

PRESS RELEASE

Official Launch of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize in Nigeria

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The Embassy of Sweden in Abuja, together with the National Coordinator of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) Nigeria is pleased to announce the call for participation for Nigerian students (aged 15 to 20) to be a part of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) qualification in Nigeria ahead of the international finals in Stockholm.

This prestigious international competition, organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), aims to inspire and engage young minds in addressing global water challenges. It has been held annually in Stockholm since 1997 as part of World Water Week.

The call for application in Nigeria is officially announced at the State House today, Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Office of the Vice President.

This year, we are encouraging broader participation, so we are calling on qualified students aged 15 to 20 to apply. Entries are open to students across Nigeria who have research projects that can help solve major water challenges.

Beyond having a broader reach, we hope that these ideas presented to the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) Nigeria jury will inspire many more young Nigerians to initiate solutions addressing various water challenges. This will also serve as a platform for young Nigerian innovators to share how their ideas can address Nigeria's water needs.

The national working committee and the members of jury have been drawn from Government parastatals, Organized Private Sectors, WASH professionals, Business leaders, NGOs and Youth Groups. Their judgment and review will shape the contributions of the students and will ensure an improved Nigerian representation at the global competition.

Calls for application are now officially open today, Thursday, March 27, 2025, and will remain open until Friday, May 2, 2025. Qualified candidates will be invited to the regional finals, followed by a national final that will take place at the Embassy of Sweden in Abuja.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Target Audience:** Nigerian students registered in Nigerian schools (secondary and tertiary – except university students).
- **Age Requirement:** 15 - 20 years.
- **Research Projects:** Projects that can help solve major water challenges, including water quality, water resource management, water protection, water and wastewater treatment, water education, and social aspects of water.

Project Report Format:

- **Cover Page:** Project title, name of school, contact information.

- **Sections:** Background/Introduction, Methodology and Materials, Results, Conclusion, and References/sources of information.

Submission Details: Submissions and requests for further information or clarifications should be sent to the email address: jury.nsjwp@gmail.com.

We look forward to the participation and contributions of young Nigerian innovators towards making a significant impact on water challenges in Nigeria.