



The UN2023 Gamechanger Challenge

By Wavemakers United & IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, in collaboration with the Dutch Government.

During the Stockholm World Water Week 2022, Wavemakers United and IHE Delft have launched the UN2023 Gamechanger Challenge. A global challenge for 17+ students, from all education levels, to accelerate youth engagement towards achieving all the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030 by using water. Together, students develop ideas that will solve global water challenges to ensure a climate resilient future for all. These ideas will be showcased during the UN2023 Water Conference in New York. After March 2023, the challenge will move towards 2030 through the annual COPs, Olympic Games and World Expo's to create sustainable impact through youth engagement.

How does it work?

The Challenge will take place from half of September 2022 until the UN Water Conference in New York, 22nd until 24th of March 2023. On their wave towards New York teams will create local impact, develop their idea and get inspired by masterclasses.

Teams & coaching

Teams consist of 2-6 students, aged 17 years or over, who are connected to a knowledge institute. Students are allowed to team up with students from other institutes. Teams have the possibility to be guided by one or multiple coaches: (young)



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professionals with a passion for water and innovation. These coaches can assist in idea-development, creating local impact, or by activating their network for even more outside knowledge.

Local impact

Our Challenge is designed with local communities in mind. Before ideas are being developed, teams will have to educate local communities about the SDGs and how water connects all these goals. Children and youth from local communities will write, draw and dream about their water-related innovation during one of the guest-lectures. This inspiration will be the basis for the ideas teams are going to develop.

Toolbox

Although teams can educate a local community with their own expertise, we provide them with a SDG-toolbox. This toolbox consists of a general introduction to SDGs and specific water-related SDG-lessons. During the Challenge the toolbox will be updated with nice activity-concepts and other water-related lecture topics. Teams can even submit their lecture and/or activity idea!

Masterclasses

Towards the first submission deadline, on the 24th of January 2023, teams will get the opportunity to join our masterclasses. These masterclasses will be given by experts in the water and sustainability sector. Our aim is to create content that inspires teams, but also gives them insightful information to develop their idea.

First round

Teams have until the 24th of January 2023 to submit a *impact report* and a short presentation about their idea. This impact report highlights the activities teams have organized about water and the SDGs within a local community. The presentation will show what kind of inspiration teams have gained from these communities, and how they plan to develop their innovative idea.



Second round

After the first submission, teams will be selected by the youth jury to participate in the second round of this Challenge. Teams will get until the 14th of February 2023 to make their idea more concrete and create a video about it. Along with a powerpoint-presentation they submit their idea to win a spot at the Final during the UN2023 Water Conference in New York.

New York

Five teams will be selected to be represented in New York during the final of the UN2023 Gamechanger Challenge. However, we aim to bring all participants to New York through online side-events in the days around the Conference. This illustrates our purpose: our Challenge does not stop in New York, the youth and our climate need collaborations all the way towards 2030.

What's next?

This Challenge will not stop in New York, March 2023. We cannot afford to stand still, we need to keep this wave moving towards 2030. Global events will be our podium, local communities our inspiration. All the teams, and future teams, are invited to join the next Gamechanger Challenge. Together we can create local sustainable impact, facilitate global partnerships and ensure a climate resilient future.