

## The Festival VidéEau

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In 2008, Quebec will be hosting the world! The Festival VidéEau is an international competition for video clips organized by the International Secretariat for Water (ISW), in preparation for the International "Water and Film" Events that will take place in Istanbul in 2009, within the context of the 5th World Water Forum.

The Festival VidéEau invites young people aged from 17 to 30, to submit 90 second or shorter video clips on the theme "Water, People and Sustainable Development". The winners of the competition will be announced at a prize-giving ceremony to be held during the World Youth Congress, taking place in Quebec, Canada, from 10 to 21 August 2008. The winners of the Festival VidéEau will automatically be selected for the official competition of the International "Water and Film" events. Furthermore, the best clips will be screened at various other events.

**Theme.** The theme "Water, People and Sustainable Development" encompasses the limitless uses for water, its meaning in different cultures and the many challenges we must face to manage it properly. For example, the subjects covered could be the pollution of rivers or water tables, water wastage, problems of access to drinking water and sanitation, the melting of glaciers due to climate change or even action taken by people to preserve the water near their homes. It is young people's turn to tell the world how their history, culture and daily lives are closely linked to water.

**who can participate?** The Festival VidéEau is open to young people aged from 17 to 30 from around the world. how to participate? Participants must prepare a video clip of a maximum of 90 seconds and register by filling in the electronic form.

**Language and format.** If possible, video clips produced in a language other than English should be subtitled in English or accompanied by a script of the dialogue in English, French or Spanish. **IMPORTANT!** Only MiniDV (NTSC) and DVD (multizone format) video clips will be accepted.

**deadline.** Video clips must be received before midnight on 15 June 2008 by:

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**the selection process.** The pre-selected clips will be submitted to an international jury of experts in water and film, who will choose three winners.

**prizes.**

First prize: \$US 2 000

Second prize: \$US 1 500

Third prize: \$US 1 000

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