



U.S. Water Partnership
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Stakeholder Statement

The U.S. Water Partnership (USWP) is proud to be a stakeholder in the 2023 UN Water Conference. Water connects us all. Achieving effective community adaptation systems for healthy watersheds and well-functioning water services is essential to reduce water vulnerability and ensure future availability. Water utility operators are vital actors in global efforts to build resilient water resource management. USWP promotes water resilience in climate-vulnerable communities by encouraging operator exchanges through our Water Smart Engagements (WiSE) program. WiSE links the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Smart Cities Network water providers and wastewater utilities with dynamic operators across the United States to build collective capacity and promote innovation through exchanges for mutual benefit. Forging a coalition of water operators increases opportunities to develop and share promising technologies, tackle non-revenue water remediation and address water waste, improve water quality control, repurpose biosolids and capture biogas through the wastewater treatment process, expand water disaster crisis preparedness, and develop innovative models for sustainable water management. Through WiSE, USWP unites, mobilizes, and shares the best of U.S. expertise, resources, and ingenuity to address global water challenges, building resilience where needs are greatest. We view operators as essential partners in the pursuit of equitable access to sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene solutions. USWP supports the inclusion of water utility operators as key stakeholders and partners in the 2023 UN Water Conference.