

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2022

SDG 6 SPECIAL EVENT

8:00-9:30 EDT, Wednesday 13 July 2022
Conference Room 8, UN Headquarters, New York
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BACKGROUND

In response to the Secretary-General's call for a Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs by 2030, the UN-Water family launched the [SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework](#) in 2020. The SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework aims to deliver fast results for SDG 6 while strengthening system-wide collaboration at the country level. The five accelerators outlined in the Framework – Financing, Data and Information, Capacity Development, Innovation, and Governance – will focus the international community's support to country progress.

In less than a year, the international community will gather in New York for the most important water conference in a generation: the [UN 2023 Water Conference](#). The co-hosts of the Conference, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, are striving to make the Conference a watershed moment for the world. As we approach next year's historic Conference, acceleration and preparatory events in the context of the Conference will be presented. The event will also feature the Water and Climate Coalition that leads the change for a more resilient world by bringing the Integrated Water and Climate Agenda to the global political arena.

This SDG 6 Special Event is co-chaired by the Chair of UN-Water, Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo and the Secretary-General of the UN 2023 Water Conference, USG Mr. Liu Zhenmin.

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, UN-Water Vice-Chair

8:00-8:05 **Welcome remarks**

Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo, UN-Water Chair

8:05-8:10 **Opening remarks**

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

8:10-8:15 **Keynote**

H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, President-elect of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

8:15-8:30 **Rapid reporting (3 minutes) - UN 2023 Water Conference Preparatory Meetings**

[Bonn Water Dialogues for Results](#): Dr. Bettina Hoffmann, Parliamentary State Secretary, BMUV, Germany

[9th World Water Forum](#): H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations

[4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit](#): H.E. Mr. Kimura Tetsuya, Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations

[High-Level Symposium on Water at 2022 UN Ocean Conference](#): Mr. Paulo Graça, Acting Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations

[Cairo Water Week](#): H.E. Ms. Heba Mostafa, Charge d'affaire i.e., Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations

8:30-8:50 **Co-hosts of the UN 2023 Water Conference**

[Outcomes of the Dushanbe Water Conference](#): Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Water Affairs

Informal briefing on the themes of the interactive dialogues and the preparatory process in the lead up to the UN 2023 Water Conference: Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

8:50-8:55 **Water and Climate Coalition Leaders**

Prof. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, WMO

8:55-9:25 **Open Dialogue**

9:25-9:30 **Closing remarks**

H.E. Mr. Jonibek Hikmat, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations

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