

SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE, WE ARE TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD!

During my latest scientific journey on the way to save the world, I visited lovely Pisa. Apart from hedonistically eating enough pizza and pasta for a lifetime, I took part in the Summer School focused on the Climate Services from the users' perspective. I've met a bunch of lovely people, and although we all come from different scientific backgrounds and/or countries, we have the same goal: act on the climate change and ultimately, save the world! One of the participants I met is Asali Peiris. Originally from Sri Lanka, she did her MSc in Water Engineering at AIT in Thailand. Back then she was involved in the hydrological modelling on a small scale. But then she decided to go big. She's currently doing her PhD at University in Frankfurt and is part of the CO-MICC project, but let's keep it simple—they are developing methods to cope with upcoming hazards on fresh water supply due to the climate change and relay their findings in an easy way to the stakeholders. Who are these, you might ask. Well, these are the public sector parties, that we all benefit from—water suppliers, metrological departments or agricultural agencies. Asali in particular is responsible for analysing the outputs of the models, ensuring that the information the end-users get are reliable. Go girls in science! This school brought a lot of scientists eager on doing something with the climate change—we are all concerned about the water supply (flood or drought), air quality or the temperature rise, and in a way we all work together to deliver the best results.

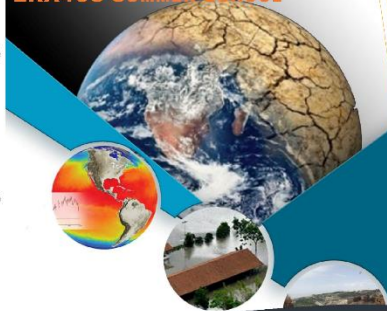
You too!

But we are not the only ones who can do something about the climate change. While we try to develop new strategies to adapt to the future climate scenarios, you can do something as well! You don't have to turn your life around. It seems so ultimate. I prefer the method of small steps. Take the bike to work or share a ride with your colleague if possible. Next time you indulge yourself with pumpkin spiced latte (yes, autumn has arrived), get it in your own coffee cup. Having a drink after a long week? Make sure to ask for 'no straw' – "It's only one straw" said 8 billion people → #suckingsucks. Get yourself a bottle and drink tap water (it's mostly as good as mineral) and reduce your plastic intake. Just a friendly reminder. Anything you throw away is not gone. 9% is recycled, 12% burnt, but 79% still sticks around. The biggest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it. There is no planet B. Let's all work together, and we can do it. Yes, we can!

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