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# abstract template

For the International Young Water Professionals Conference, we wish to recommend a different style of submission than for “standard” conferences. Our ambition is that we may help you to quicker develop your writing skill. Instead of writing an abstract of 1-2 pages, we recommend that you present an outline outline of the paper less than 2 pages and less than 1000 words.

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2. Central message (of the work)
3. Materials and methods
4. Results and discussion
5. References

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