



## VIRTUAL INFORMAL (WEBINAR) BRIEFING ON THE 25 OCTOBER 2022 PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

*19 October 2022, 1.15 pm (EDT)*

### Concept Note and Agenda

#### Background

In its [resolution 73/226](#), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene 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**) in New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023.

The modalities for the UN 2023 Water Conference are set out in General Assembly [resolution 75/212](#). The Conference will be co-hosted by the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

On 25 October 2022, as mandated by A/RES/75/212, the President of the UN General Assembly (PGA) will be holding a [one-day preparatory meeting](#), at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to finalize the themes for the interactive dialogues and other outstanding organizational matters of the Conference. To ensure the meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, the PGA is also convening a stakeholder consultation on 24 October 2022.

#### Virtual informal (webinar) briefing on the UN 2023 Water Conference’s Preparatory Meeting

An informative webinar briefing is proposed for 19 October 2022 from 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm EDT. The webinar aims to share updated information about the run up to the UN 2023 Water Conference with participating states, including on the preparatory meeting to be held on 25 October, and the stakeholder consultation on 24 October 2022.

The stakeholder consultation and preparatory meeting will also provide opportunity to build momentum around the expected outcome of the UN 2023 Water Conference: the Water Action Agenda, and to provide a space for Q&A with participants.

The webinar will include an overview from the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly, followed by updates on the organization of the Conference by UN DESA. An interactive dialogue with the participation of the co-hosts of the conference, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands will follow when participants will be able to share questions and comments.

The registration for the webinar is open to Member States, who will be able to follow the webinar online through WebEx.

### Draft Agenda

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| <b>13:15 – 13:20</b> | <b><u>Welcome Remarks and background on the Conference</u></b><br><b>Moderator:</b> DESA   |
| <b>13:20 – 13:30</b> | <b>UN 2023 Water Conference preparatory meeting (25 October) and stakeholder consultation (24 October)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Team Leader for Sustainable Development from the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly: Dr. Johannes Cullman</li></ul> |
| <b>13:30 – 13:35</b> | <b>The UN 2023 Water Conference – Updates and next steps</b><br>Updates about the UN 2023 Water Conference   |
| <b>13:35 – 13:55</b> | <b>Q&amp;A</b> with the participation of the co-hosts  |
| <b>13:55 – 14:00</b> | <b>Closing</b>   |

### Stakeholder Engagement and the UN 2023 Water Conference

Details about the 25 October Preparatory Meeting and the UN 2023 Water Conference can be found [here](#) .

#### Briefing

- On 15 June 2022, UN DESA Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), as the Secretariat of the UN 2023 Water Conference, together with the Conference Co-Hosts (the Netherlands and Tajikistan), organized the first [online stakeholder briefing](#) to share information about the Conference, including opportunities for engagement and expected outcomes.

#### Possible themes of the Interactive Dialogues:

- [Background Note Prepared by the Secretary-General of the UN Water Conference](#)
- [Proposal for Themes of the Interactive Dialogues by the Co-hosts of the UN Water Conference](#)