



# Competition for Youth-Led Projects 2026-27

## Submission Guidelines

### Eligibility Criteria

#### Mandatory Requirements:

The proposed projects **must**:

- Be **youth-led** (students/young professionals aged **18 – 35**) and demonstrate the active participation and engagement of youth of all ages below 35 in the proposed project activities.
- Be **practical, results-oriented**, have clearly identified objectives, timeline, and scope.
- Demonstrate a concrete contribution to **enhancing resilience to floods and drought** with tangible outputs.
- Be implemented within a maximum of **9 months**.
- Be **scalable** and sustainable in time.
- Include a **feasible innovative element** (e.g., combining Indigenous and scientific approaches, a new community engagement model, low-cost adaptation methods, strong women's engagement, etc.)

#### Desirable Requirements:

Projects can be submitted by individuals or youth-led organizations/teams of young professionals.

Projects can be implemented anywhere globally. However, priority will be given to:

- **Projects implemented in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDSs)**, particularly those **benefitting the most vulnerable groups**.
- Projects supporting **gender-transformative approaches**.
- Projects reflecting the use of **Indigenous knowledge** and **nature-based solutions**.

Small-scale pilot projects with strong local impact are encouraged.

Projects that fulfil only the mandatory requirements can still be eligible for selection.

#### Proposals Will Not Be Considered If:

- The project is not relevant to flood or drought resilience
- The proposal is incomplete, too abstract or vague
- The proposal appears AI-generated without project-specific detail
- The applicant cannot demonstrate youth leadership
- The proposal is submitted after the established deadline



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METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION



GLOBAL WATER  
PARTNERSHIP



INTEGRATED DROUGHT  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



ASSOCIATED PROGRAMME  
ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT



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To submit your project proposal, please fill out [this form](#) to submit your **proposal in English** with all the required information. You will be asked to provide information on your project proposal.

Following an evaluation of all proposals, the leaders of shortlisted projects will be contacted if further information is needed to proceed with the selection process.

Please note that the **submission deadline for project proposals is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, 23:59 CEST (21:59 UTC).**