

FIFTH EAS YOUTH FORUM

November 27-30

The Fifth East Asian Seas Congress Youth Forum (YF5) serves as a platform for young leaders to engage in coastal and ocean sustainability. Recognizing the importance of continued and deeper youth engagement in our drive towards sustainable coasts and oceans, the YF5 aims to launch an EAS Youth Programme that enables the youth of the region to contribute to integrated coastal management (ICM) implementation at the local level, provides access to more learning opportunities and empowers youth to serve as ocean champions in their respective universities and communities. The YF5 delegates will also benefit from interactions with global leaders in ocean and coastal management, peer-to-peer learning discussions, teambuilding and creative sessions.

NOVEMBER 26

13:00 – 14:00

Registration of Youth Delegates

14:00 – 15:00

General Orientation

During the orientation a brief backgrounder on PEMSEA, the EAS Congress and the Youth Forum will be provided. The house rules, objectives and expected outputs of the YF5 will be presented.

18:00 – 19:00

Dry Run of Opening Ceremony

The YF delegates will be oriented regarding their participation in the Opening Ceremony of the EAS Congress. One delegate per country, in particular, will serve as flag bearer of their respective countries.

NOVEMBER 27

09:00 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018

The YF5 delegates will take part in the Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony will feature speeches from the host country and host city, together with messages from PEMSEA and UNDP Philippines.

10:00 – 12:00

Ocean Talk and Sea Exchange

Following the Opening Ceremony, two keynote presentations will be delivered during the Ocean Talk. The theme for Ocean Talk will focus on UN Sustainable Development Goals particularly, SDG14 on Life Below Water, and climate resiliency.

This will be followed by SeaExchange wherein stakeholder respondents from the EAS Congress participants will share their perspectives in line with the keynote presentations delivered at the Ocean Talk.

13:30 – 14:00

Getting to Know You (GTKY) name games

This exercise will enable the delegates to get to know more about the other youth delegates.

14:00 – 14:30

YF Welcome and Keynote Speech

Mr. Titon Mitra, Country Director, UNDP Philippines (confirmed)

In line with the EAS Congress theme, the keynote presentation for YF5 will highlight the role of youth in achieving the UN SDGs, particularly in contributing to achieving the global ocean agenda.

14:30 – 15:00

**Launch of the EAS Youth Programme
PEMSEA YF Facilitators**

The EAS Youth Programme will be presented by PEMSEA. The presentation will highlight the value of the programme in ensuring a more sustainable approach to engaging the youth of the EAS region on integrated coastal management (ICM) programs, as well as various coastal and ocean initiatives in line with the SDS-SEA. The programme will include the following elements: establishment of EAS Youth Council, EAS Youth Initiatives, continuous implementation of EAS Youth Grant, skills development, and promotion of youth initiatives through EAS Youth Online Bulletin, EAS Youth in Global Events, and EAS Youth Facebook Page.

15:00 – 16:00

**YF Workshop: Climate Change
Dr. Antonio La Viña (confirmed), Chair, EAS Partnership Council**

Dr. La Viña will provide a presentation on the effects of climate change in the region and its impacts on coastal communities in the EAS region. Afterwards, the speaker will facilitate a discussion that will highlight key initiatives and how youth are being or may be engaged to address climate change.

16:00 – 17:45

Breakout Discussion on EAS Youth Programme
The youth delegates will be divided into groups to brainstorm on their inputs and possible youth actions in support of the proposed EAS Youth Programme. The result of the group discussions will be consolidated and considered in finalizing the EAS Youth Programme.

17:45 – 18:00

Election of Country Representatives for the EAS Youth Council
Delegates will elect their country representative to serve as members of the EAS Youth Council.

NOVEMBER 28

08:30 – 10:00

Ocean Talk and Sea Exchange
The Day 2 OceanTalk and SeaExchange will feature three keynote presentations focusing on various aspects of Blue Economy: Marine pollution and plastics, Sustainable fisheries, and Water security.

This will be followed by SeaExchange with responses/perspectives coming from various stakeholders/ participants in the EAS Congress International Conference.

10:15 – 10:30

Video clips and testimonials from previous YF delegates

10:30 – 11:00

**Presentation from 2017 Youth Grant Awardee
Mr. Pocholo Miguel Espina, Chief Executive Officer, SIP PH**

The SIP.PH, recipient of Youth Grant in 2017, will present the progress and achievements of their project and how it contributed in reducing the use of plastics/plastic straws in their project area.

11:00 – 12:00

**YF Workshop: Marine Plastics
Dr. Jenna Jambeck (TBC), Associate Professor, University of Georgia College of Engineering**

Dr. Jambeck will provide a presentation on marine plastics and the role of youth in the EAS region to address this critical concern. A question and answer portion follows right after the presentation.

13:30 – 15:30

Skills Development: Project Management Workshop- from Inception to Evaluation

Dr. Sulan Chen (TBC), Programme Advisor, GEF Small Grants Programme

Dr. Chen will provide the delegates with key principles on project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This added learning will be useful for youth in developing project proposals for coastal protection and development.

Mr. Hari Mahardika, Coordinator, Pesisir Mengajar

Mr. Mahardika will share with the delegates his experiences on how they managed the Pesisir Mengajar to be a successful youth environmental program in Tangerang Regency, Indonesia.

15:30 – 16:30

YF Workshop: Healthy Habitats and Biodiversity

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The speaker will share initiatives in line with habitat protection and restoration, as well as the involvement of youth in these initiatives. A question and answer portion follows right after the presentation.

16:30 - 17:30

Knowledge Sharing: Best Practices from Local Communities/Organizations

Ms. Anna Oposa, Co-founder and Chief Mermaid, Save Philippine Seas (SPS)

Miss Oposa will present best practices from the Save Philippine Seas project, then delegates will be given time to present some of their best practices on their youth-led environmental initiatives.

17:30 - 18:00

Election and Presentation of Draft Youth Statement

The youth delegates will discuss and finalize the Youth Statement.

Elected country representatives will elect the chairman and co-chairman of the EAS Youth Council. The elected chairman will be assigned to present the highlights of the Iloilo Youth Declaration 2018 at the Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018.

18:00 – 18:30

First Council Discussion

The first batch of Youth Council will meet to identify activities or actions that may be undertaken in the first phase of the EAS Youth Programme implementation covering 2019-2021.

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09:00 – 10:00

Closing Ceremony of the EAS Congress 2018 International Conference

The Closing Ceremony will include the presentation of: the Youth Statement or Declaration by the Youth Council Chair; Summary of EAS Congress International Conference Conclusions and Recommendations by the International Conference Chair; a Special Message from the UN Special Envoy for the Oceans; and a Ministerial Roundtable.

13:00 – 17:00

Outdoor Activities

The youth delegates will meet with youth groups based in Iloilo/Guimaras. Here, the youth delegates will learn of some of the initiatives being undertaken by youth groups in the Iloilo/Guimaras related to environmental protection, etc.

17:00 – 18:00

Youth Forum Closing Ceremony

NOVEMBER 30

09:00 – 15:00

Field Visit in Guimaras

18:30 – 20:00

Farewell Dinner for all EAS Congress delegates