

LOOKING BACK AT 2020

Winners of the call for proposals

This summer, we have received 10 proposals from Afghanistan, Brazil, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Switzerland. Four really exciting proposals won funding grants to support the young project leaders with their projects. Discover the four awarded proposals below.



THE DROP, a Swiss documentary film, confronts the audience with the topic of water not uniquely as a necessity, but rather as an indicator of social justice, racial inequalities and a trigger for social transformative change. Following a young Swiss student through the USA, Canada, Guatemala and Bolivia, different stories and interviews illustrate how a drop of water can highlight the drop of a global system that fails to consider its people equally. You can watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEKhVOWnffw>. The financial support from SWP Youth allowed Maevia to work with Luc Halhoute (Post-production and co-directing of photography) and Moïse Cortat (Music and Sound Post-production) on the image and sound post-production, and thus to finalize her documentary. For any questions you can contact the film director and producer, Maevia Griffiths (maevia.griffiths@gmail.com).



HUMAN RIGHTS FEEDBACK PLATFORM is a simple and confidential online feedback platform that aims to sensitize and mobilize health workers and patients so that they know and are able to demand their human rights to water and sanitation. The project includes awareness campaigns on human rights to water and sanitation. In case of any questions on this project, please contact the project managers Ifeoma Okonkwo (lfeoma.okonkwo@washfid.org) and Templet Oraeki (temple.oraeki@gmail.com).

WATER BOUNDARYLESS CHAIN is a project that aims to develop a blockchain based tool to improve transboundary water management and cooperation. In case of any questions please contact Ana Carolina Peixoto (anadeveza@poli.ufrj.br).

NETWORKSHOPS are networking events, which aim to link Swiss young water talents to professionals of the Swiss water for development sector. On October 20, the first Networkshop was organized in Zurich. The main focus was on career opportunities in development cooperation, and the format was a World Café, where young participants had the opportunity to get to know 3 different fields (NGO, research, private sector). The 25 participants invited (limited due to Covid-19) were students from the fields of geography, environmental sciences and environmental engineering. Every round was 20 minutes and afterwards the groups moved to the next expert. The second edition of the Networkshop is planned for March 2021. For any questions please contact the organizers of the Networkshops, Noémie Probst (noemie.probst@hotmail.com) and Lukas Dössegger (lukas.doessegger@eawag.ch).

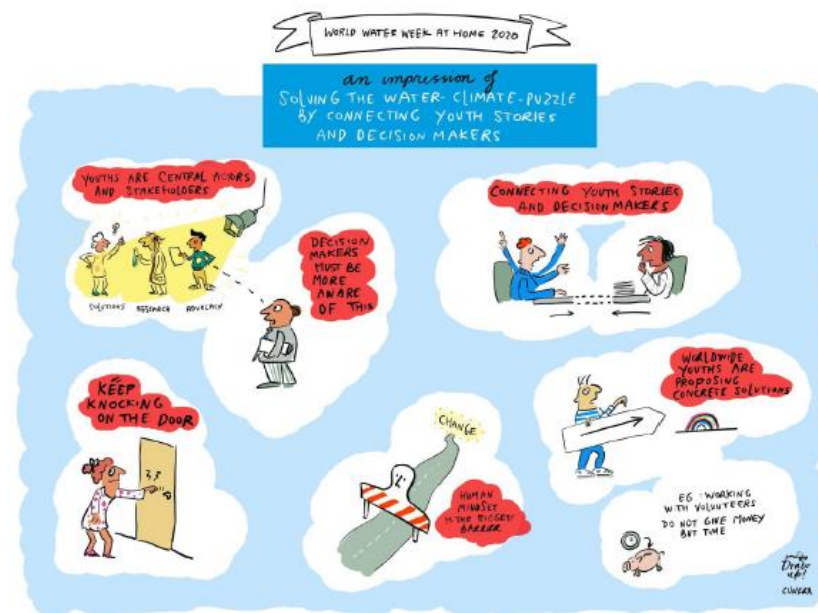
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General Assembly & Steering Board Election

During the annual general assembly of SWP that happened in September in Bern, we presented ourselves to all the members present. The overall reception to the youth activities and plans was very encouraging, and the SDC representation also made a strong commitment towards youth engagement in the sector. Abishek, one of our Youth Management Committee members has been elected to the Steering Board of SWP to be our representative and provide a voice in the decision-making body of SWP.

Building Partnerships

Throughout this year we have been working closely with various youth and water actors across the globe, be it organising or participating in webinars and virtual events. Some key events in the year include the co-organising of the Youth Session at the [World Water Week](#), and participation in the Youth session at [Human Right 2 Water](#). Further we are partnering with the newly formed [Water Science Policy](#) platform for amplifying our voice. More recently we were invited by the [UNESCO EauMega](#) conference to comment and sign their youth declaration as an important youth organisation in the sector. Finally, we were invited for an informal networking event [EnPax Water and Peace Social Hour](#) organised by the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. In 2021, we intend to collaborate and strengthen our partnerships with other global youth organisations in the water sector to build common ground and elevate the cause of young people.



About SWP Youth

SWP Youth is open to all Swiss and Swiss-based youth (15-30 years) interested in water solutions for transition and developing countries. You can find more information here: www.swisswaterpartnership.ch/youth. There are currently around 75 members, regrouping pupils from high schools, students from higher education (university, applied science, apprenticeship, youth associations), and young professionals. In addition to those members, SWP Youth has Youth advisors, who are from SWP member organisations (31+ years). A big thank you to Darcy Molnar, Johannes Heeb, and Rose Alabaster, who accepted to become Youth Advisors for the awarded projects. If yourself or someone from your organization would like to become an advisor, please contact us at swpyouth@gmail.com.

Spotlight on a SWP Youth project

The **Matura mentoring initiative** aims to link the expertise of the members of the Swiss Water Partnership with the interest from young students willing to explore up-to-date water subjects for their Matura or graduation works. In case you or someone from your organisation would be interested in becoming a Matura mentor, or if you are yourself looking for a mentor, please contact Luca Schaufelberger (luca.schaufelberger@bluewin.ch) and Karla Schlie (karla.schlie@swisstoilet.org). More information on this project is available here <https://www.swisswaterpartnership.ch/swp-news/matura-mentoring-initiative/>

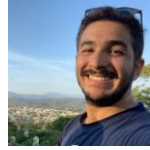
Season's Greetings from the SWP Youth Management Committee



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