**CONSENT FORM**

We, [Team’s name], hereby declare that we have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined in this consent form. By signing below, we willingly agree to participate in the **UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023: Youth Action for Water**.

We understand and agree to the following:

# Program Details

1. Program name: UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023: Youth Action for Water
2. Location: Online
3. Program duration: January 2024 – March 2024

# Nature of the Program

1. Background: UNESCO’s designated sites, comprising Biosphere Reserves, UNESCO Global Geoparks, and World Heritage Sites, exist within diverse geographical landscapes, potentially facing various natural hazards, water-related issues, and extreme weather events. This exposure not only threatens these sites but also endangers the local communities’ livelihoods. Despite this recognized threat, a significant number of these UNESCO sites lack comprehensive risk assessments, efficient risk management plans, and the necessary expertise to address these vulnerabilities.

Collaborative efforts are crucial to assist these sites in formulating detailed risk assessments and integrating disaster risk management elements into the management strategies, thereby safeguarding these invaluable UNESCO sites.

1. Description: UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023: Youth Action for Water (UWRC 2023) is developed and designed to respond to these critical needs. UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023 is a youth capacity-building program that connects and challenges young water leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries to address water-climate-environmental challenges in UNESCO-designated sites (Biosphere Reserve, Global Geopark, and Natural World Heritage) and natural sites.

Twenty-five selected teams will be mentored to develop innovative, ambitious, yet implementable local solutions that benefit the local communities and biodiversity on these sites.

1. Participating countries: Ten Southeast Asian countries are invited to participate in this Program.

Brunei Darussalam

Cambodia

Indonesia

Lao PDR

Malaysia

Philippines

Singapore

Thailand

Timor-Leste

Vietnam

1. Theme: UWRC 2023 highlights the theme of “Youth Action for Water”. The Program acts as a bridge between ideas and real implementation actions on the ground by youth. Selected ideas and solutions will be showcased during the 10th World Water Forum in Bali with their respective teams.
2. Organiser: UWRC 2023 is organised by The Water Agency (the Organiser) in partnership with the UNESCO Office in Jakarta.

# Acknowledgement and Consent

1. We acknowledge and confirm that the ideas and solutions we bring forth and develop while participating in the Program belong to ourselves and are not the property of any other individual and/or organisation.
2. We understand that we are responsible for adhering to all relevant copyright laws and obtaining the necessary rights for the ideas and solutions we employ.
3. We agree to refrain from utilising any copyrighted material/ tools/ programs without proper authorisation and in accordance with any applicable licensing terms.
4. We acknowledge that our ideas and solutions if chosen to be showcased by the Organiser, are required to adhere to certain regulations. These regulations include:

* Our ideas and solutions must acknowledge UWRC 2023 and UNESCO in order to be presented under the name of any other programs or functions.
* If we showcase our ideas and solutions at events outside the scope of UWRC 2023, we must inform the Organiser in writing at least two working weeks in advance.
* In order to properly showcase the ideas and solutions, we will include the logos of UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023, The Water Agency, and UNESCO on posters, banners, prototypes, or any other materials that are produced for the purpose of presenting, pitching, showcasing, and others.
* If our team decides to participate in another competition to further develop the ideas and solutions, we are allowed to do so. However, we must notify the Organiser and acknowledge that the ideas and solutions were initially/further developed under UWRC 2023.

If our team fails to adhere to these agreements, we will not qualify for the award and post-program implementation funding. Furthermore, our credibility to participate in similar programs by the Organiser and partners will be limited.

1. We hereby consent to the use by the Organiser and UNESCO of our photos/ videos/ publications/ other materials during and for the Program publication and education purposes. In addition, we waive any right to inspect or approve the finished edits of the photos/ videos/ publications/ other materials.
2. We agree that all such photos/ videos/ publications/ other materials and any reproduction thereof shall remain our property, and that the Organiser and UNESCO may use it as they see fit.
3. We understand that this consent is perpetual, that we may not revoke it, and that it is binding.
4. We understand that these photos/ videos/ publications/ other materials may appear publicly as part of The Water Agency, UNESCO, their partners, and/or their products/services’ website and/or other marketing materials.

# Code of Conduct

1. We agree and commit to fully participate in the Program, to the best of our capacity and capability, starting from 17 January 2023 until 31 March 2023.
2. We agree to follow the Program timeline and scheduled activities, as set and deemed fit by the Organiser.
3. We agree to conduct ourselves accordingly, to keep our manners and maintain our professionalism throughout the Program.
4. We understand that we are expected to turn on our video camera for each session/ activity organised in the Program and to use the provided Zoom background.
5. We understand that the whole Program is organised online, and we need to ensure our internet connection and surrounding situations are proper to participate well.
6. We understand that we are free to document and share our participation in the Program, as long as it does not disturb the overall Program and/or other people.
7. UNESCO Water Resilience Challenge 2023 is free from any registration and/ or participation fees. We will inform the Organiser if we are asked by irresponsible individuals/ parties to contribute financially or non-financially to this Program.
8. We understand that if during the Program, we or any of our team members are found to be guilty of/ responsible for anything that the Organiser considers as breaking the law that applies in participating countries and beyond, the Organiser can and will remove the team or member(s) of the team from this Program and any of our future programs and events.
9. We understand that the decision(s) taken by the Organiser are absolute and cannot be contested.

# Release of Liability

1. We hereby release the Organiser, sponsors, partners, and any affiliated entities from all liabilities for any injuries, losses, or damages arising from our participation in the Program.
2. We acknowledge that we are participating voluntarily and assume full responsibility for any risks associated with our participation.

# Ownership and Use of Submissions

1. We acknowledge that any submissions and/or creations made by us during the Program remain as our property, subject to any licensing agreements and guidelines outlined by the Organiser.
2. We grant the Organiser and UNESCO a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, publish, and/or display our submissions for promotional and educational purposes related to the Program and beyond, giving proper credit to the participant.

# Confidentiality

We understand and agree to maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive information shared with us during the Program, including trade secrets, new technologies, and/or other proprietary information.

# Data Protection

We consent to collecting, storing, and/or processing our personal information by the Organiser for registration, communication, and other necessary purposes related to the Program.

We hereby confirm that we are above the age of 18 years and are legally competent to enter into this agreement. We have carefully read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions outlined in this Consent Form.

Team’s Name: [Team’s name]

Country: [Country]

Date: 17 January 2024

Team member 1

Name: [Name]

Nationality: [Nationality]

Address: [Current address]

Signature: [Please sign here]

Team member 3

Name: [Name]

Nationality: [Nationality]

Address: [Current address]

Signature: [Please sign here]

Team member 2

Name: [Name]

Nationality: [Nationality]

Address: [Current address]

Signature: [Please sign here]

Team member 4 [DELETE this part if there is no member 4]

Name: [Name]

Nationality: [Nationality]

Address: [Current address]

Signature: [Please sign here]