

## UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING

15 June 2022

10:00 – 11:00 AM (EDT, New York)

**Draft Concept Note and Agenda**

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#### BACKGROUND

In its [resolution 73/226](#), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene in New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023, the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, ‘Water for Sustainable Development’ 2018-2028 (the **UN 2023 Water Conference**). The key objective of the Conference is to support the achievement of the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The modalities for the UN 2023 Water Conference are set in General Assembly [resolution 75/212](#). The Conference will be co-hosted by the Netherlands and Tajikistan, and it will comprise six plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues. It will be preceded by regional and global preparatory meetings and informed by other water-related events. The co-hosts have set high ambitions for this Conference and are committed to make this Conference a global watershed moment, and inclusive, cross-sectoral and action-oriented.

Resolution 75/212 calls for the involvement of 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”. Additionally, it stresses the “importance of the participation and full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including women, children, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, in the implementation of the Decade at all levels”.

An ambitious Water Action Agenda will be launched to encourage all stakeholders to make firm commitments towards concrete actions. The Conference will result in a summary of the proceedings - to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly - as its outcome document.



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On **15 June 2022, from 10:00 – 11:00AM (EDT)**, the UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development Goals, as the Secretariat of the UN 2023 Water Conference, together with the Conference Co-Hosts (the Netherlands and Tajikistan), will organize an **online stakeholder briefing** to share information about the Conference, including opportunities for engagement and expected outcomes.

The online briefing is open to all stakeholders. The recording and presentation will be shared with all participants afterwards.

Interested stakeholders should register online by **14 June 2022** using this form: <https://bit.ly/2023WaterSTBriefReg>.

For more information about the briefing, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2023WaterSTBrief>.

### DRAFT AGENDA

<b>10:00 – 10:20</b>	<b>Opening remarks – The Vision for the UN 2023 Water Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Henk WJ Ovink</b>, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, the Netherlands</li><li>• <b>Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda</b>, Special Envoy of the President of Tajikistan on Water Affairs</li></ul>
<b>10:20 – 10:30</b>	<b>The UN 2023 Water Conference – Stakeholder Participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Lotta Tähtinen</b>, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, DSDG/UN DESA</li></ul>
<b>10:30 – 10:40</b>	<b>Special Accreditation for non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Kathryn Good</b>, Head, UN Non-governmental Liaison Service at United Nations, UN-NGLS</li></ul>
<b>10:40 – 10:55</b>	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
<b>10:55 – 11:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>