



Special accreditation informative note

Background

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [75/212](#), relevant non-governmental organizations, including civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, can apply through this platform to seek special accreditation (second round) for the Conference as observers.

This accreditation is open to organizations that **do not have ECOSOC status** as well as those that **were not invited** to participate in the [World Summit on Sustainable Development](#) held in 2000 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

A first round of special accreditation was held from 16 May to 15 July 2022 and is now closed.

Outcomes of the first round of Special Accreditation to the UN Water Conference (August 2022) can be found [here](#).

A second round of Special Accreditation is now open from 31 October – 02 December 2022.

Why apply?

This accreditation allows you to attend the UN Water Conference in March 2023 **as an observer**. However, this accreditation does not guarantee you entry to the UN headquarters. **Approved organizations will be able to request registration of representatives to attend the preparatory meeting and the 2023 UN Water Conference**

To sum up, special accreditation allows registration to the conference, but does not guarantee it.

Special accreditation of your organization DOES NOT automatically mean that you are registered to the UN 2023 Water Conference and/or its preparatory meeting. All organizations will need to register their representatives to be able to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference. Information about registration to the preparatory meeting and for the UN 2023 Water Conference will be published in due time at the Conference's website. Presenting only a copy of the confirmation letter on Special Accreditation will not grant participation at the UN 2023 Water Conference and/or its Preparatory Meeting. Each representative, from special accredited or with ECOSOC status organizations, will need to register.

Registration to the UN 2023 Conference in March will open in the beginning of 2023.

How to apply?

Conditions

1. Accreditation applications can only be submitted on behalf of relevant organizations or entities. **Applications by individuals are not accepted.**
2. Applications **can only be done through the dedicated online form**. A sample registration form is available here for easy reference(Attention! only application through Indico will be considered).
3. Applications **will need to provide the following documents (all required)**
 - proof of legal status;
 - a letter on official letterhead and signed by the Head of Organization requesting accreditation and;
 - a list of the key relevant activities undertaken by your organization in the past 12 months related to the Conference theme.

Process

The United Nations Secretariat reviews each submission and its documentation. Submissions that are complete and relevant to the UN 2023 Water Conference are compiled and sent to the Office of the President of the General Assembly (PGA). The PGA submits the list for the review of United Nations Member States under a non-objection basis. After the review by Member States, the PGA publishes the final list of organizations specially accredited to the Conference.

Modalities

Please note that the application for special accreditation requires a lot of documents, so the preparation takes time. **We advise you not to apply at the last minute.**

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting your application for special accreditation, which can only be done [via the official website](#), **is 2 December 2022**.

