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Intervention

SDG 6 Water Action Agenda: High-level Launch of the SDG 6 Country Acceleration Case Studies

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On behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth

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Thank you.

Madam Moderator, Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Deputy Minister, excellencies, and distinguished colleagues,

My name is Jaewon Choi, and I serve as the Executive Director of the DMUN Foundation. I speak on behalf of the Major Group for Children and Youth, representing over 10,000 youth organizations across the globe.

I am also a 16 year old.

We celebrate the launch of these case studies, and call upon you to listen to the voices of children and youth.

We must strengthen the water-finance-climate nexus through blended institutional platforms. We must recognize that water security is inseparable from climate change, biodiversity, and food security. States should leverage financing for development and science, technology, and innovation as key means of implementation to contribute to SDG 6.



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Finally, we call for states to meaningfully include children and youth voices in national implementation on SDG 6.

Children and youth are experts of “lived experience” that provide valuable contributions through their unique perspectives and practical knowledge.

We must look beyond children and youth merely as a vulnerable population group, but consider their views and voices as ambition-raisers in SDG 6 implementation that brings new perspectives, knowledge and innovative solutions.

Moreover, we encourage you to include children and youth in your national delegations for the upcoming 2026 UN Water Conference, and to designate plentiful funding and opportunities for local youth organizations that contribute to water.

Excellencies, distinguished colleagues, water and sanitation are essential to life and human dignity.

Children and youth demand inclusive, collaborative, and youth-led action to secure the full and complete achievement of Agenda 2030.

We are not only the future, but also the present.

We thank you.