

Youth in Action for Lakes

The 20th World Lake Conference Youth Program











Jul. 21
2025

9:00AM-11:30AM (AEST)

- Youth Discussion
- Film Session
- Launch of Online Platform
- Kids in Action



Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Plaza 6 & 7

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Objective

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Achieve SDG 6 and Promote Sustainable Lake Management (SLM):

- Ensure the sustainability of youth activities.
- Consolidate and share information on youth activities, contributing to human resource development.
- Strengthen international networking.
- Raise global awareness of World Lake Day and propose new initiatives.

Program – Moderated by Stephanie Smith | Zephyr Mangata

9:00–9:05	Opening	Start the session with a brief introduction to Sustainable Lake Management (SLM) and an overview of global youth engagement activities to date.
9:05–9:15	Message from the Next Generation (Kids in Action)	Elementary and junior high school students share their heartfelt ideas on what they can do to protect and care for lakes. A powerful glimpse into the minds of our future stewards.
9:15–10:25	Film Session	Watch a series of short films created by youth from around the world, showcasing their local lake conservation efforts. Each team will give a brief live explanation of their project, followed by a Q&A.
10:25–11:20	Discussion Facilitated by Katie Turlington Griffith University	Join youth leaders, with input from experts, in a thoughtful discussion on how to promote sustainable lake conservation through citizen science, environmental education, and active community engagement, etc. We'll also reflect on the personal and cultural importance of lakes, and how these connections can drive meaningful youth-led actions toward World Lake Day.
11:20–11:25	Launch of Online Platform	Be the first to see the launch of a new online space for youth to collaborate, share information, and connect their lake conservation efforts worldwide.
11:25-11:30	Closing	Summarize discussion points and outline next steps for the global youth lake movement.

Participants of Film Session & Discussion



Mariana Vargas Sánchez

"Karst lakes Exploration & Climate Research"

México



Mugweri Trever

"Celebrating the Spirit of Lake Victoria"

Uganda



Yande Nsofwa

"Protect Kafue: Voices Against Pollution"

Zambia



Nanami Hiroe

"Towards Microplastic-Free Lakes"

Japan



Prosper Mahenge

"Voices for Nature: Awareness Through Media" Tanzania (Online)

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Shiori Mimachi

"Exploring impactss through eco-friendly soap" Japan (Online)

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Ninsiima Alison Linda "Community-led lake conservation" Uganda (Online)



HAPPY JOY NAMULI.

"Reducing lake nutrient pollution through better farming" Uganda (Online)



Patrick Otuo/Tabitha Onyango

"Tackling lake debris to safeguard nature livelihoods"

Kenya (Online)



Hana Asano (Hikone Higashi High School)

"Moat Health Mission: Tackling Algal Blooms"

Japan



Minakuchi Higashi High School (Haruki Omori/Maiha Morii/Yua Kajita) "Clean Lake Biwa, learn, and act for future water"

Japan (Online)



Perth Modern School (High School) (Isaac Lee/Rafael Tan/Lishaanth Karthikeyan/ Maxine Mah/Chelsea Wu)



Australia (Online)