

Briefing to Member States on the UN 2023 Water Conference

10:00AM - 1:00PM (EST), Tuesday 12 April 2022

UN Headquarters Conference Room 2, New York

The UN 2023 Water Conference will be convened from 22 to 24 March 2023 in New York. The co-hosts of the conference, Tajikistan and the Netherlands are committed to ensuring the event is inclusive, action oriented and cross-sectoral. During this first UN conference on water since 1977, participants will consider the integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives, the implementation and promotion of related programmes and projects, as well as on the furtherance of cooperation and partnerships at all levels. General Assembly resolution [A/RES/73/226](#) established the UN 2023 Water Conference and resolution [A/RES/75/212](#) details its modalities.

A briefing to Member States on the UN 2023 Water Conference will take place on 12 April from 10:00 – 12:00 in New York. The Conference co-hosts will present their visions for 2023 while providing updates on the Conference and its preparatory process. The information session will create an opportunity for dialogue among Member States to communicate and exchange insights on the preparations for the UN 2023 Water Conference.

Proposed agenda

Opening

10:00 – 10:05 H.E. Mr. Jonibek Hikmat, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations

10.05 – 10.10 H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

Session I

Briefing on the preparations for the UN 2023 Water Conference

Moderator: Ms. Kelly-Ann Naylor, *Director, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) & Climate, Environment, Energy, and Disaster Risk Reduction (CEED), Programme Group and Vice Chair, UN Water*

10:10 – 10:15 Mr. Liu Zhenmin, *Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the UN 2023 Water Conference*

10:15 – 10:30 Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, *Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on water affairs*

10:30 – 10:45 Mr. Henk Ovink, *Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

10:45 – 10:50 Mr. Gilbert F. Hounbo, *UN-Water Chair*

Session II

Interactive Discussion with Member States, Major Groups and Stakeholders

Moderator: Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, *Director, Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) & Climate, Environment, Energy, and Disaster Risk Reduction (CEED), Programme Group and Vice Chair, UN Water*

11:00 – 12:45p.m.

Guiding questions:

1. What are your expectations from the Conference?
2. What are some of the key themes that the Interactive Dialogues should be addressed at the Conference?
3. How best can the Conference align with other intergovernmental processes?

Closing

12:45 – 1:00 p.m. Co-hosts Tajikistan and the Netherlands