



Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic
of Egypt to the United Nations



“Water in COP27”
26 October 2022 - 1:00 pm
ECOSOC Chamber

The IPCC 6th assessment report clearly identifies that water-related climate hazards, such as water-scarcity, floods and droughts are already affecting billions of people worldwide, and will further increase in frequency and intensity. Climate change and extreme weather events are disrupting the hydrological cycle, affecting water security and causing a physical loss of water worldwide. This gravely threatens food security, livelihoods and ecosystems, causing loss and damage and particularly affecting persons already in vulnerable situations. It severely impacts the world’s Deltas, where rising sea levels threaten to inundate densely-populated cities.

While the IPCC points to a number of alarming developments, it also proposes a number of solutions that require immediate action. We must act now to step up climate mitigation and adaptation measures, coupled with the necessary means of implementation.

The Cross Regional Statement on Water signed by 168 countries in 2021 called for, among other things, effective, coordinated and consistent international cooperation and achievement of integrated water resource management at all levels, including sharing accessible, timely reliable, disaggregated, and fit-for-purpose data, smart technologies and robust monitoring mechanisms. In addition, the Statement emphasized the crucial need to build opportunities for cooperation and to support capacity building and training, especially in developing countries. This is particularly true for Africa, which is, indeed a paradox, since Africa has contributed least to the climate crisis, yet it is the most vulnerable to its devastating consequences.

This year is an exceptional opportunity to promote the links between water and climate agendas, through COP27 and the UN 2023 Water Conference. As the preparatory meeting for the UN2023 will be on 24 and 25 October 2022, **the Egyptian COP27 Presidency is organizing a side event on 26 October 2022 entitled “Water in COP27” with the participation of H.E. Csaba Kőrösi, the President of the General Assembly.**

During the event, the General Membership will be briefed on the Water Actions in COP27, namely: The High-Level Round Table on Water Security during the COP27 Summit, Water Pavilion, and Water Day. In addition, the event will shed light on “Action on Water Adaptation and Resilience” (AWARE initiative) and the Action Plan of the UNSG’s initiative to cover all persons on the planet with early warning systems within 5 years.

Tentative Program:

- Opening remarks by the Permanent Representative of Egypt.
 - Keynote Statement by the President of the General Assembly.
 - Secretary General of World Metrological Organization.
 - Under Secretary General for DESA (SG of the UN2023 Water Conference).
 - The Co-hosts of the UN2023 Water Conference; Special Water Envoys of Tajikistan and the Netherlands.
 - Interventions from the floor.
 - Closing remarks by Egypt.
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