

UN 2023 Water Conference

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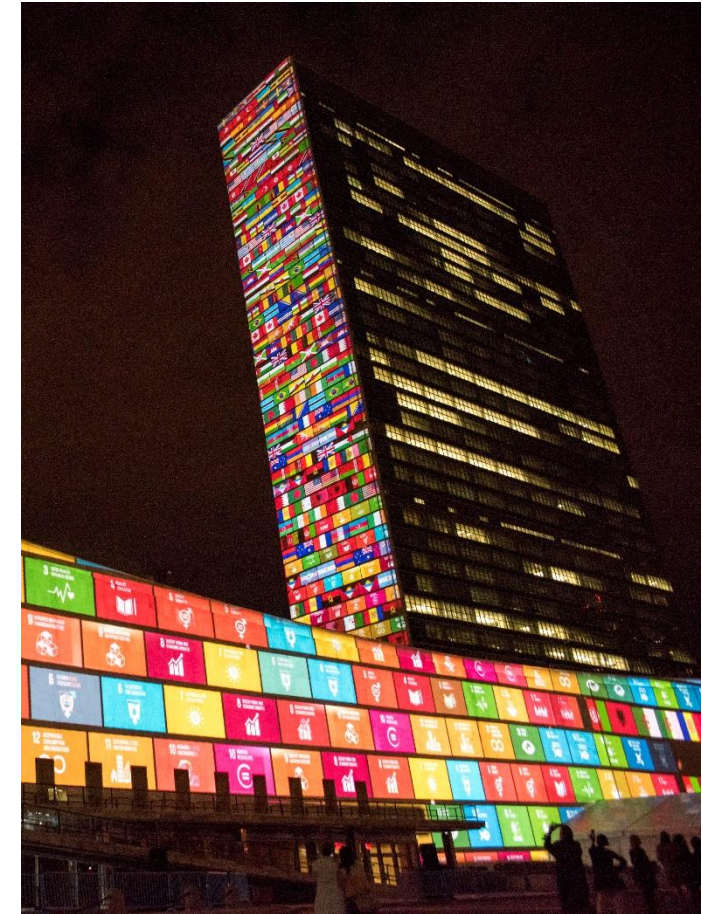
Background

UN 2023 Water Conference: UNHQ, New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023

Key objective: Support to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Co-hosts of the Conference: the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Secretariat: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with support of UN-Water



Programme Overview

Six Plenaries

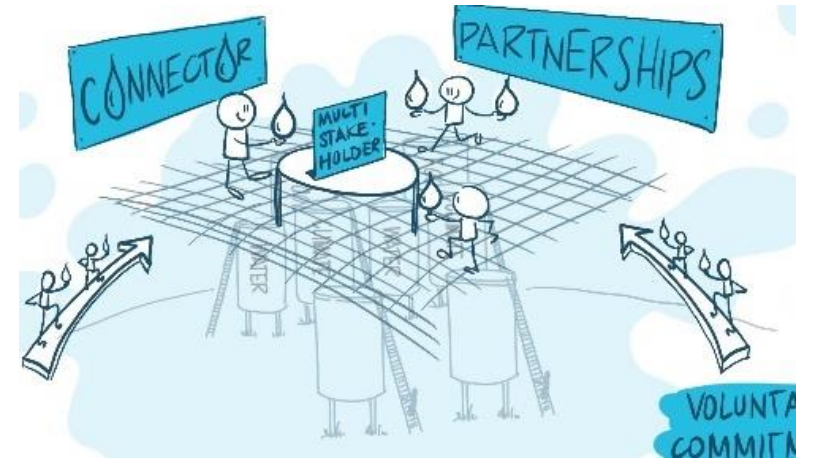
Member States to announce commitments, plans, actions, and best practices

Five interactive dialogues to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings

Four Special Events to be organized by major groups and other stakeholders

Side Events

Member States and other stakeholders will organize many side events that are cross-cutting and aim for action



Themes for the Interactive Dialogues

- 1. Water for Health:** Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17)
- 2. Water for Sustainable Development:** Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development (SDG 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and SDGs 2, 8, 9, 11, 12);
- 3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment:** Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15)
- 4. Water for Cooperation:** Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17)
- 5. Water Action Decade:** Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.

Supported by 5 Accelerators of the **SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework:**

- Finance
- Governance
- Capacity
- Data and information
- Innovation



What will the Conference deliver?

Expected Outcomes of the Conference



1. Summary of the Conference proceedings

2. Voluntary commitments, pledges and actions (**Water Action Agenda**)

Scale up and replicate what works

Discontinue or change what does not work

Innovate what needs to be improved

Fund what merits funding

Stakeholder Engagement-Preparatory Process

- **Two Global Online Stakeholder Consultation**
 - **First Consultation (Mar.2022) – Themes for Interactive Dialogues (146 inputs received from 46 countries, summary report available online [here](#))**
 - **Second Consultation (Oct. 2022) - Inputs on the draft Themes for Interactive Dialogues (719 inputs collected from interested stakeholders representing 73 countries) Find the summary report [here](#).**
- **PGA’s Stakeholder Consultation (24 October) and Preparatory Meeting (25 October)**
 - Summaries of both events are available online ([Stakeholder Consultation](#) & [Prep Meeting](#)).
- **Thematic Webinar (To be held Mid-January)**
 - Sign up to the mailing list for updates [here](#).



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Stakeholder Engagement – Who can attend?

Relevant stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations and other actors , whose work is relevant to the UN 2023 Water Conference, accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in Annex II of A/RES/75/212 will be able to request registration to participate as observers in the Conference and in its preparatory meeting. Including:

1. Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (Special, General or Roster consultative status).
2. Organizations that have received special accreditation by the UN General Assembly to The World Summit on Sustainable Development ;
3. Organizations that receive special accreditation by the UN General Assembly to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference. (Two rounds of special accreditation concluded)



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Special Accreditation & Registration

- **Special Accreditation**

1. First Round was concluded in August 2022, 440 organizations were accredited.
2. Second (Final) Round was concluded on 2 December **over 990** applications received. Final results will be out in early January 2023.



PLEASE NOTE:
All participants **MUST** register!

- **Registration**

1. Registration for stakeholders from accredited organizations will open on 9 January.
2. Accredited organizations can register **up to 10 representatives** to attend the Conference;
3. Registration link will be posted on website when open.
4. Conference will be available via webcast (UN WebTV) for those who cannot attend in-person.

Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

- **Attend the formal sessions (Plenary, Interactive Dialogues, Special Events)**
- **Request to speak at Plenary and Interactive Dialogues:** short interventions, subject to availability of speaking slots
- **Side Events:** <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/events/side> (now open for side events proposals, apply by 13 Jan. 2023)

For inquiries, please contact: water2023@un.org



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Thank you!

- For more information, please visit:
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023>
- Frequently Asked Questions about stakeholder participation:
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/stakeholders-faq>
- Want to stay informed? Join our mailing list! ([sign up here](#))