

3RD HUMAN RIGHTS YOUTH CHALLENGE

Following a change of the winning prize and a decision to widen participation, the 3rd Human Rights Youth Challenge has been extended. The Special Rapporteur would like to take this opportunity to also focus the theme of the challenge.

PRIVATIZATION AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO WATER AND SANITATION



(See notes on scope on page 2)

The Special Rapporteur is looking for submission that examine the involvement of the private sector - namely: businesses - in the water and sanitation sector, from a human rights perspective.

DEADLINE:

30 April 2020, Midnight Geneva time

WHAT IS THE PRIZE?

The winner will be invited to join the Special Rapporteur at a side-event of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, September 2020

ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation at: srwatsan@ohchr.org

SUBMISSION NOTES:

By submitting, participants agree to make the submission public on the Special Rapporteur's OHCHR webpage.

Please do not include your name or any other identifying details in the submission
Multiple submissions are NOT accepted
Submissions that do not follow instructions will not be considered.

15-23 YEARS OLD

15-23 year olds can show their knowledge, understanding and passion about the human rights to water and sanitation by creating an original submission about the human rights to water and sanitation and uploading it to a social media network (Instagram, YouTube, Facebook or Twitter).

- Share your submission via social media channels where the UN Special Rapporteur has accounts (@UNSRwatsan on Instagram, @SRwatsan on Facebook and Twitter).
- Mark the social media update by including the hashtag #Youth4watsan and tagging the Special Rapporteur's account
- Submit a link to your social media update to srwatsan@ohchr.org with the subject: "Submission for 3rd Human Rights Challenge"

24 - 32 YEARS OLD

The submission will be in a form of an essay focusing on one case study. Participants are free to choose a case, which focuses on various forms and models of private sector participation in the water and sanitation sector and analyse gaps in human rights protection and impact on the realization of the human rights to water and sanitation.

Length of essay: 2,000 words in word document (including footnotes, page numbers, heading)

Language: English, Spanish and French

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CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT:



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Service provision by private companies (for-profit organisations)

Companies in which government owns capital and shares, but where a large proportion of shares are owned by private investors.

Private sector participation with specific focus on service provision

Reestatization and its risks to human rights

Both water and sanitation services

Assess the level of risks and reasons behind those risks that private sector participation bring when for-profit organization are heavily involved in service provision

THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Provision by non-profit organizations
- Informal services
- Community-led service provision

State-owned enterprises, i.e. any corporate entity in which the government owns almost all the capital or the voting shares

Private sector participation in subsidiary activities across the whole water and sanitation cycle by, inter alia, supplying materials and equipment, developing engineering designs and building infrastructure

Comparative analysis on risks and advantages of water and sanitation provision by public and private entities

Whether human rights dictates a specific type of model or service provision