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**The Young Water Professionals Programme  
and youth participation in Millennium  
Development Goals**

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# About the International Water Association

- Vision to connect water professionals worldwide to lead the development of effective and sustainable approaches to water management
  - Conferences
  - Publications
  - Web forums



1<sup>st</sup> Australian Young Water Professionals Conference



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# What does the IWA offer Young Water Professionals?

- Specialist Groups
  - Management committees
  - Newsletters
  - Specialist group conferences
- Biennial Water Congress
- Technology Conferences
- Young Water Professionals Programme



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# YWP Objectives

- Maintain IWA as *the* global network for young water professionals
- Networking opportunities and career development for young researchers and professionals
- Professional development services for employers to attract and retain the next generation of leaders



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# YWP Programme

- Connecting People
- Career Development
- Sector Support
- Programme Development



# Other Activities Under Development

- Career compass
- Exchange Programme
- Web portal
- Mentorship Programme



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# IWA Young Water Professionals

## International Conferences 2005-2006

**United Kingdom 9 – 10 September 2002, Cranfield**

1<sup>st</sup> IWA Young Researchers Conference



**Netherlands 23 – 24 April 2004, Wageningen**

2<sup>nd</sup> IWA Young Researchers Conference



**Singapore, 24 – 26 May 2006**

3<sup>rd</sup> IWA Young Water Professionals Conference



**United States, 16 – 18 July 2008, Berkeley**

4<sup>th</sup> IWA Young Water Professionals Conference



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## National Conferences 2007-2008

**United Kingdom 18-20 April 2007, University of Surrey**  
8th United Kingdom Young Water Professionals Conference



**Germany 4-7 June 2007, Berlin**  
Membrane technologies for wastewater treatment and reuse



**Australia 10-13 February 2008, University of Queensland**  
2nd Australian Young Water Professionals Conference



***South Africa, 2008??***  
*1st South African Young Water Professionals Conference*



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# United Nations Millennium Development Goals

“The Millennium Development Goals form a blueprint agreed to by all the world’s countries and all the world’s leading development institutions. They have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world’s poorest.”

United Nations



# IWA YWPs and the Millennium Development Goals

“Without the involvement of young people, a demographic that comprises one fifth of the world’s total population, the full achievement of the Millennium Development Goals will remain elusive and their long-term sustainability will be compromised.”

Challenges and Opportunities for Implementation (2005)



# World Water Monitoring Day

- Joint initiative between Water Environment Federation (WEF) and IWA
- International education and outreach programme
- Engage citizens and youth groups in systematic monitoring
- Water resource management



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# On-line Resources

- SANICON
  - ‘Sanitation Connection’
  - Quality assured web resource
  - Bibliographic and other resources
- Water Corps
  - Expert profiles, matching need and supply
  - Range of organisations – NGOs, utilities, international agencies
  - Natural disasters and longer term development



# UNICEF Water Environment and Sanitation

- Three major programmes in UNICEF-WES to promote Young Water Professionals
  - Young Professionals Programme
  - Junior Professional Officer
  - Internship Programme
    - Placement opportunities



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