

# YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE WATER SECTOR

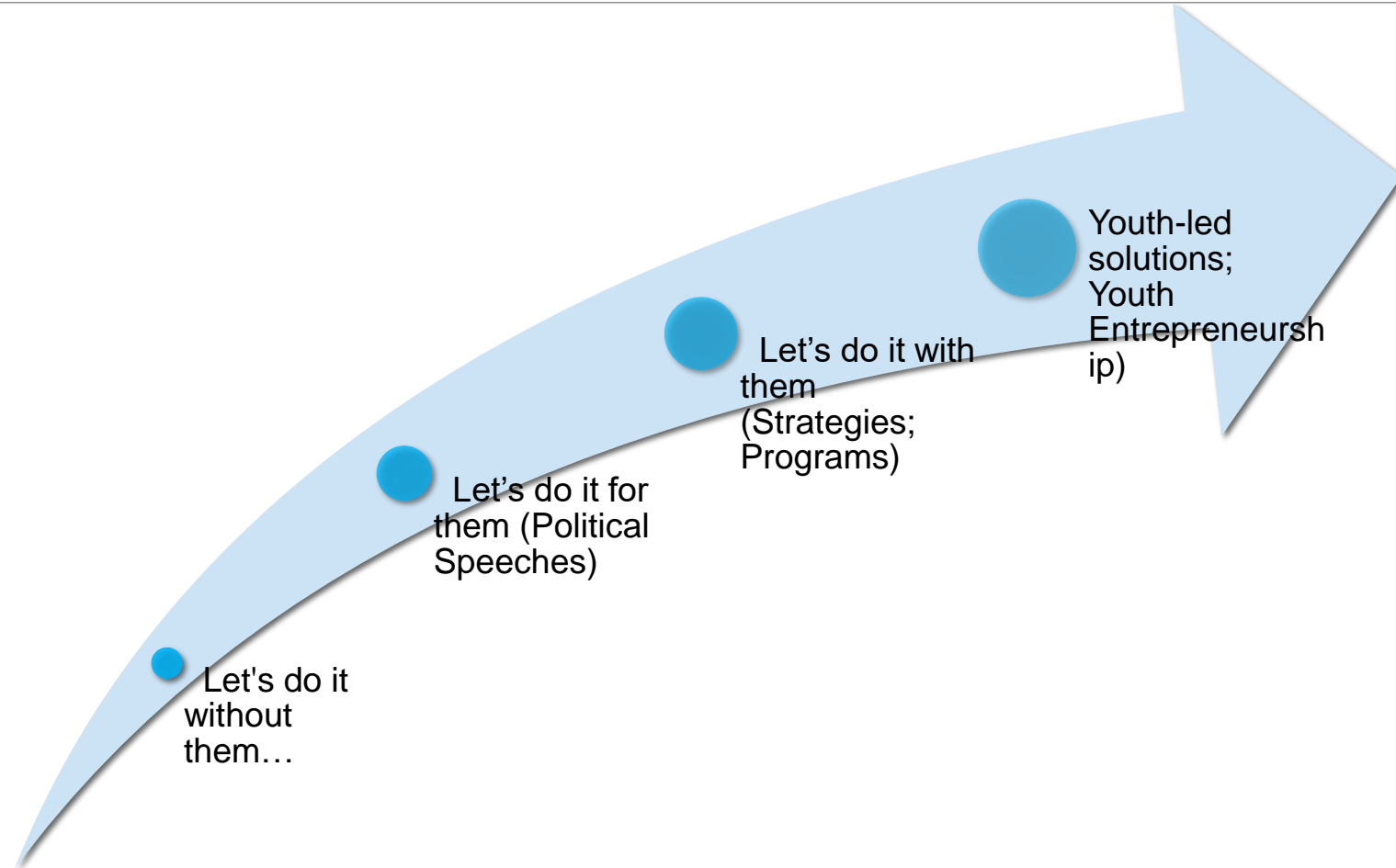
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# INTRO (1)

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# WHY?

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- We have to bring youth-led solutions (in wastewater treatment to protect our communities' lives) to the scale, because it's:
  - Cost-effective;
  - More efficient;
  - More sustainable.

# YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS

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1. Benin Bot
2. Young Water Fellowship (YWF)
3. Youth for Water and Climate (YWC)

# BENIN BOT (1)

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- First Global Challenges, 2017: The robotics to solve water-related issues!
- 5 young Beninese have built a **robot** capable of performing engineering tasks to help the communities in which it will be deployed to solve :
  - Drinking water crises and filter contaminated water;
  - Forecasting floods;
  - Managing the issue of sustainable water supply in Benin.



- 16 Young Water Professionals, with the aim of empowering young people to become local water solutions providers, by supporting them with technical and financial tools.
- All projects are youth led and have technical and/or social innovation components.
- Coming together, because we are always Stronger Together.
- Recently launched the **Young Water Fellowship**, first of its kind (focused on water/field projects/youth), to provide training+mentorship+funding to 10 fellows around the world



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PARIS CLIMAT 2015

## Un Paris pour l'eau



# YOUTH FOR WATER AND CLIMATE

- Advocacy and awareness-solutions could help to solve more than half of the water-related problems...
- YWC is helping in raising awareness using different means of social medias and schools...but also support youth-led local initiatives.
- **White paper “Un Paris pour l’Eau”.**
  - 52 voices of Francophone youth rise for water.
  - Findings and recommendations
  - Advocacy document (COP21, Climate Change, COP22, COP23...)
- **YWC Competition, Financing youth-led solutions.**

# CHALLENGES...

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- How to sustainably fund youth entrepreneurship in the water sector?
- How to sustain an intergenerational dialogue to address water-related problems?
- How can we create a synergy of action between young people from the Global North and the Global South to address global water-related problems?



# STRATEGIES

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- Young Africans are thirsting for Technology, local innovation, entrepreneurship and networking, we are today the most connected in the World.
- The borders and security issues that once prevented young people from coming together to build the future we want are now outdated.
- Today, there are hundreds of young people engaged in the water sector on the continent and the WYPW has played a major role in this paradigm shift since 2012.

# CONCLUSION

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- Youth-led solutions will contribute to build communities resilience facing water-related challenges.
- We have to encourage innovative solutions using different means of social media, mobile apps, robotics, drones etc...to bridge the gap between governments and communities.
- We will all win, when we give to the emerging generation the chance and the opportunity to lead the change and this is what must and is happening right now.
- We have to be capable to link our voices and Together build bridges to connect our paths.

Discussion Photos Events Files



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Young people do not have the money to finance their projects but they have the background to realize them. We are on our way to the field. Water is life and youth is the future.



**THANK YOU!**

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