

Stakeholder consultation on the preparation
of 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

24 October 2022
Conference Room 2, UN Headquarters and online (hybrid format)

Draft agenda:

10:00 – 11:00 Opening and introduction

- H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, President of the General Assembly
- Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, Secretary of the UN 2023 Water Conference
- H.E. Mr. János Áder, Former President of the Republic of Hungary, Member of Water and Climate Leaders
- Ms. Melissa Powell, Chief of Staff of United Nations Global Compact
- Ms. Keziah Therese Gerosano, United Nations International Federation of Youth for Water and Climate
- Ms. Lindsey Blodgett, Former President of World Youth Parliament for Water

11:00 – 11:05 “Interlinkages with climate, food, energy and health” by Mr. Petteri Taalas, Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organization (video message)

11:05 – 11:15 “Priority Fields of Action for Water and Climate Integration” by Matthias Berninger, Global Head of Public Affairs, Science & Sustainability, Bayer

11:15 – 11:25 Overview on the conduct of roundtables and expected outcome by the Office of the President of the General Assembly

The main aim of the roundtables will be to discuss potential transformative game changers that can feed into the Water Action Agenda. The accelerators of the Global Acceleration Framework (*governance, capacity development, data and information, innovation, financing*) along with the suggested five themes for the Interactive Dialogues of the UN 2023 Water Conference will form the basis of the discussion.

11:35 – 13:20 Roundtables in two parallel breakout sessions

Each roundtable will start with a 20-minute orientation input, followed by an open exchange

1) Governance: Conference Room 11

- Integrated national and regional cooperation, governance and legal systems at the operational level
- Integrating policy, governance and operations across sectors

2) Capacity Development: Conference Room 12

- Global network of education and capacity development
- Learning alternatives to traditional learning

13:20-14:20 Lunch break

14:20-16:05 Second set of roundtables in two parallel breakout sessions
Start with a 20-minute orientation input, followed by an open exchange

3) Data and Information: Conference Room 11

- Data and information requirements for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), food, health, ecosystems, energy
- Digital transformation and information as global public good

4) Innovation: Conference Room 12

- Science and conducive environment for innovation and support to SDG implementation
- Outlook on a future compact, integrating all stakeholders in the processes

16:15-17:40 Roundtable 5. On Financing: Conference Room 2

- Private - public financing models
- Business case for investment in sustainable water and climate solutions

Conference Room 2

17:45 Wrap-up - reflections by the co-hosts of the UN 2023 Water conference, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (by the Special Envoys)

17:50 Closing by the President of the General Assembly

The stakeholder consultation shall feed the one-day preparatory meeting of 25 October 2022 for the UN 2023 Water Conference.