

Preparatory Meeting for 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” (2023 Water Conference)

A one-day preparatory meeting for the UN 2023 Water Conference will be held on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The meeting is to be convened by the President of the General Assembly.

The objective of the meeting is to finalize the themes of the interactive dialogues and other outstanding organizational matters for the Conference.

The preparatory meeting will be held in-person with live web streaming on [UN Web TV](#) with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

For more information, please check the dedicated webpage: <http://bit.ly/Water25Oct>

Agenda & meeting documents

You can find the provisional programme for the preparatory meeting [here](#).

Documents for the meeting will be made available at the links below:

- [Background note](#)

Who can attend the preparatory meeting?

According to UN General Assembly Resolution [75/212](#), the following may participate at the 2023 water Conference and its preparatory meeting:

- States Members of the United Nations and members of the United Nations specialized agencies;
- Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly; and relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
- Associate members of the regional commissions;¹
- Specialized agencies and related organizations;
- Other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies;
- Interested United Nations organs;

¹ American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Curaçao, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.

- Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Academic Institutions, the Scientific Community, the Private Sector and Philanthropic Organizations who are accredited.

In accordance with established practice, the media may also register to cover the Conference and its preparatory meeting.

Organizations must be accredited to participate at the Conference and its preparatory meeting. Accredited organizations can then register individuals to attend the Conference and its preparatory meeting by following the guidelines for registration below.

How to participate:

There are different processes and deadlines for registration (request for a United Nations grounds pass) and in making interventions at the preparatory meeting. Please read the below information carefully.

States Members of the United Nations and Members of the United Nations Specialized Agencies

Registration:

Registration (request for a United Nations grounds pass) of official delegations of participating States for the preparatory meeting of the UN 2023 Water Conference, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service (Protocol Office) through the online “eRegistration system”, which is available through the e-deleGATE portal at (<https://edelegate.un.int>).

Official delegations must go through the “designated eRegistration focal points” of their respective Permanent Missions/Offices and Liaison Offices in New York, who have access to the eRegistration system, to obtain United Nations grounds passes.

Registration is now open through Thursday, 20 October 2022 by close of business at 5:30 p.m. (New York time).

Those which have not enrolled in the eRegistration system should follow the registration procedure specified in the guidelines

https://www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/guidelines_on_eregistration_for_igos_away_fm_ny_rev10_2_september_2021_original_1.pdf to obtain a UN grounds pass.

The deadline to register for this category is also Thursday, 20 October 2022 by close of business at 5:30 p.m. (New York time).

Delegations wishing to obtain information on the “eRegistration system” may refer to the updated “Guidelines on e-Registration” and “Frequently asked questions” on the Protocol website at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>.

Interest in making an intervention:

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the preparatory meeting. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button on their consoles to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions.

Given time constraints, delegations are encouraged to deliver group statements to allow for maximum participation. Individual statements by participating States will be limited to **two minutes**, while group statements will be limited to **four minutes**. In order to help adhere to these time limits, speakers should submit the full-length version of their statement by email to estatements@un.org.

Inter-governmental Organizations, International Financial Institutions and Other International Bodies already accredited

Registration:

Representatives of organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work (listed in document [A/INF/77/3](#)), will be able to register to participate as observers at the 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

Relevant intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), international financial institutions and other interested international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development will also be able to register to participate as observers at the Conference and its preparatory meeting.

For more information, please review the complete [list](#) of the IGOs, international financial institutions and international bodies that can register to participate in the preparatory meeting.

Registration (request for a United Nations grounds pass) of those organizations that fall within one of the categories listed above and are already enrolled in the online “eRegistration” system may follow the same procedure for States outlined in previous section.

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the meeting room, only those who communicate to the secretariat [email: priccec@un.org] by Friday, 21 October 2022 of their intention to attend the preparatory meeting will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the availability of space in the meeting room.

Interest in making an intervention:

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Given time constraints, observers are encouraged to limit their statements to **two minutes**. In order to help adhere to these time limits, speakers should submit the full-length version of their statement by email to estatements@un.org.

Associate Members of the Regional Commissions

Registration:

Representatives of the Associate Members of the Regional Commissions are required to follow the same procedures as for States and IGOs to register (request for a United Nations grounds pass) to participate in the Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

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Interest in making an intervention:

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Given time constraints, speakers are encouraged to limit their statements to **two minutes**. In order to help adhere to these time limits, speakers should submit the full-length version of their statement by email to estatements@un.org.

Specialized Agencies and Related Organizations

Registration:

The representatives of the Specialized Agencies (FAO, IBRD, ICAO, IDA, IFAD, IFC, ILO, IMF, IMO, ITU, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WHO, WIPO and WMO), and related organizations (which include CTBTO Preparatory Commission, IAEA, ICC, IOM, ISA, ITLOS, OPCW and WTO) are required to follow the same procedures as for States and IGOs to register to participate in the Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

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United Nations Funds, Programmes, Regional Commissions and Other Entities

Registration:

Members of delegations of the UN System entities holding a United Nations laissez-passer (UNLP) or a valid UNHQ Ground Pass do not need to register to attend the meeting. Those who do not have a valid UNHQ Ground Pass could request a "Special Event Ticket" through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Request for “Special Event Ticket” can be sent to water2023@un.org

Deadline: 5 p.m.(ET) on 19 October 2022

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Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Academic Institutions, the Scientific Community, the Private Sector and Philanthropic Organizations who are Accredited

Registration:

Relevant stakeholders, Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Academic Institutions, the Scientific Community, the Private Sector and Philanthropic Organizations, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Water Conference, and who are accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in Annex II of [A/RES/75/212](#) can request registration to participate as observers at the UN 2023 Water Conference and its preparatory meeting.

Registration for **in-person** participation is now open for stakeholders, through the dedicated portals below:

Organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002921/>

Specially Accredited Organizations: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002759/>

Please note:

- Each Organization will be able to register up to **5(five)** representatives. If more than 5 are registered under one organization, the Secretariat will approve registrations on a first-come first-served basis.
- All submitted requests for registration will be reviewed and confirmation letters will be sent to approved participants.
- The deadline for registration is **19 October 2022 (5pm, EDT)**.

PLEASE NOTE: During registration, stakeholders will be able to indicate their interest to make short interventions during the meeting. Please note that only a limited number of slots will be allocated for

stakeholders in each interactive discussion and that priority will be given to interventions made on behalf of groups/networks/major groups.

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation is strictly reserved for members of the press: print, photo, radio, television, film, news agencies, and online media who represent a bona fide media organization.

Representatives of the media can apply for accreditation online by following the instructions at www.un.org/malu.

Missions and organizations enrolled in the “eRegistration” system may submit requests for media, including journalists in the delegation and official photo and video at <http://edelegate.un.int> ([submission instructions can be found here](#)).

Please note, separate applications are required for the preparatory meeting and the 2023 Water Conference.

Questions on media accreditation should be referred to the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit: malu@un.org or 212-963-6934.

The deadline for requesting media accreditation for the preparatory meeting is at 5:00 p.m. (NY time) on Friday, 21 October 2022.