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# Presentation of outstanding organizational Matters on the UN 2023 Water Conference and Q&A

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**17:00 – 17:45 PM (EDT, New York time)**

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# UN 2023 Water Conference- Format

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- Opening and Closing Ceremony
- Six plenaries: Statements from Member States, IGOs, other stakeholders, also to announce commitments, plans, actions, and best practices
- Five interactive dialogues: to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings
- Special Events & Side Events
- Exhibitions



## Member States Contributions

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- A Letter from Conference Secretary General will be sent to Member States, inviting:
- Contributions in writing to the thematic Concept Papers: Papers have to be ready including translation in 5 UN Languages 10 weeks prior to the Conference
  - Expressions of interest to co-chair five thematic interactive dialogues.
  - Nominations/recommendations of panelists and or moderators.
  - **Contributions received by end November:**



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# Interactive Dialogues

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- October 26—November 25: Expressions of interest to co-chair five thematic interactive dialogues; recommendations for panelists, moderators received.
- 22—24 March 2023: Each interactive dialogue will be presided over by two co-chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the Presidents of the Conference;
- The panel discussions, facilitated by the moderator, will be followed by an interactive debate among States and other relevant stakeholders;



## Concept papers and informal preparatory working groups

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- November 2022 - December 2022: Thematic concept papers are written by informal preparatory working groups consisting of UN experts.
- All Member States can contribute in writing to the concept papers.
- Contributions by Member States will be published on the website with their consent.
- January - February 2023: Online briefings will be held with Member States to present the concept papers and encourage voluntary commitments related to the themes of the five interactive dialogues.
- 22-24 March 2023: The concept papers will serve as the basis for the discussion in the dialogues.

# Special Accreditation & Side Events

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## Special Accreditation

Relevant stakeholders and entities must be accredited to participate in the UN 2023 Water Conference

Second round is open from **31 October - 02 December 2022**

## Side Events (in-person or virtually)

Application process for side events will open in December through UNDESA.

Priority given to the events that are actively contributing to the Water Action Agenda. Organizers are encouraged to focus their side events on commitments and contributions to the (implementation of) Water Action Agenda.

Events organized by Member States and multiple entities can be admitted first.

Venue: Inside or outside UNHQ.

# Special Events and Exhibitions

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## Special Events

The Co-hosts have decided to organize Special Events and will ask the major groups to decide on the themes of the Special Events.

Co-hosts will ask major groups to work together so cross-linkages, cross sectoral approaches and partnerships can emerge. Co-host will also ask major groups to focus on concrete outcomes and possible contributions to the (implementation of) the WAA.

## Exhibitions

There are limited options for exhibitions and cultural events. UNDESA can be contacted to express interest in organizing exhibits at [water2023@un.org](mailto:water2023@un.org)

Priority given to the events organized by Member States and multiple entities

Venue: Inside UNHQ or outside in NYC.

# Participation of stakeholders

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## Participation

To ensure broad inclusion of the variety of stakeholders, the co-hosts are in discussion with UNDESA and UN Water about arranging possible (financial) support to ensure participation of a wide range of stakeholders to the conference in March 2023. Further information will follow shortly.





# Questions and Answers

Conference website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023>

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- Visit website regularly for updates& announcements
- Sign up for monthly water newsletter here:  
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/documentation>
- Link for Voluntary Commitments for the Water Action Agenda:  
<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/action-networks/water>

Questions? Please contact [water2023@un.org](mailto:water2023@un.org)