

**Side Event Title:** Strengthening and Investing Youth Engagement Within the Flyway Region

**Lead Organiser/s:**

- EAAFP Youth Task Force
- EAAFP CEPA Working Group

**Co-organiser/s:**

- WWT
- Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea
- TeamSPOON
- Las-Piñas – Parañaque Wetland Park (TBC)

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**Date:** November 12, 2025

**Time:** 1:00-2:00 PM

**Background**

The EAAFP (East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership) Youth Task Force is the youth stakeholder of the EAAFP and it is dedicated to advocating for the conservation of migratory waterbirds and their habitats. As stated in the (11th Meeting of Partners) MOP11 Decision 10, the youth task force will create a pathway for young leaders in science and conservation to become involved in the EAAFP and potentially become future leaders in the Partnership.

Recognizing the critical role of migratory waterbirds in global biodiversity, the youth task force brings in young advocates, researchers, conservationists from countries covering the East Asian-Australasian Flyway region committed to raising awareness and taking proactive measures in protecting their habitats, operating at a flyway level.

The task force works closely with EAAFP and its partner organizations, national governments, intergovernmental agencies, and NGOs to promote sustainable practices, educate the public, specifically the youth, and influence decisions at MOP (Meeting of Partners).

To ensure a meaningful and sustainable participation of youth engagement in the flyway, we present the side event, **Strengthening and Investing Youth Engagement Within the Flyway Region.**

**Objectives**

- To present the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) and 2025-2028 Work Plan, outlining the Task Force's mission, structure, and strategic priorities for youth engagement in migratory waterbird and wetland conservation in the flyway region

- To present previous and ongoing youth initiatives of the EAAFP Youth Task Force locally, nationally, and internationally
- To host a dynamic panel discussion bringing together youth, NGOs, governments, and foundations to address youth challenges and foster collaboration between youth and other stakeholders

### Expected Outcomes

- Increased visibility of the EAAFP Youth Task Force as a newly established task force
- Potential meaningful collaboration and partnerships between the EAAFP Youth Task Force and different partners of the EAAFP

### Tentative Programme

Time	Topic and Speaker	Notes
13:00-13:03	Rationale of the Event (TBA)	
13:03-13:10	Welcome Matthew Vincent Tabilog (EAAFP Youth Task Force)	Remarks
13:10-13:20	Overview of the EAAFP Youth Task Force Workplan (2025-2028) and Terms of Reference Matthew Vincent Tabilog (EAAFP Youth Task Force)	
13:20-13:30	Initiatives of the EAAFP Youth Task Force on Migratory Waterbirds and their Habitats Batrisyia Teepol (EAAFP Youth Task Force)	
13:30-13:55	<b>Intergenerational Panel Discussion</b>  1. Mika Sasaki (Team SPOON) 2. Jun Rey Tabarno (DENR-LPPWP) 3. Tina Redshaw 4. Dr. Hyun-Ah Choi	
13:55-14:00	Synthesis of the Event (TBA)	
14:00	Photo Opportunity with the EAAFP YTF banner	