

2025 UN Ocean Conference

[Virtual Side Event](#)

Youth and Water:

Cross-Border Cooperation from the Black to the Caspian Sea

International Webinar

Organizer: Lake Baikal Foundation & Youth Water Council, Russia

10 of June 2025

14.00-15.00 (Moscow time) || 15.00-16.00 (Baku time) || 16.00-17.00 (Astana time)

Platform: Google Meet

Link: <https://meet.google.com/tcr-epzk-jbx>

Language: Russian (*with translation into English if necessary*)

EVENT DESCRIPTION

[EVENT PAGE](#)

Modern marine ecosystems face rising threats from climate change, industrialization, and transboundary pollution. This session explores how youth-led initiatives can drive solutions to global marine crises.

Key focus areas of the webinar include the 2024 Kerch Strait fuel oil spill in the Black Sea, and pollution and degradation of the Caspian Sea. Speakers highlight the role of youth and youth initiatives in addressing marine pollution, oil spill response, and the long-term conservation of ecosystems. Participants discuss possible cross-border collaboration, and the role of civil science.

The purpose of the event is to get to know the challenges that the Black and Caspian Seas faces, to get to familiar with youth activities in the regions and discuss possible cross-border collaboration within the Black and Caspian Seas, and the role of civil science.

The webinar is running **in collaboration with** the World Youth Parliament for Water, All-Russian Environmental Social Movement “Ecosystem” (Russia) and “EkoSfera” – Social-Ecology Center Public Union (Azerbaijan).



UN OCEAN
CONFERENCE
NICE 2025
FRANCE



LAKE
BAIKAL
FOUNDATION



PROGRAM

*Moderator: **Olga Amelkina**, Deputy CEO of the Lake Baikal Foundation (Russia), coordinator of the Youth Water Council (Russia)*

1. World Youth Parliament For Water, its strategy and principles - **Kristina Almazidou**, Vice President of the WYPW (**World**)
2. 2024 Kerch Strait fuel oil spill and volunteer movement - **Daria Popova**, Head coordinator of volunteer movement in Anapa (**Russia**)
3. All-Russian Environmental Social Movement “Ecosystem” and its work with youth involvement to the clean-up activities after the 2024 Kerch Strait fuel oil spill (Black Sea) - **Vasily Shefer**, project manager, “Ecosystem” (**Russia**)
4. The Caspian Sea, its challenges and youth initiatives - **Kamran Yagublu**, Ecology and Sustainable Development Specialist at "EkoSfera" Social-Ecological Center (**Azerbaijan**)
5. Youth projects and initiatives in Kyrgyzstan - **Kunnuru Duishonbekova**, RCOY Central Asia 2024 Co-organizer, Delegate from Kyrgyzstan to UNFCCC Youth Delegates Program COP29, CAY4W Advocacy Team Member, Generation Nexus Team Member (**Kyrgyzstan**)

Discussion questions:

- What kind of cross-border projects on the Black Sea and Caspian Seas are needed and possible?
- How can the work of youth be more effective in cases of environmental catastrophe?