



YOUTH
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WETLANDS

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SCOPING DOCUMENT 2019-2024

“Moved by the urgent need to join efforts to preserve wetlands, youth from all over the world gathered here to be involved in the COP. We are equipped with passion, enthusiasm, new ideas, time and underutilised potential. We are here today, and we will be here tomorrow, committed to this urgent mission to save our wetlands.”

Extract from Youth closing statement at the Ramsar COP 13



Through youth-led activities like the side-event “A vision for YEW - Youth Engaged in Wetlands” hosted by the World Wetland Network and Visioning Workshop, a platform was created for young professionals at the Ramsar Convention Thirteenth Conference of the Parties (COP13) to gather and discuss youth engagement.

The workshop brought the knowledge and experience of young professionals from around the world to start building a common vision for youth in the Convention. This platform is called Youth Engaged in Wetlands (YEW).

The team of young professionals that met at the Ramsar COP13 have established the next steps for YEW in preparation for Ramsar COP14. This scoping paper presents the key objectives highlighted as a priority by the group to work towards within the next 5 years.

VISION

The YEW is identified as the leading youth network for wetlands and is recognized as a key stakeholder for the Ramsar Convention through meaningful engagement in the processes of the Convention, ensuring intergenerational cooperation.



MISSION

The YEW will provide a platform for young people to enable and empower them to help protect and promote our wetlands through: raising awareness and capacity building, action campaigns, fostering partnerships, information exchange and any other relevant approaches within the capacity of the YEW.

YOUTH

Youth is defined by the UNESCO as a “period of transition between the dependence of childhood to the independence of adulthood.” This means that the identification of young people must remain flexible in order to account for the great diversity of young people across the world and different circumstances which may exist.

Youth Engaged in Wetlands define youth for practical and legal matters to include any one between the age of 18 years old and 30+ years old.

By focusing on this age category, YEW aims to engage with people emerging from full-time education and becoming early-career young professionals, who are playing or are interested in playing an active role in subjects of relevance to wetlands.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Several outputs have been developed under four themes to ensure the effective implementation of this strategy for the period of 2019-2024. The Figure 1 below illustrates these themes and the key outputs expected. A more detailed explanation of these themes and outputs is provided subsequently.

Taking an adaptive approach, these objectives and outputs will be revised on an annual basis and adapted according to the priorities and needs identified along the way and following discussions with YEW partners.

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STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF YEW 2019-2024



LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

[GOAL]

INTERGENERATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND WISE-USE OF WETLANDS

[PURPOSE]

PLATFORM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENABLE AND EMPOWER THEM TO HELP AND PROTECT WETLANDS

THEME 1

IMPLEMENTATION
AND
COORDINATION



Output 1.1
Establishment of
YEW core team

Output 1.2
Partnerships with
Ramsar Convention
bodies, IOPs, and
organizations

Output 1.3
Mentorship program

Output 1.4
Core group
communications
and meetings

Output 1.5
Fundraising and
financial plan

THEME 2

KNOWLEDGE AND
CAPACITY
BUILDING



Output 2.1
Educational
platform for lessons
learned

Output 2.2
Working Groups

Output 2.3
Case studies of
youth engagement

Output 2.4
International/region
al capacity building
workshops

Output 2.5
Exchange Program

THEME 3

ADVOCACY AND
YOUTH PARTICIPATION
IN RAMSAR



Output 3.1
Input to Ramsar
COP 14 resolutions

Output 3.2
Youth delegates in
Ramsar Meetings

Output 3.3
YEW as an observer
in Ramsar meetings

Output 3.4
Youth Forum at
Ramsar COP 14

THEME 4

COMMUNICATION,
OUTREACH AND
NETWORKING



Output 4.1
International YEW
network

Output 4.2
Synergies with other
groups

Output 4.3
Activities of World
Wetlands Day

Output 4.4
Youth-led
communication

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