

Working document - Taking stock of existing youth actions

Thematic topic: 1) Water and Sanitation

Key issues related to Water and Sanitation	Existing youth actions to address the key issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable water use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educational programs for children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reducing water pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cleaning the river by removing the trashes from river ● Greenpeace program ● Youth in Ningbo city (China) forced the government to give up the PX program which may pollute the water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Problem of using water from transboundary river basins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Russian-Chinese Workshop on Freshwater Bioassessment, July 2013, Khabarovsk (CWC, FEPU) ● Participation of youth in the XIV International Symposium on Trichoptera with several presentations on water protection in Primorsky Region in Russia (CWC, FEPU, VSUES), July 2012, Vladivostok ● Public expertise of Partizanskaya River ecological catastrophe (CWC, FEPU), Primorsky Region, 2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dam problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth participated and made presentations in the Annual Scientific-Public Conference “Rivers of Siberia and Russian Far East”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Safety of drinking water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public lectures and presentation on water economy at home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using water economically (from rivers, streams, lakes, and groundwater) (e.g. cyclic usage of water; e.g. separating water for drinking and for other usages; e.g. sewerage water should be taken from sources other than the potable water, etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth explain how to use water several times at home (Japan, China)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remember the principles of IWRM (Integrated Water Resource Management) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Educational Course available in Universities of Central Asia (Kazakh National Tech University, Kazakh Agrarian University, Kyrgyz Agrarian University)

● Stop illegal use of water	● Japanese youth raise awareness about this poorly known problem to the general public
● Develop technology of water purification in developing countries; call on developed countries to share such technologies with other parts of the world	● Young researches were involved
● Keep water supply system (especially in large cities) in good condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth warn the water management authorities about destruction of water system supply ● Japanese students teach local people how to make and maintain wells
● Lack of public control of drinking and natural water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth take part in chemical and microbiological testing of drinking water quality ● Youth internship program in centers of water purification (Republic of Korea, China, Russia (Khabarovsk))
● Lack of international network of ecological educational centers on control and monitoring environment	● (we want to propose it in this Youth Forum)
● Lack of a International Youth Water Council (“international” - at least in ENEA + NCA subregions)	● (we want to propose it in this Youth Forum)
● Ask specialists of the Benthological Society of Asia (BSA) to develop international documents for public freshwater bioassessment and control	● (we want to propose it in this Youth Forum)
● Public education on water problems	● Campaign for water problems e.g. flash mob, video, lectures; preparation of brochures, leaflets, articles, educational interviews on mass media; seminars, workshops, etc
● Public monitoring of freshwater resources	● Undertaken by youths and children in Japan, Russia (CWC, FEFU, Irkutsk University, NGO “Baikal Wave”), and Kazakhstan
● Reallocate water to the drought areas	● Chinese Youth has such projects
● Lack of public awareness on the need to tax water usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To attract attention of public to taxes policy for industrial users ● The 4th Regional MUNRFE Conference in Khabarovsk,

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