



UN 2023 Water Conference

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Frequently Asked Questions

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1) Who can participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

According to [A/RES/75/212](#), 4 (f) the Conference should “involve all relevant stakeholders, bringing together Governments, the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors to assess challenges and opportunities relating to, as well as support further action to implement, the objectives of the Decade and the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

Paragraphs 22 invites “other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, other interested international bodies and non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference, accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in annex II to the present resolution, to participate as observers in the Conference and its preparatory meeting.”

2) Which civil society organizations, private sector, academia and other stakeholders can participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

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.

3) Which organizations can register participants to the Conference and its preparatory meeting?

Organizations that fall under the following categories will be able to request registration to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference:

- Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council ([Special, General or Roster consultative status](#)). You can check if your organization has consultative status [here](#).
- Organizations that have received special accreditation by the UN General Assembly to the following past Summit (please click on the link for details):
 1. [The World Summit on Sustainable Development](#);
- Organizations that receive special accreditation by the UN General Assembly to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference.

SPECIAL ACCREDITATION of Civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations whose work is relevant to the Conference and which are not listed in the categories above will be able to request Special Accreditation to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

4) How can I request Special Accreditation for my organization?

The first round of Special Accreditation will be held from **16 May to 15 July 2022**.

Interested organizations should apply using this form:

<https://indico.un.org/event/1001019/>

Submissions will be revised by the Secretariat and will be submitted to the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly to present the list to the UN GA for decision.

Special accreditation is granted to organizations or entities by the General Assembly on a non-objection basis. Following the Assembly's approval, the Secretariat will notify all organizations that have received special accreditation. Once an organization or entity has received special accreditation, it will need to register to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting. Outcomes of the first round of Special Accreditation are expected to be published by **September 2022**.

A second round of Special accreditation for the UN 2023 Water Conference will be held later in 2022 (dates to be announced).

5) I applied for Special Accreditation. What is the process for Special Accreditation requests to be reviewed?

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.

6) When will I know if my organization was specially accredited to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference?

The first round of Special Accreditation is expected to be finalized by September 2022. Specially accredited organizations will be informed accordingly.

7) My organization has received Special Accreditation to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference, can I show a copy of the letter to participate at the Conference and its preparatory meeting?

No. All organizations will **need to register** their representatives in order 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.

8) I do not belong to any organization. Can I attend the Conference?

Unfortunately, you cannot register to the Conference as an individual. Participants must be connected to an accredited organization or to a United Nations Member State delegation in order to have registrations confirmed.

9) My organization has consultative status with ECOSOC. Do I need to register to attend the Conference?

Yes. All participants **will need to register** to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

10) How can I register to participate at the Conference and/or its preparatory meeting?

Information about registration to the Preparatory Meeting and to the UN 2023 Water Conference will be published in due time.

Please, check this page for updates: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/stakeholders> or sign up to the mailing list [here](#).

11) How many representatives can each organization register to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

Information about the number of participants each organization will be able to request will be available when registration opens. Please, check this page for updates: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/stakeholders>.

12) Are funds available for stakeholders to participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

Registered stakeholders are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

13) I represent a city and/or a regional government. Can I participate at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

Representatives of local and regional governments should register through their Member State delegation.

Associations of local and regional governments can also request special accreditation. Associations of local and regional governments in consultative status with ECOSOC will also be able to register participants.

14) Are there opportunities for stakeholders to speak during the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting?

Information on engagement opportunities will be published [here](#). You may also sign up to the general mailing list to receive updates. Please, check [here](#).

15) Can NGOs and other stakeholders organize side-events at the UN 2023 Water Conference?

Yes. Accredited organizations will be able to apply for side-events once the process is open. Information will be published on [the website](#).

Do you still have questions?

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