

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.

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14:00 – 15:00

Registration of Youth Delegates

15:00 – 16:00

General Orientation

Ms. Aimee Gonzales

Executive Director
PEMSEA Resource Facility

Ms. Maricor Ebarvia

Project Manager, State of the Oceans and Coasts Reporting
PEMSEA Resource Facility

Mr. Michael Villanueva

Ms. Joyce Paigao

Mr. Thomas Bell

PEMSEA Youth Forum Facilitators

During the orientation PEMSEA's Executive Director will welcome the youth delegates with a brief backgrounder on PEMSEA, the EAS Congress and the Youth Forum. Miss Maricor Ebarvia will provide a primer on the SDS-SEA and the SDGs before the Youth Forum Facilitators discuss the house rules, objectives and expected outputs of the YF5.

16:00 – 16:15

Reflection and learning from the previous Youth Forum

Mr. Kaiser Akhir

2015 YF Delegate, Deputy Secretary-General
Indonesian Maritime Youth Association (APMI)

Mr. Akhir will narrate his YF4 experiences and how it empowered him as an advocate of sustainable oceans and seas. He will share his personal journey to becoming a young ocean leader in the hopes of inspiring the YF delegates.

16:15 – 17:00

Getting to Know You (GTKY) Name Games and Other Team Building Activities

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

17:00 – 18:00

The YF5 Declaration

Previous declarations will be presented to highlight the commitments from each declaration and reflect on its contribution to the SDS-SEA. This will guide the delegates on drafting their Iloilo Youth Declaration.

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.

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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 – 11:15

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 Life Below Water, and climate resiliency.

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

11:15 – 12:00

Opening of the EAS Congress 2018 Exhibition

13:15 – 13:30

Youth Echoes

Delegates will be given a 15 min “Social Media Time” to echo what they have learned from the morning session.

13:30 – 14:00

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.

14:00 – 16:00

YF Workshop: Climate Change

Dr. Antonio La Viña, Chair, EAS Partnership Council (confirmed)

Delegates will be divided into groups to discuss priority actions and how youth are being or may be engaged to address climate change. Dr. La Viña will deliver a wrap-up lecture after the presentation from each group.

16:00 – 16:30

Launch of the PEMSEA Youth Programme PEMSEA YF Facilitators

The PEMSEA Youth Programme will be presented by PEMSEA. The presentation will highlight the value of the programme in ensuring a more sustainable approach to youth involvement in 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 key elements: establishment of the PEMSEA Network of Young Leaders (PNYL), annual awarding of the PEMSEA Youth Grant, capacity development, and promotion of youth initiatives through an EAS Youth Online Bulletin and the PNYL Facebook Page.

16:30 – 17:30

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.

17:30 – 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.

18:30 – 20:00

EAS Congress Welcome Dinner

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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.

10:00 – 10:15

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10:15 – 11:30

YF Workshop: Marine Biodiversity: Status, Issues, Threats, and Solutions

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

Miss Oposa will share initiatives of the Save Philippine Seas, in line with habitat protection and restoration, as well as the involvement of youth in these initiatives. A question and answer portion will follow the presentation.

12:30 – 13:00

Presentation from 2017 Youth Grant Awardee

Mr. Pocholo Miguel Espina, Chief Executive Officer, SIP PH (confirmed)

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.

13:00 – 14:30

YF Workshop: Marine Plastics

Dr. Jenna Jambeck, Associate Professor, University of Georgia College of Engineering (confirmed)

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.

14:30 – 16:00

Knowledge Sharing: Good Practices from Local Communities/Organizations

Mr. Hari Mahardika, Coordinator, Pesisir Mengajar, Tangerang Regency, Indonesia (confirmed)

Mr. Rahmat Lubis, General Manager, PT. Indonesia Power, Banten, Indonesia (confirmed)

Mr. Mahardika will talk about the good practices of Pesisir Mengajar, a youth education and public awareness component of Tangerang Regency’s ICM program. Mr. Rakmat will share about the partnership between their company and Tangerang Regency and how they contribute to the regency’s environmental and coastal management programs including the Pesisir Mengajar. A question and answer will follow and selected delegates will be given time to present good practices from their youth-led environmental initiatives.

16:00 – 18:00 **Project Development Workshop - from Inception to Evaluation**
Ms. Yi Liu, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme China
Ms. Lee Shin Shin, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme Malaysia
Ms. Catharina Dwihastarini, National Coordinator, GEF Small Grants Programme Indonesia

Ms. Yi Liu, Ms. Lee Shin Shin and Ms. Catharina Dwihastarini will conduct a workshop to 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.

18:00 – 18:30 **Presentation of Draft Youth Statement and EAS Youth Council Election**
The youth delegates will discuss potential refinements to 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.

19:00 - 20:30 **Partnership Night**

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09:00 – 11:00 **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.

11:00 – 12:00 **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.

13:00 – 17:0 **Outdoor Activity: “Dalaw Turo”**
Ms. Antoinette Taus, Founder, Communities Organized for Resource Allocation (CORA)
DENR Youth Forum Facilitators
The youth delegates will reach out to selected elementary students from Iloilo/Guimaras to share what they have learned from YF5. They will be grouped together with the DENR Youth Desk Officers to learn and facilitate the “Dalaw-Turo” program, DENR’s environmental education and awareness campaign targeting elementary students. Miss Antoinette Taus will provide a short talk to educate the students on how to take care of the environment on their little ways. A culminating commitment to the SDG 14 is the highlight of this activity.

17:00 – 18:00 **Youth Forum Closing Ceremony**

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09:00 – 15:00 **Field Visit in Guimaras**

18:30 – 20:00 **Farewell Dinner for all EAS Congress delegates**