


**Young people have a clear role to play**

**In the water sector, the attention for participation of young people is rising (virtuous cycle):**

- Increased attention for stakeholders
- We are the next generation of water engineers, plumbers, politicians, decisionmakers
- Snowball-effect – knowledge will be shared with family

But it means we have to live up to expectations, and sometimes set them



**WATER YOUTH NETWORK**  
Connecting you(th) on water issues



**Vision:**  
A world where **YOUNG** people work **TOGETHER** to become **agents of CHANGE** and ultimately improve the world's **WATER** situation





### Why Youth as an important stakeholder?

Youth has a clear and inherit stake in the future, are a vulnerable group, but also:

OECD Water Governance Initiative: *OECD report on Stakeholder engagement for inclusive water governance*

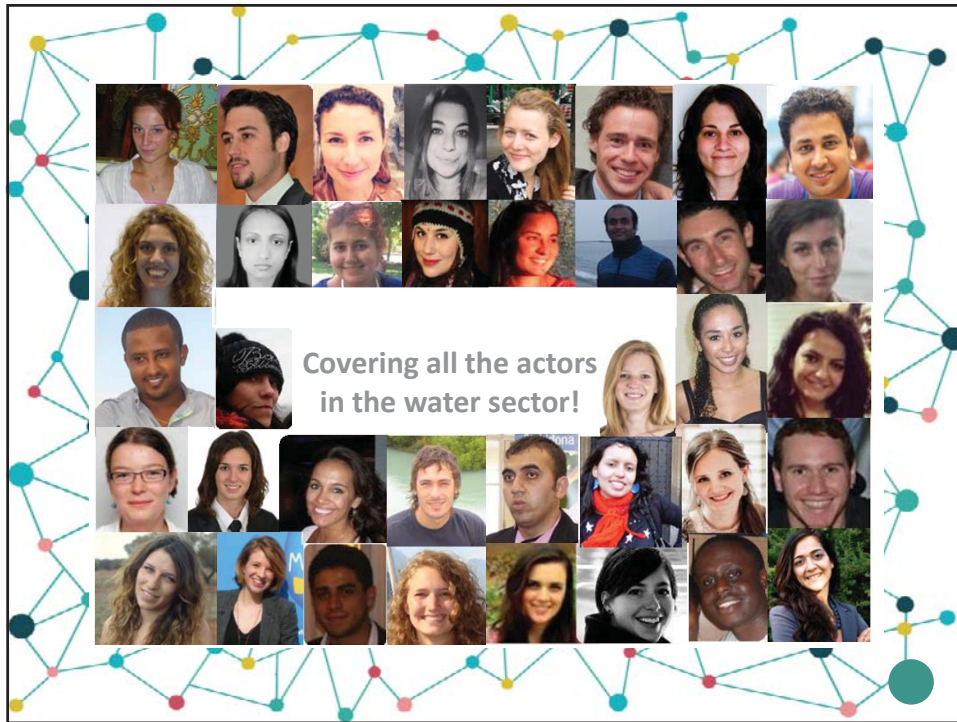
**Young people constitute a vital force and a critical age group capable of contributing actively to water-related decision making and implementation.**

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

**Children and youth are agents of change and should be given the space and modalities to contribute to disaster risk reduction, in accordance with legislation, national practice and educational curricula**

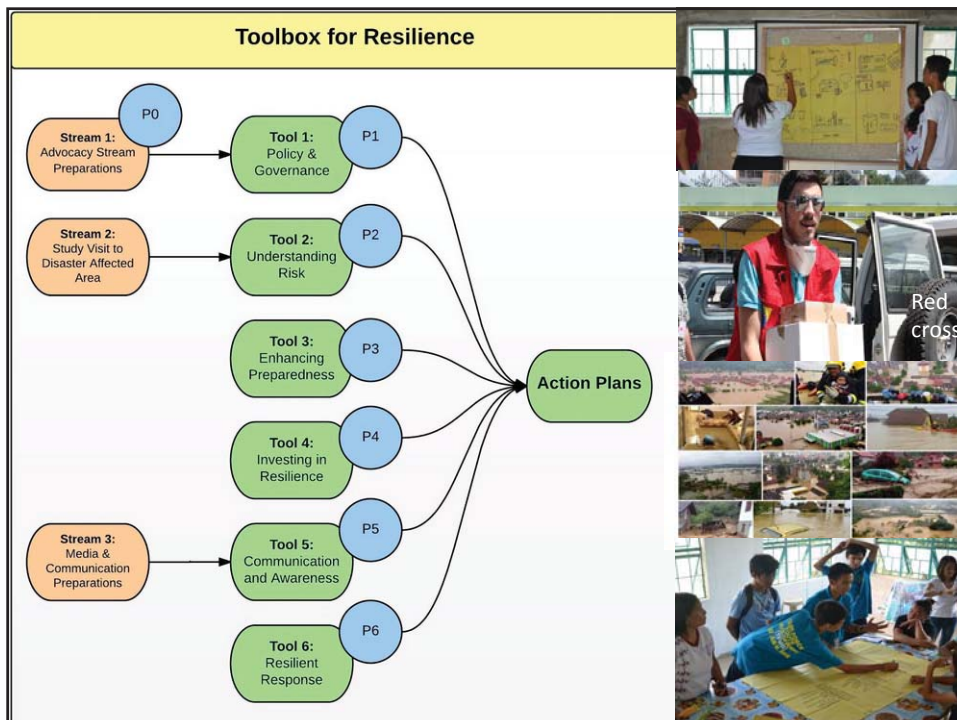



# Who are Youth?






# What can we do?






What can we do?

- #Inform, #Involve, #Empower
- We are working on 'Sharing Innovative Practices'
  - *Database with youth organisations*
  - *Making connections and facilitating knowledge exchange*
  - *Sharing best practices*
- <http://youthbeyonddisasters.org/toolbox/>



And  
what can  
you do?







**What can you do to include youth?**

#Inform, #Involve, #Empower

We call on OSCE members to inform youth  
Involve them meaningfully  
And create an enabling environment for them  
to act – locally, nationally and internationally



**Would you like to join?  
What do you want to do?  
Any questions?**

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