

# UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE



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Momentum is building towards the UN 2023 Water Conference, to be held from 22-24 March in New York. Meetings and summits around the world foster collaboration in the build up to the Conference and applications are now open for Side Events. Here are the latest updates.

## [UN 2023 Water Conference - Open Call for Side Events](#) [Deadline 13 January 2023](#)

Side events can be organized in connection with the UN 2023 Water Conference by Member States, the UN system, Intergovernmental Organizations and accredited non-governmental stakeholders. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to partner with others to organize a side event. Side events can be held either in-person inside UN Headquarters, in-person in other locations in New York, or virtually. The side events will be an opportunity for all participants to share knowledge and solutions to accelerate implementation of SDG 6 and showcase voluntary commitments for the Water Action Agenda. The deadline for the open call is 13 January 2023. Additional details and guidance on how to submit a side event proposal, including Guidelines, is available on the Side Events webpage.

**APPLY NOW**



**HOST A SIDE EVENT**  
**AT THE UN 2023**  
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Deadline | 13 JAN 2023

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## [Webinar series - Multi-Stakeholder Thematic Webinars](#)

A series of Multi-Stakeholder Thematic Webinars will be held virtually on 17-18 January 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM (EST) as an additional opportunity for stakeholders to prepare for the UN 2023 Water Conference, and to mobilize their contributions to the Water Action Agenda. Please, check [this page](#) for details. The events will be open to all interested stakeholders and livestreamed on Facebook.

[More info](#) >

## [Special Accreditation](#)

The 2nd and final round of Special Accreditation for non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other actors was closed on Friday, 2 December with 1000 applications. Outcomes from this final round will be made available in early January.

**Information on registration for all categories of Conference participants is now available online. Please check [this page](#) for details. For any further inquiries regarding registration and participation, please contact [water2023@un.org](mailto:water2023@un.org).**

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## [37th UN-Water Meeting brings together its Members and Partners to collaborate on Concept Papers for the Interactive Dialogues of the UN 2023 Water Conference](#)

UN-Water held an extensive consultation for its Members and Partners on the UN 2023 Water Conference Interactive Dialogue Concept Papers during the 37th UN-Water Meeting on 5-6 December at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. Input to the five Interactive Dialogues was collected through the World Café format which allowed for short, focused and inclusive discussions on each of the Dialogue themes (Water for Health; Water for Sustainable Development; Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment; Water for Cooperation; Water Action Decade). The inputs will inform the final production stage of the Concept Papers for the Interactive Dialogues of the UN 2023 Water Conference.

The Water Action Agenda was also discussed during the UN-Water Meeting, with participants brainstorming the role of each stakeholder in bringing commitments and the radical collaborations that are needed to turn those commitments into action. The summary report by IISD is available [here](#).



World Café discussions on the theme “water for cooperation” at UN-Water Meeting. Credit: IISD

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## [UN-Water Groundwater summit sees commitments to collaboration on regional and global level](#)

The Summit (Paris, 7-8 December) gathered more than 850 on-site participants, 3,500 online participants and provided the framework for groundwater to be visible worldwide. More than 30 governments and organizations have decided to join forces to launch the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition and push for greater cross-border cooperation over increasingly limited water resources.



Credit : @UNESCO/Lucille Descazaux

The “**UN-Water Joint message and call for action on groundwater**” was presented at the Summit, which calls upon governments, the donor community, the private sector, and civil society to submit voluntary commitments to the Water Action Agenda, one of the outcome of the UN 2023 Water Conference.

[Read more about the Summit outcomes >](#)

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## [Regional preparatory meetings](#)

### UNECE

Key messages to the UN 2023 Water Conference were agreed by the Sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 16-18 November 2022). The Meeting of the Parties endorsed **Key messages and actions needed to strengthen WASH resilience to climate change and future pandemics** to be submitted by its Chair (Hungary) to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference. The Meeting also encouraged countries to submit voluntary commitments and concrete actions on water and health at the United Nations 2023 Water Conference and to promote the Protocol in the preparatory process and at the Conference.

### UN ESCWA

In collaboration with the Regional Commissions, ESCWA coordinated the Regional Dialogues sessions at the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater (Paris, 7-8 December). The session drew on the Water Action Decade Regional Preparatory Meetings for the UN 2023 Water Conference to inform dialogues on overcoming challenges and promoting sustainable solutions in groundwater management.

### UN ECLAC

UN ECLAC has moved the Regional Water Dialogues from January to 1 – 3 February 2023 to accommodate more stakeholders and voices. The high level panels envisioned are: Water and Climate, Water and Sustainable Development, Water and Cooperation, and Water, Energy, Food and Environment and a full day of presenting solutions for Valuing Water and Accelerating the Achievement of SDG 6. As a result of the Regional Dialogues, ECLAC will elaborate and adopt a Regional Water Action Agenda.

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## [COP27: “This is the water COP”](#)

“This is the water COP”, said Csaba Kőrösi, President of the United Nations General Assembly, in his [remarks](#) to a high-level plenary on 15 November at COP27. The outcomes of the many consultations on the link between water and climate at COP27 will feed into the [UN 2023 Water Conference](#).

## [More articles from the United Nations on the water agenda:](#)

- [Paris Groundwater Summit sets stage for next year's UN Water Conference](#)
- [World Toilet Day: UN's game plan for adequate toilet for all](#)
- [‘Game changer’ ideas on water and sustainability, centre-stage ahead of major water conference](#)

## [Join the conversation and take #WaterAction](#)

The [UN 2023 Water Conference](#) is a call for **#WaterAction**: urging global leaders and all relevant sectors to boost ambition, mobilize partnerships and increase investment in science-driven and innovative approaches to advance the water agenda. Get inspired by what the UN is doing to advance [SDG 6](#), and follow and interact with the latest water-related content shared on UN social media channels [@SustDev](#) [@GlobalGoalsUN](#) [@UN\\_PGA](#) [@UN\\_Water](#). Don't forget to add #WaterAction!