



TIME FOR SOLUTIONS

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Dear Sir/Madam

The 6th World Water Forum will be held in Marseille on 12-17 March, 2012. It is the world's largest water event, gathering more than 20 000 stakeholders from very diverse backgrounds (experts, decision-makers from the private and public sectors, politicians, representatives from the civil society) and geographical origins

In this framework, the mobilization and representation of the Youth is essential for the Forum. In order to encourage students to share their inputs on the themes of the forum, the Grassroots and Citizenship Commission, together with the Mediterranean Union of Young Ambassadors (UMJAE), is setting up a Visio conference connecting universities across the world on **February, 15, 2012**. It aims at creating momentum for the youth participation in the Forum.

Each university will have not only to involve its students, but also to include students from other centers in their city/region/country. Given the limited amount of time small group of students will be presenting for each university. They will have to present a solution-oriented pitch on the Priority For Action 1.5 of the World Water Forum « Contribute to Cooperation and Peace Through Water ». In order to prepare for this event, they could use as food for thoughts the works of the Forum's thematic working groups (available on our Platform of Solutions, <http://www.solutionsforwater.org/groups/1-5-contribute-to-cooperation-and-peace-through-water/>).

The results of the Visio conference will be collected by the Task Force already in place (<http://wateryouthmovement.org>) and aggregated to other contributions in order to share them at the Forum, within dedicated youth sessions, but also thematic and political ones.

Given its expertise in the domain, **we think your university could be a focal point in your area to host a local participation to the Visio conference**. One student from each focal point will be supported to come to the Forum and share the results of his work with other young people. Other students will be selected to come to the forum through a call for application.

Taking into account the short timing, we would be very thankful if you could kindly answer our invitation to [jb.geissler@worldwaterforum6.org](mailto:jb.geissler@worldwaterforum6.org) and [coordinateurs.umjae@ec-lyon.fr](mailto:coordinateurs.umjae@ec-lyon.fr) as soon as it is possible and in any case before January, 9, 2011.

Thanking you in advance and looking forward for your cooperation in this ambitious process.

Best regards,

UMJAE and 6th World Water Forum

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