

Session Details - Draft

Theme 3: Path Towards a Sustainable Water Future

Day 3, Plenary Session 4: Youth and Gender Voices on Water Security and Sustainable Future

18 SEP 2024, 11:00 - 13:00

Convener(s) :	CIHEAM, AWC
Co-conveners:	UNESCO, Regional Gender & Youth Organizations & Networks
Moderator:	Dr. Manal Benani, Youth and Culture Manager
Venue:	Hall B – Track 1

Session General Description & Modality:

Description of Modality: Interactive Panel Discussion (2 hrs.)

Diverse voices are critical to ensure a sustainable future in water security. With women, youth and children, and marginalized communities impacted most due to climate challenges, their voices are critical in the decision-making processes addressing climate change and ensuring equitable water management. The session will spotlight their perspectives on climate advocacy and innovative solutions, featuring a diverse pool of panelists reflecting their visions. Insights from working groups will be integrated in the discussion. The session will culminate in a youth and gender declaration for policy change, encapsulating the discourse's key outcomes, and displayed for all participants.

Dialogue and multi-actor collaborations at territorial, national, and international levels are essential to sustainably and equitably guarantee water security. Therefore, it is crucial to include the voices of women, youth, children, and marginalized communities – often the most affected by climate challenges – in decision-making processes addressing climate change and equitable water management. In addition, young people are valuable providers of innovative solutions and disruptive practices likely to accelerate the necessary environmental and social transitions, but they still remain insufficiently known and valued.

The session will spotlight their perspectives on climate advocacy and innovative solutions they develop in particular in the field of Green and blue transformation, featuring a diverse group of panelists reflecting their visions. Insights from the working groups will be incorporated into the discussion. The session will culminate with a declaration on youth empowerment and the integration of a gender perspective for political change, summarizing the main conclusions and presented to all participants.

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Session Objectives:

The Forum is expected to highlight youth and gender perspectives across all key issues raised during the three days, mainly their vision for climate advocacy, promoting innovative and sustainable solutions developed by scholars and young researchers, and showcasing initiatives and work done towards addressing climate change and water-related challenges.

The session will draw upon the insights generated from the side working groups from day one and day2 with emphasis on integrating the contributions of young professionals and maintaining the gender perspective and inputs across the different sessions.

Sequence of Events:

- The Session will be moderated by a young moderator who will welcome all the audience and the panelists representing youth and gender groups. An Interactive Mentimeter Poll will kick off proceedings, inviting audience participation to evaluate the outcomes of the three days.
- Two short presentations will follow, offering key highlights of the three days.
- Subsequently, a Youth / Women panel from different representatives and speakers will highlight the main inputs and outputs of the three-day discourse and convey their future vision and messages for the Arab region.
- Formulation of a declaration on youth empowerment and the integration of a gender perspective as a key output including policy recommendations and future actions for inclusion. This declaration will be collaboratively formulated and displayed for all participants to see... followed by the session conclusion.

Agenda

Time	Session run	Speaker
11:00-11:05	Opening and Welcome	Moderator: Dr. Manal Benani , Youth and Culture Manager
11:05-11:15	Interactive Mentimeter Poll	Moderator: Dr. Manal Benani , Youth and Culture Manager
11:15-11:30	Presentations: Two short presentations, offering key highlights of the three days	Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Doha Zamel, UFM • Member of Arab Youth Council for Climate Change
11:30-12:30	Panel Discussion	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yasmine Seghirate, Administrator at the General Secretariat, CIHEAM

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Abdelaziz Zaki, Science National Professional Officer, UNESCO Regional Office ● Dr. Noura Abdelwahab, Senior Gender and Social Inclusion Expert- Water and Climate Change, IWMI MENA Office ● Mrs. Rawya Mansour, Founder and Chairwoman of RAMSCO Trade and Distribution ● Ms. Sara Al Amri, Office of Energy and Sustainability Affairs, Ministry of foreign Affairs, UAE ● Mr. Mosaad Daoud, Entrepreneur - Chief Executive Officer, AgriKemet
12:30-12:45	Declaration on youth empowerment and the integration of a gender perspective (Declaration will be presented by a group of youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Yasmine Seghirate, Administrator at the General Secretariat, CIHEAM ● Ms. Samar Morkos, Research Assistant, Project Coordinator, The Environment and Sustainable Development Unit (ESDU) - Lebanon ● Dr. Bilal Derardja, Consultant & Researcher, CIHEAM-BARI
12:45-12:55	Open Discussion	Audience Q&A
12:55-13:00	Wrap-Up	Key Messages and Closing by the Moderator

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