



# SLM Forum

Sustainable Lake Management



Promoting SLM: Co-Creating a Better Future

Sat. 2024

**Join Us  
Online**

**Sep. 28**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Japan Time (UTC+9)

Part 1 International Panel Discussion (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)  
“Are Lakes Sustainable?”



Part 2 Round Table (1:30 pm – 3:00 pm)  
“Sustainable Lake Management with Global Youth ~ Toward WLC20”

Registration for free: <https://tinyurl.com/msspjhkc>





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The Japan World  
Exposition 1970  
Commemorative Fund  
Grant Program in FY2024



Following the resolution of the United Nations Environment Assembly, "Sustainable Lake Management (SLM)" has gained international attention, with the following points being emphasized:

- ◆ Countermeasures against climate change and improving water quality
- ◆ Creation of symbolic days and events, such as "World Lake Day"
- ◆ Collaboration between scientists and policymakers, as well as participation from the younger generation

In response, ILEC will organize a forum, inviting domestic and international experts, government officials, international organizations, enterprises, and young leaders to discuss solutions for the future.

## Part 1

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## International Panel Discussion "Are Lakes Sustainable?"

The following three points will be discussed to explore the theme "Are Lakes Sustainable?":

- ① "Source-to-Sea" Approach: The importance of **considering lakes, rivers, and oceans as an interconnected system** from their water sources to their endpoints.
- ② Significance of "World Lake Day": The potential impact of raising awareness about the importance of lakes.
- ③ Social Efforts for the **Next Generation: Education and support** for sustainable lake management.

10:00

**Opening Remarks:** Kazuhiko Takemoto (President, ILEC)

10:05

**Background and Purpose of Panel Discussion:** Masahisa Nakamura (Vice President, ILEC)

10:15

**Introducing Panels/Short Presentation** (5min./each)



**Inge Retnowati** (Director, Inland Waters and Mangrove Rehabilitation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia)



**Yoshihiro Mizutani** (Manager, Marine Environment Division, Water and Air Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan)



**Naoya Yamamoto** (Director, Lake Biwa Conservation and Restoration Division, Shiga Prefecture)



**Sergio Antonio Silva** (Honorific Professor, University of Guanajuato, Mexico; Visiting Professor, SOKA University, Japan)



**David Hamilton** (Professor, Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, Australia)



**Patrick M'mayi** (Programme Management Officer, Early Warning & Assessment Division, UNEP)



**Megumi Kodama** (Manager, Taneya Club Harie Management Division)



**Walter Rast** (Chair, ILEC Scientific Committee)

11:00

**Panel Discussion**

11:55

**Closing Remarks:** Yasuo Takahashi (Director, ILEC; Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES))



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### Part 2

1:30 am - 3:00 pm

## Round Table --- Youth Activity Introduction, Discussions Toward WLC20, and World Lake Day

### “Sustainable Lake Management with Global Youth ~ Toward WLC20”


At the 20th World Lake Conference (WLC20) to be held in Brisbane, Australia, in July 2025, ILEC will launch an online platform to consolidate the activities of **youth** contributing to SLM. **Young politicians, researchers, and students from Japan, Mexico, Australia, the Philippines, Hungary, Uganda** and others will share their **youth-powered** activities and knowledge with the world, including their **own research, eco-tourism, and environmental conservation activities that involve citizens through the use of apps**. Now we will call for **the participation of youth globally** and **support for the establishment of “World Lakes Day.”**


1:30


Making Youth Activities Sustainable MC: Mana Kubozono (Ritsumeikan University)


1:35


#### Introducing Youth Activities


-  **Japan** ..... 1. Ecotourism following the path of water (Seian University of Art and Design)
- 2. Activities to remove invasive aquatic plants  
(IVUSA: International Volunteer University Student Association)
- 3. Garbage application and river environment conservation  
(Doshisha University)

-  **Mexico** ..... Study of Epicontinental Aquatic Ecosystem  
(National Autonomous University of Mexico)


-  **Australia** ..... Automated and dynamic freshwater ecosystem mapping  
(University of New South Wales)


-  **Philippines** ... Project TRIBE: Taytay River Initiatives for a Better Environment  
(Local Government Unit of Taytay, Province of Rizal)

-  **Hungary** ..... Study of Freshwater Microalgae (HUN-REN Centre for Ecological Research)

-  **Uganda** ..... Involvement of Youth to Integrated Water Resources Management  
(University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences)

#### ◆ Others

-  Youth Ramsar Japan       Indonesia

-  Australia (Eco-tourism / The Hotel School Australia) (TBD)

2:30

Discussion

2:55

Toward WLC20 “Way Forward”

# Lake Biwa to Brisbane, Australia SLM Forum to WLC20



## Now Seeking Sponsors for WLC20 Participation Support

### Save Water, Save Lakes Let's think and act together for the lake's future!

The World Lake Conference (WLC) is a significant international gathering where a diverse range of people from around the world, including experts, government officials, local authorities, enterprises, locals, students, and children, come together to exchange opinions and information on environmental issues and solutions related to lakes and their basins.

The momentous 20th conference (WLC20) will be held in Brisbane, Australia, in July 2025. We, at ILEC, aim to provide a platform for as many individuals as possible to participate and share their activities and solutions. However, for individuals from developing countries and younger generations, the financial burden of travel and participation fees is significant, making it difficult to send everyone.

Therefore, we are seeking sponsors to support the participation of individuals from developing countries and younger generations at WLC20. Your generous contributions will be used to cover travel expenses, participation fees, and other operational costs associated with WLC20.

Your support will provide opportunities for many individuals to participate and contribute to the future of lakes. We sincerely appreciate your support.

#### OPTIONS

300USD

500USD

1000USD

#### Benefits (Applicable to All Options)

##### ■ Display your Organization's logos and website links

- on the donation page of the ILEC website,
- on the WLC20 page of the ILEC website.

##### ■ Display your Organization's logos

- in event materials hosted by ILEC and in the ILEC newsletter,
- at the photo spots (interview boards) planned for the WLC20 venue.



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