

Mr President, Your Excellencies, distinguished guests,

As the Water Envoy for President of the Republic of Tajikistan, on behalf of both co-hosts, it was our great pleasure to attend today's meeting and hear so many delegations and stakeholders speak passionately about water.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your constructive engagement and participation in today's event. The fact that so many of you attended today and spoke at length about how water serves as a catalyst for sustainable development, bears testament to the sense of urgency which is felt by all.

The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, peace and security, climate change, the food-water-energy nexus in the context of sustainable development, and the need for increased cooperation, including transboundary and scientific, all featured prominently in your interventions.

After careful consideration, and bearing in mind that it is our aim as co-host to go for an ambitious and consensus-driven approach, which unites the international community, the co-hosts with the support of the PGA have decided upon the following amendments to the proposed themes of the interactive dialogues in order to adequately reflect today's interventions.

- Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17)
- Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development (SDG 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and SDGs 2, 8, 9, 11, 12);
- Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15);
- Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17);
- Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.

Thank you, and I hereby return the floor to the President.