



Breaking new grounds to accelerate access to safe water and sanitation for all in Africa

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YWP Congress Programme Theme – “Bridging borders to foster innovative water and sanitation solutions for Africa”

Background

The Young Water Professionals (YWP) programme operates under the auspices of the African Water Association (AfWA) in over 16 countries in Africa and International Water Association (IWA)-Internationally. AfWA’s programme of activities for Young Water Professionals are operationalized through YWP country chapters that aim to empower the next generation of water, sanitation and environment leaders in its member countries. The YWP Chapters aim at enabling young water, sanitation and environment professionals across the globe to come together, share their experiences and discuss the role of the YWPs shaping the water, sanitation and environmental sector in their country, region and ultimately in the continent. The YWPs have a role to play towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG6) with the ambition of universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation, improved water quality and efficiency *through innovative sustainable inclusive solutions leaving no one behind.*

AfWA International Congress and Exhibition

Africa Water Association (AfWA) is organizing its 20th AfWA International Congress and Exhibition under the theme “*Breaking new grounds to accelerate access to water and sanitation for all in Africa*”. The Congress is scheduled to take place in Kampala-Uganda from 24th to 27th February 2020. The Congress theme is particularly relevant to the water and sanitation sector in Africa as most of the African countries are now faced with immense water and sanitation challenges thus new innovations and breakthroughs are needed to address the challenges.

The Congress brings together an estimated number of 2,500 delegates with diverse range of practitioners, scientists, development partners and industry representatives, working across different areas of the water and sanitation sector across the world to deliberate on the solutions and new breakthroughs (both research and good practices) in addressing water and sanitation challenges in Africa. The congress will also shed light on Africa’ progress in achieving the SDGs and establishing new impetus to achieve water and sanitation for all in Africa.

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An estimated number of 300 Young Water Professionals from all over Africa are expected to attend as one of AfWA's core functions is to groom future leaders of the African water and sanitation sector.

YWP Congress Programme

The YWP Congress Programme under the theme: ***Bridging borders to foster innovative water and sanitation solutions for Africa*** will be organized during the AfWA International Water Congress and Exhibition and will run through the congress with a number of activities including a full day YWP forum, networking sessions, mentorship sessions, workshops, and social events. The YWPs will also be actively involved in the main congress programme including **rapporteuring** at some of the congress proceedings. The theme of the YWP congress programme is in line with the main AfWA congress theme and is geared towards bridging borders within the YWPs chapters in order to foster innovative water and sanitation solutions for Africa.

The **YWP Congress Programme** will collate ideas from some of the continent's finest YWP figures and aggregate them into relevant information able to shape the future of water and sanitation in Africa. It is also intended to be a platform for cross-country idea-sharing and assimilation and an opportunity to bridge identity gap that is often perceived to exist within the YWPs

The overall objective of the YWP Congress Programme is to strengthen the role of the YWP in the Water and sanitation Sector in Africa through strong and dynamic country and regional chapters

The specific objectives include among other;

- Establish a shared Vision for the YWP chapters
- Networking opportunities for development and growth
- Strengthening chapter activities and structures

Expected outcomes

- Increased visibility YWP fraternity.
- Increased membership
- New professional relationships created
- Detailed database of the YWPs in Africa
- Stronger YWP chapters and structures

YWP Congress programme Approach

The congress programme will empower the YWP's to play a key role in shaping the future of the water and sanitation sector in Africa and also progress further in their career within the water and sanitation sector. The multi-disciplinary program that will involve; exciting presentations from different countries, sharing of practical experiences in implementation of different activities, panel discussions, brainstorming sessions, quizzes and networking sessions all working towards strengthening collaboration between the

Young Water Professional Chapters to brainstorm and come up with solutions to the Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment challenges faced in Africa.

Participants

The congress will gather over 300 YWPs from a wide range of disciplines involved in the water and sanitation sector within Africa and beyond.

YWP CONGRESS PROGRAM

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020 - YWP FORUM		
7:30am- 8:30am	Arrival, Registration & Networking	YWP Committee
8: 30am – 9:00am	Arrival of Chief Guest and Invited Guests	YWP Committee
9:00am – 9:05 am	Anthems and Prayer	Sheila Nduhukire
9:05am-9:15am	Welcome Remarks	YWPs President: Uganda Chapter
9:15am - 9:25am	Official Opening, Forum Conveners (NWSC, AfWA, BMGF, IWA)	● AFWA, BMGF, IWA
9:25am-9:35am 9:35am-9:45am	Keynote Presentation Keynote Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Kakembo-UN Youth Ambassador • Jacob Amegor (IWA YWP 2018 award Winner) Ghana
9:45am-9:55am	Remarks by YWP Patron	DMD Sylvia Tumuheirwe
9:55am-10:10am	Remarks by the NWSC MD/AFWA President	NWSC MD/AFWA President
10:10am-10:30am	Keynote Presentation	CDF General David Muhoozi
10:30 – 10:50 am	Remarks by the Chief Guest	UNDP Country Representative
10:50am-11:00am	Group Photo	YWPs Committee
11:00am- 11:30am	Break Tea & Exhibition	YWP Committee

11:30am-12:30pm	<p>Opening plenary:</p> <p>Bridging borders to foster innovative water and sanitation solutions to achieve SDG 6 for Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bibilore Olubusola Solarin (Nigeria) (Panelist) ● Brian Kakembo (Uganda) ● Georgina Mukwirimba (Zimbabwe) ● Dr. Amadou Gueye (Senegal) ● Eva Nalwanga (KCCA) <p>Moderator: Raymond Mujuni</p>
12:30pm-1:00pm	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Youth Involvement in achieving SDG 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hagimar Von Ditfurth (Germany) ● Baneddet Kwebiha (KCCA) ● Dr. Sall Fatimatou (Senegal) ● Tariro Marekwa (Zimbabwe) ● Raymond Mujuni (Moderator)
1:00pm-2:00pm	Networking Lunch & Exhibition	YWP Committee
2:00 pm - 2: 30pm	Speed networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annabella Nyakasiki (Moderator) ● Dr. Wilfried Arsène Letah Nzouebet
2:30pm- 3: 30pm	<p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Where we are involved and what are the challenges on the job? ● What can we do to overcome the challenges as discussed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hamadoun Mamoudou Dicko ● Caleb Cord ● Mr. Abdou Salam Niass ● Valentin Yao ● Juliet Mubi (NFA) ● Sylvaster Sinandugu (MWE) ● Mr Hughes Boissy (Senegal) <p>Moderator: Vanessa Tyaba (KCCA)</p>
3:30Pm - 4:15pm	<p>Fire Side Chats (8 groups):</p> <p>Knowledge sharing/Success stories on YWP implementation activities and impact created</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fisher Sekabira ● Noah Roberts ● Abdou Salam NIASSE ● Kouassi Simplicite (Cote d'ivoire)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serges Bashonga (DRC) ● Yao Valentino (AFWA) ● Moderator: Charity Supeyo (Kenya)
4:15am - 5:00am	Brain storming session on strengthening YWP chapters in Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lloyd Fishers (South Africa)- Presentation ● Mr. Thierno Bocar Dieye ● Charity Supeyo (Kenya) ● Innocent Twesigye (NWSC) ● Gloria Mirembe (KCCA)
5:00pm-5:05pm	Session summary and key highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Angela Ameso (NWSC) ● Viola Matanda (KKCA)
6:00pm	YWP Social Evening (A night in Wakanda)	
LUNCH WORKING SESSIONS AT ALBERT-SERENA HOTEL		
1:00pm-2:00pm	Road Map to the World Water Forum-Dakar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Amadou Gueye ● Dr. Sall Fatimou (Senegal)
1:00pm-2:00pm	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Mentorship session (panel) Exploiting Opportunities for YWPS in the Water and Sanitation Sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IWA Representative ● Afwa President ● IWA president ● AFWA Executive Director ● IWA ED ● Moderator: Sheila Nduhukire

Reason to attend the YWP Congress Programme – Benefits at a glance

- **Attend** the Entire AfWA Congress and benefit from the rich and interactive congress agenda
- **Meet** some of Africa’s YWPs and water and sanitation professionals helping make our societies better.



- **Opportunity** to join the YWP Network and also join the AfWA as well as IWA as members and take advantage of our life transforming projects, activities, events, training programmes, etc
- **Participate** to Network amongst over 2,500 congress delegates and 300 YWPs, global leaders, researchers and like-minded practitioners and speakers and dignitaries drawn from Government, Industry, Diplomatic Corps, Academia, Media, private sector, Civil Society etc.
- **Grace** the Prestigious and biggest water and sanitation event in Africa and 40th Anniversary of the AfWA
- **An opportunity** to contribute to the African YWP Manifesto, be empowered, build on



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