What is the Forum
The IWA Emerging Water Leaders Forum is an event that sets an open platform for YWPs to connect and engage with their peers from around the World. The Forum is a place to share professional experiences and highlight the important responsibility of YWPs working on solutions for the future of the water sector.

Who will attend?
Young Water Professionals - aged 35 and under covering a wide range of disciplines in the water sector spanning from social, technical, economic, and environmental backgrounds. The Forum is dedicated to YWPs attending the 2022 IWA WWC&E only.

Why should I attend it?
The EWL Forum provides a unique face-to-face opportunity for YWPs to explore and share their perspectives on some of the main water challenges that young water professionals face across regions and backgrounds. The Forum empowers YWPs to collaborate and discuss solutions via transdisciplinary cooperation, enabling the development of innovative solutions. It will strengthen all YWPs to lead on advancements in the water sector for a water-wise world.

What can you expect from the Forum?
This edition centers around two questions: what are the main challenges in the Water Sector, and how YWPs can impact these challenges? Participants are invited to discuss and design solutions among their peers to address big challenges in the water sector across their region. The Forum will be an opportunity to voice your ideas and perspectives as a YWP and break complex issues down into smaller components. You will practice your problem-solving skills whilst developing answers to the questions posed by senior and experienced professionals.

Agenda

Part 1: Registration, Welcome & Updates
10:30-10:45 Registration
10:45-11:15 Welcome by IWA Executive Director and IWA YWP SC Chair
11:15-11:25 Updates from Chapters
11:25-11:50 World Map of YWP Challenges
11:50-12:00 Q&A
12:00-13:00 Group photo and lunch

Part 2: Intergenerational dialogues
13:00-14:00 Women & Water, Future of Work in the water sector, and Youth voices in policy-making

Part 3: World Café
14:00-14:50 GMT Moderated groups discussions on YWP-related topics (World Café style)
14:50-15:00 Closure of EWL Forum