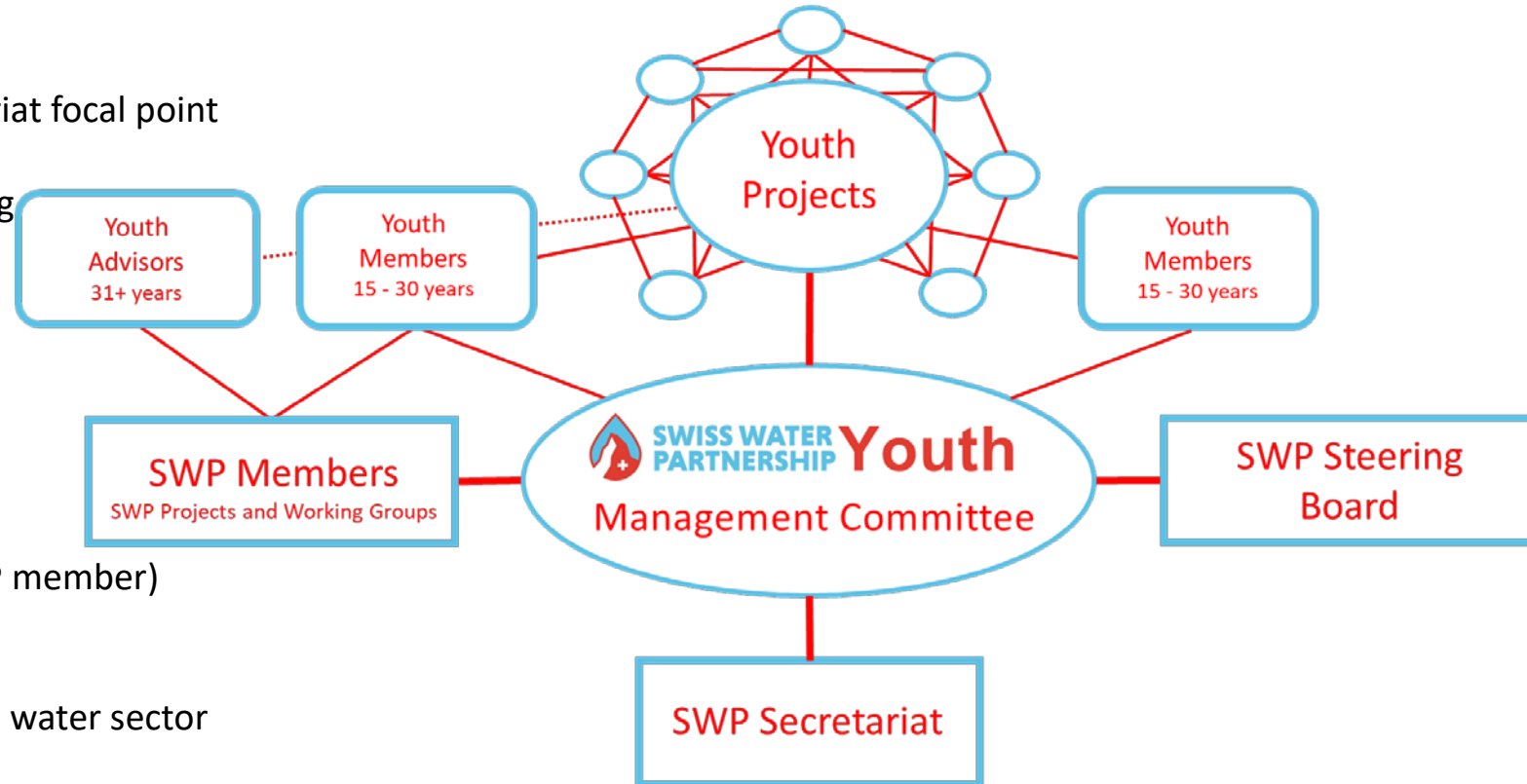
Around 5-10 youth-led initiatives per year

- Developing and implementing initiatives
- Decentralised and project-based
- Supported by youth advisors (31+ years, SWP member)

SWP Members

Around 70 member organisations from the Swiss water sector

- Youth members (15 - 30 years)
- Youth advisors (31+ years)
- Support of youth initiatives (e.g. mentorship, speakers and hosts of events, sponsorship)
- Engagement of youth in SWP projects and working groups

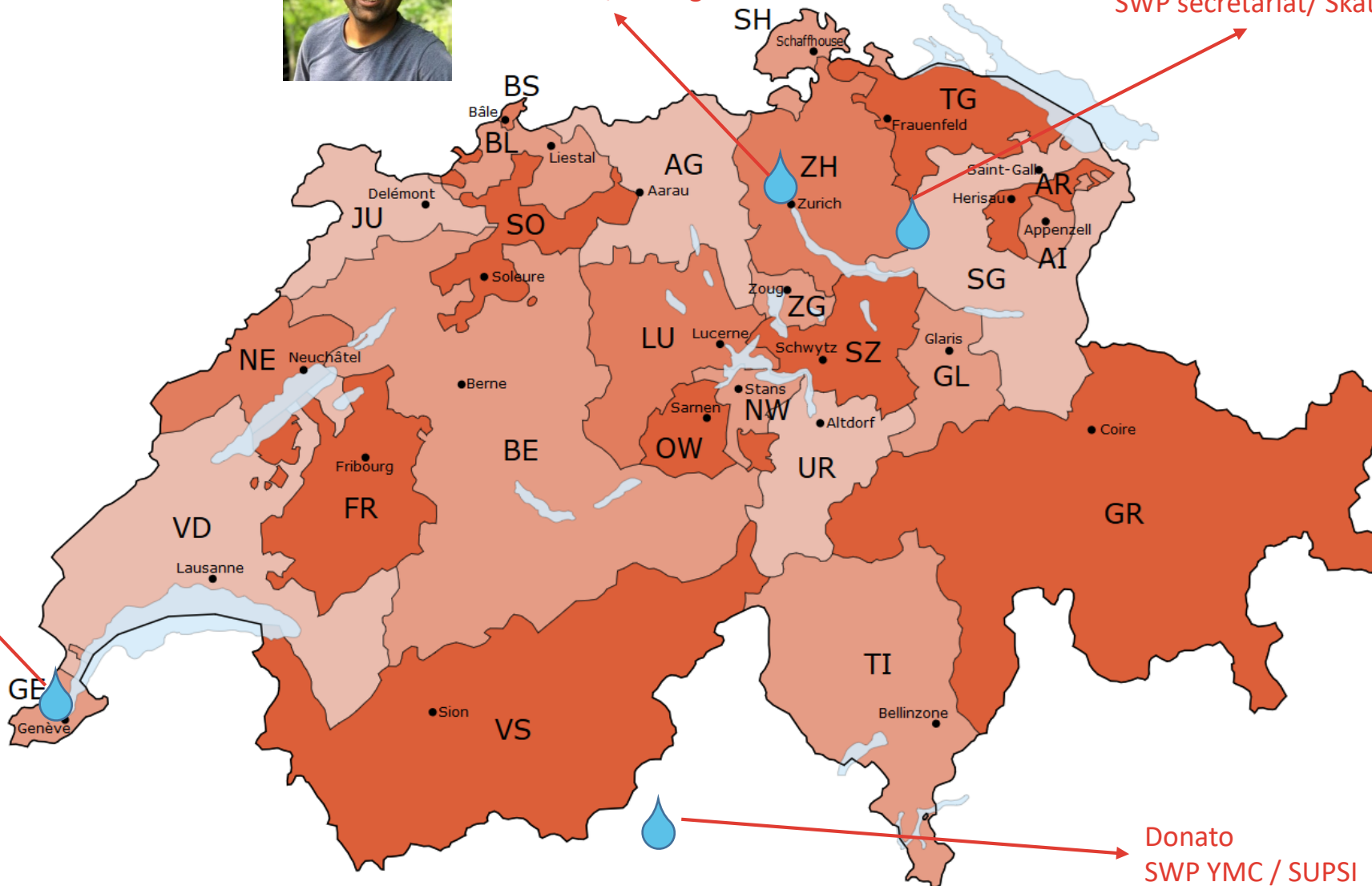




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SWP YMC / Eawag



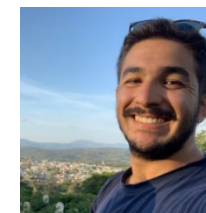
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SWP Youth Activities



Seed Funding

Eg., Call for Proposals
for Youth Projects



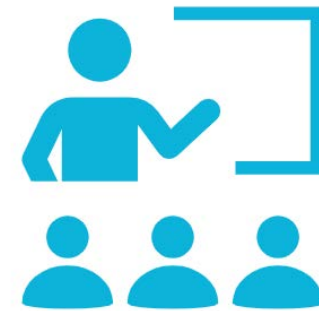
Representation SWP Youth

Eg., World Water Week,
Swiss Water Climate
Forum



Network Creation

Eg., Support and
connect individual
projects



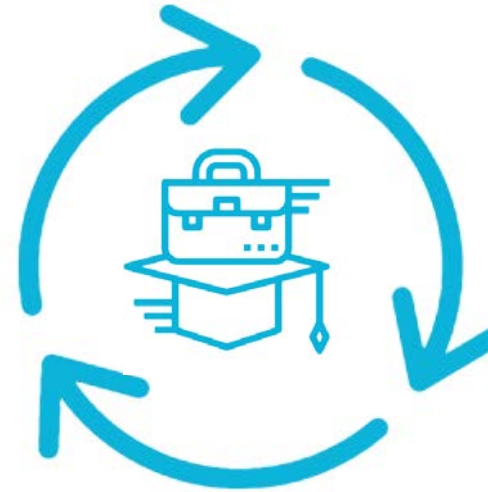
Trainings & CapDev

Eg., Pitching and
feedback events,
webinars

Synergies with other SWP initiatives



Swiss Junior
Water Prize



Rotational
Internship

An overview of SWP Youth projects

Ongoing project: Matura Mentoring

Existing Ideas / Working groups

SanStakes - Diagnosing sanitation actors' capabilities

Water Youth Festival

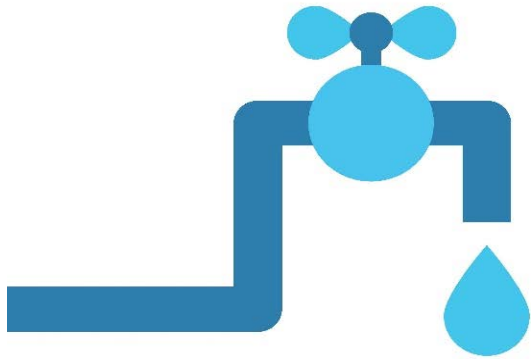
Interactive workshops in (high)schools

Networkshops

Call for proposals: Youth Water Projects 2020



Call for proposals: SWP Youth Water Projects 2020



SWP Youth invites proposals for

Youth Water Projects

seed grants for innovative ideas on water for development

Are you between 15 to 30 years old?

Do you have a project idea on Water?

Are you or your organisation based in Switzerland?

Then apply!

You can win upto 1000 CHF for your project!

More information at www.swisswaterpartnership.com/youth



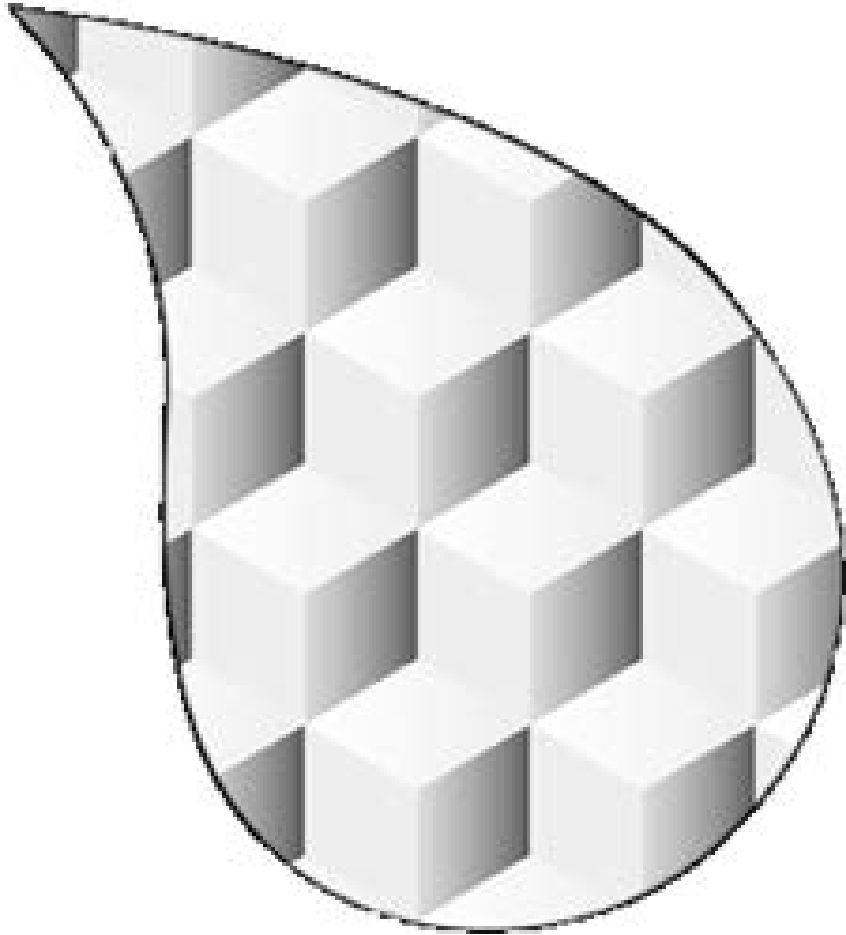
10 project proposals
4 awarded

NETWORKSHOPS

Networking events:
Link Swiss young water talents
to professionals of the Swiss
water for development sector.



WATER BOUNDARYLESS CHAIN

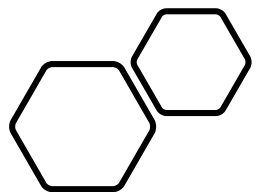


Blockchain based tool to improve transboundary water management and cooperation.



HUMAN RIGHTS FEEDBACK PLATFORM FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND PATIENTS

Sensitize and mobilize health workers and patients to know and demand their human rights to water and sanitation through a simple and confidential online feedback platform.

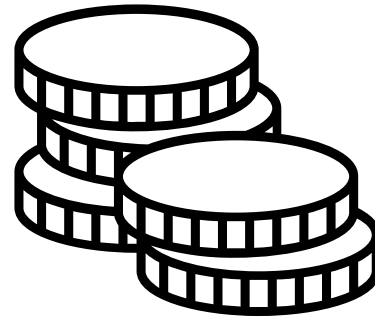
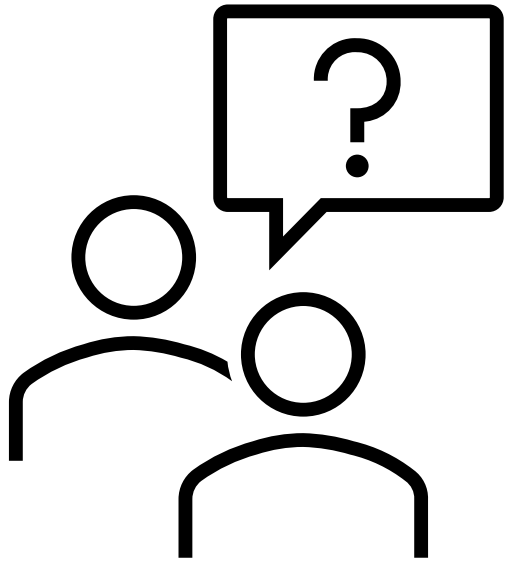


THE DROP:

When a drop of water mirrors social collapse.

Film documentary on water equality: water as an indicator of social justice as well as a drive for innovative solutions through the American continent: USA, Canada, Guatemala and Bolivia.





Need for SWP member engagement

Mentor: Youth advisors for projects

Sponsor: Project funding

Questions ?

For more information

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