INVITATION: UNESCO GWYN Regional Workshop on Groundwater Status: EUROPE & N. AMERICA Date: 14th November 2022 Time: 17:00 CET, 8:00 PST

The year 2022 has been devoted to groundwater following the motto of World Water Day "Groundwater: Making the invisible visible". Raising awareness about our hidden underground water resources is culminating in the <u>UN-Water Summit on Groundwater</u> in early December. The <u>Groundwater Youth Network (GWYN</u>), a newly minted UNESCO youth-led worldwide network, is **asking YOU to help us prepare a Regional Groundwater Statement and short video outlining the current issues and potential solutions related to groundwater that will be presented at the Groundwater Summit!** GWYN provides a platform for youth (age 17–37) to connect with other young leaders from around the world to share groundwater-related ideas, challenges, and solutions that can improve the knowledge, management and sustainable use of water resources.

We invite youth (age 17-37) in Europe & North America to contribute in three ways:

1. REGIONAL STATEMENT

Help write the regional statement for Europe & North America by filling out this <u>form</u> by November 13th, ahead of the Regional Workshop.

2. REGIONAL WORKSHOP on Groundwater State: Europe and North America

Join fellow youth to discuss the regional statement and video; the agenda is attached.

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https://unesco-org.zoom.us/j/82933079422 Meeting ID: 829 3307 9422 Passcode: 208343

3. REGIONAL VIDEO

Submission deadline: 17th November File Format: CONTINENT NAME_FirstNameLastName_Affiliation.mp4 Video Orientation: Horizontal Video Length: 20 Seconds Please refer to the attachments for more instructions on the video.

These events and actions are coordinated by Europe & North America GWYN co-leads Cynthia McClain (Canada; Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute) and Ádám Tóth (Hungary; ELTE Eötvös Loránd University).

We are looking forward to welcoming you and hearing from you on 14th November.