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Multi-Stakeholder Thematic Webinars:

Preparing for the Water Conference and the Water Action Agenda

17 January 2023

09:00 - 11:00 AM (EST, New York time)

Starting soon!

More information: <https://bit.ly/ThematicWebinars>

Conference website: <https://bit.ly/2023WaterConference>



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Welcome Remarks



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Participation Guide

- This webinar **will be recorded**. The recording will be shared on the event's website
- Links to presentation and relevant information will be shared afterwards with all registered participants
- Twitter **@SustDev**
- Questions/Comments? – Please, use the chat boxes
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Agenda

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <u>09:00-09:10</u> | Introduction of UN 2023 Water Conference |
| <u>09:10-09:20</u> | Exchange with Co-Hosts of the Conference |
| <u>09:20-09:30</u> | Introduction to the Water Action Agenda |
| <u>09:30-10:10</u> | Theme 1: Water for Health |
| <u>10:10-10:50</u> | Theme 2: Water for Sustainable Development |
| <u>10:50-11:00</u> | Closing Remarks |



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UN 2023 Water Conference: 22 – 24 March 2023, UNHQ

The Conference will bring governments, the UN system and stakeholders from all sectors together to accelerate implementation, improve impact and advance the broad challenges surrounding water. All are invited to share commitments to the Water Action Agenda.



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Official Programme



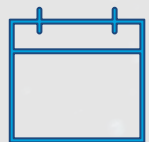
- **Six plenaries** which offer Member States a platform to announce commitments, plans, actions, and best practices



- **Five Interactive dialogues** to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings



- **Opening and Closing** ceremonies



- **Side Events, Special Events and Exhibits**

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Themes for the 5 interactive dialogues

1. Water for Health
2. Water for Sustainable Development
3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment
4. Water for Cooperation
5. Water Action Decade



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Conference Outcomes

- **Summary of Conference proceedings**
- **Voluntary commitments by Governments and all stakeholders – the Water Action Agenda**

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The **Water Action Agenda** was launched by the Conference co-hosts in Dushanbe in June 2022.

It is made up of **voluntary commitments** collected in the lead-up to the UN 2023 Water Conference and during the Conference itself, as well as beyond.



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UN 2023 Water Conference – Stakeholders Participation

- **Registration for NGOs and other stakeholders now open!**
Deadline: 10 February 2023.
 - *Accredited organizations can register up to 10 participants.*
 - *All participants must request registration individually using the INDICO form!*
- For more information on the registration process:
<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/participate>

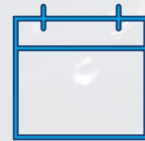


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Side Events & Special Events

Side Events



- Open call for events – deadline is **20 January 2023**
- Side events can take place on site at UN HQ, off-site anywhere in New York or as virtual events

Special Events



- Four Special Events.
- Special events will take place on-site at UN HQ.
- Co-hosts are finalizing the themes with stakeholder partners. Updates will be published to the Conference page.



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Opening Remarks



Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda,
Special Envoy of the President
of Tajikistan on Water Affairs



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Introduction to the Water Action Agenda (WAA) - Why the WAA and how will it work?



Mr. Federico Properzi,
Chief Technical Advisor UN Water

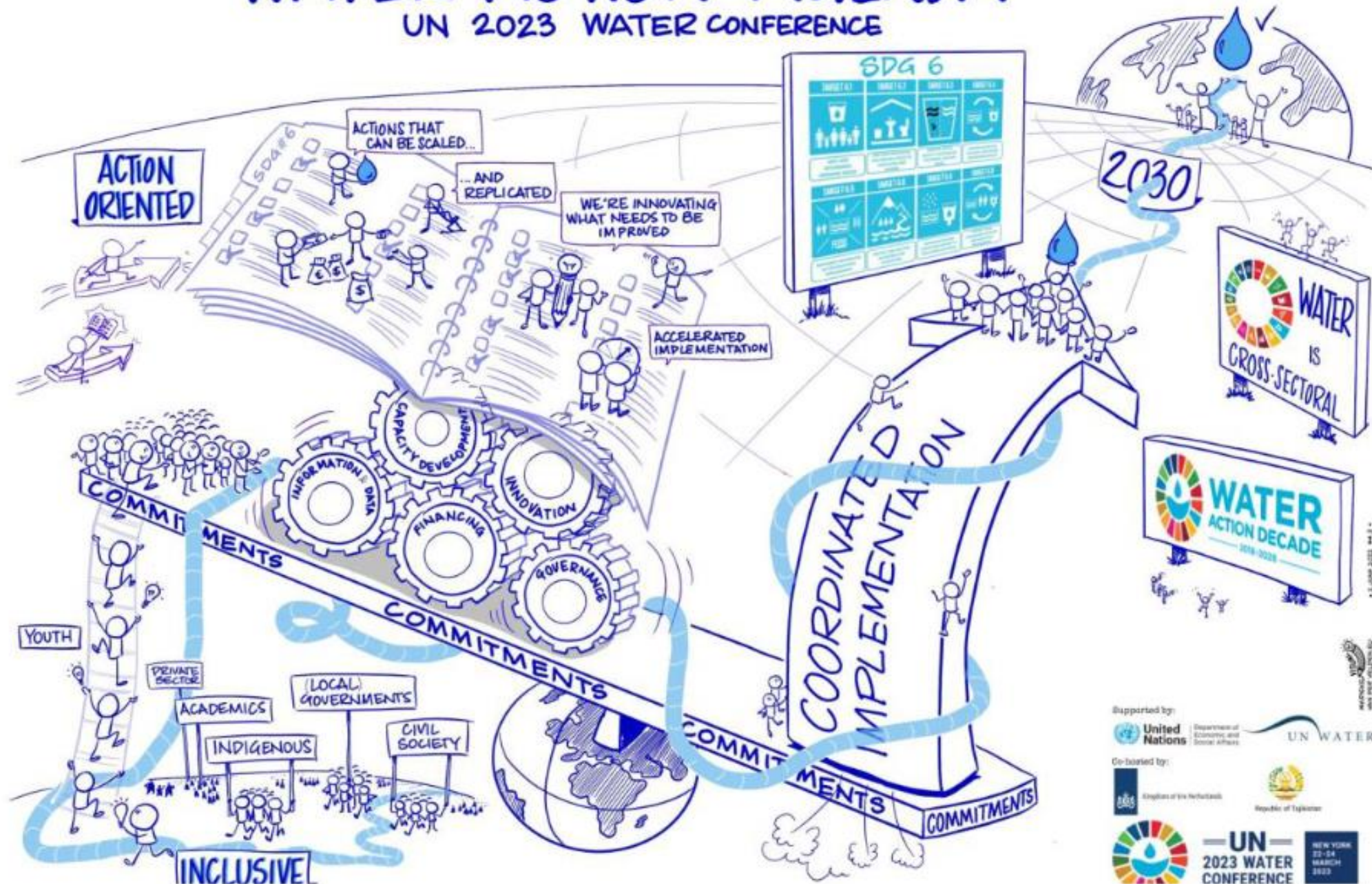
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Why the Water Action Agenda and how it will work?

Federico Properzi, Chief Technical Adviser, UN-Water

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• **THE 1990S: A NEW WORLD ORDER**

 United NationsDepartment of
Economic and
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Water Action Agenda

Launched by the Conference co-hosts in Dushanbe in June 2022 as **a main outcome of the 2023 Conference.**

Builds on on-going efforts and on the political momentum created by the Conference

“Water” means “Big Water”, including sanitation, Disaster Risk Reductions etc.

To mobilize action across countries, sectors and stakeholders

SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework launched by the UN system and its partners in 2020

Learns from other processes and sectors



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Water Action Agenda

Three main building blocks:

1. The mobilization of **transformative commitments**;
2. The scaling up of their **implementation in countries and across sectors**; and
3. The **follow-up&review** to enable learning to happen, progress to be measured and new commitments to be made.

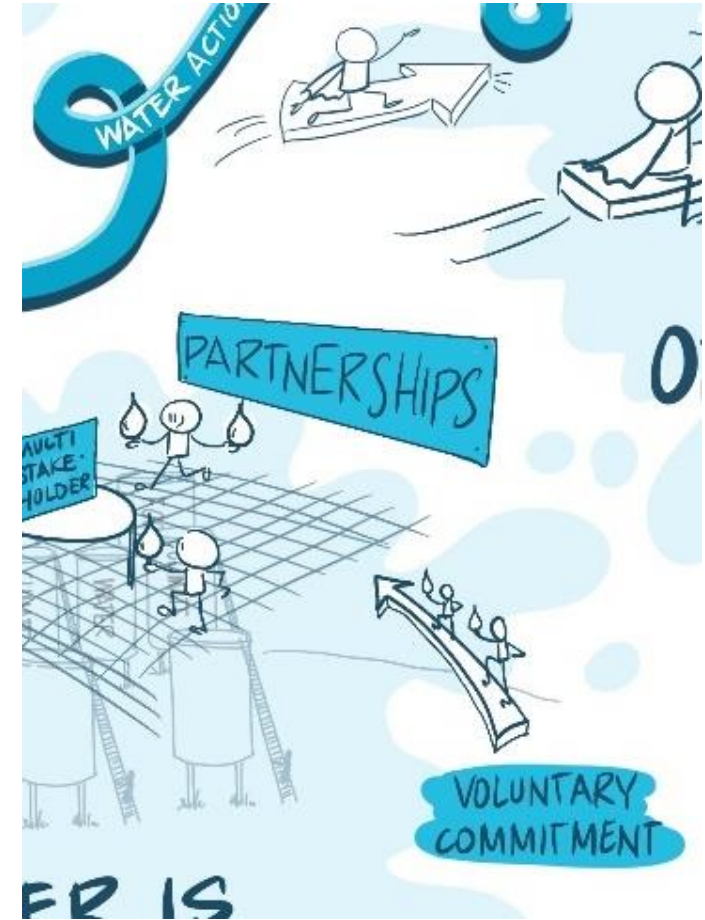
Commit to Action

Voluntary commitments are “invited” in the modalities Resolution for the UN 2023 Water Conference.

Leading up to the Conference all stakeholders are able to make commitments, and collectively they will make up the core of the Water Action Agenda.

The platform to collect commitments is custom-built as part of the SDG Acceleration Action platform and is managed by UN DESA.

All commitments, from local to global, from small to big, are important!



Follow-up and review processes

1. Annual pivotal event on the margins of the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF)
 - E.g. **Water Action Agenda Special Event** (which will build on and replace the current SDG 6 Special Event):
 - An analysis of water-related progress, across sectors and other SDGs and global frameworks
 - Success stories and lessons learned
 - New commitments to the Water Action Agenda
2. Other inter-governmental fora across key sectors
 - Mainstreaming water in e.g. climate, food systems, health, social justice, human rights, environment, disaster risk reduction, etc.
3. Other relevant major water-related events
 - E.g. Dushanbe Water Process, Stockholm WWW, World Water Fora, SWA ministers meetings, IWRA World Water Congress, etc.



All stakeholders have a role

- **Governments:** Foster necessary policy environment, including ensuring incentives and inclusive governance for implementation to happen.
- **UN system:** Build on the UN reform and the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework and be a neutral platform to commit, follow-up and review.
- **International financial institutions:** Provide financing and leverage additional financing to implement the Water Action Agenda.
- **Civil society, including the youth:** Implement, support, advocate, and participate in follow-up and review.
- **Private sector:** Invest, implement and commit to action.
- **Multi-stakeholder partnerships:** Advocate and support implementation by bringing stakeholders together.

Main take-home messages



1. The Water Action Agenda is **our collective common vision** to achieve all water-related goals and targets
2. **All stakeholders** have a role and all commitments are important!
3. The Conference is not the end, it is **the beginning of a process** that will lead to the High-level Political Forum, to the SDG Summit, to the Summit of the Future, etc.

Thank you!

Conference website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023>

Water Action Agenda: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/action-agenda>

- [Concept note](#) and [FAQ](#)

Register a commitment: <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/water/register>



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Panel - Theme 1 - Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation





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Panel 1- Water for Health

Moderator: Dr. Aaron Salzberg, Director, Water Institute, University of North Carolina

Panelists:

- ☐ **Mr. Sergio Campos**, Chief, Water and Sanitation Division, Inter-American Development Bank
- ☐ **Ms. Sareen Malik**, ANEW
- ☐ **Mr. Patrick Moriarty**, CEO, IRC WASH
- ☐ **Ms. Vida Duti**, Country Director, IRC Ghana
- ☐ **Ms. Priscilla Achakpa**, Women Environnent Programme, Women's Major Group



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Panel - Theme 2 - Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development

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6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION





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Theme 2 - Water for Sustainable Development

Moderator: Ms. Sascha Gabizon, Director, WECF

Panelists:

- ☐ **Mr. Neil Dhot**, Director, AquaFed
- ☐ **Ms. Elysa Vaillancourt**, Global Youth Movement for Water
- ☐ **Mr. Patrick Frick**, Global Commons Alliance
- ☐ **Ms. Monica Altamirano**, Director, Climate Impact for WaterEquity
- ☐ **Mr. Temple Oraeki**, Director, WASHfID, Major Group Children and Youth



RETHINKING COLLECTIVE ACTION

AND INVESTMENT PLANNING FOR A WATER SECURE WORLD

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RETHINKING COLLECTIVE ACTIVE: AN INTRODUCTION

At the occasion of the 2023 UN Water Conference, we seek to RETHINK our approach to water resource management through the creation of a **Collective Action Coalition**. Our goal is to foster collaboration amongst public and private stakeholders to secure multi-sectorial, multipurpose investments and instigate lasting economic change towards regenerative, water-secure development models.

More concretely, this initiative will require a cross-sectoral commitment to pilot this new collective action approach towards investment planning in selected, critical watersheds. The idea is to design a more synergetic ways of working process to unlock impact and value.

Key Objectives of the coalition :



DEFINE COLLECTIVE ACTION: Develop a clear and concerted definition of collective action, agreed upon by the private and public sectors.



DETERMINE STAKEHOLDER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: Allocate public and private sector roles and responsibilities, especially with regard to private sector ownership of securing investment pipelines and private funding.



UTILISE A STRATEGIC BLEND OF RESOURCES: Shift from budget dictated to mission-driven planning of (public) infrastructure investments to leverage the transformational power of blended finance and public funds.



UNLOCK PRIVATE FINANCING THROUGH PUBLIC SPENDING: Leverage public procurement strategies to enable greater private sector involvement in institutional processes, while creating a new generation of green jobs and supply chains, built upon a logic of regenerative value creation.



DETERMINE STAKEHOLDER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The initiative aims to have key private and public sectors commit to collectively pilot this new approach to investment funding for water resource management. Responsibilities of each sector are outlined below:

Public Sector

Details in progress.

Civil Society

- Implement initiatives & fill resource capacity gaps
- Foster early stage innovation
- Mobilize funding
- Hold other sectors accountable

IFIs & MBDs

- Lead sustainability projects planning & programming
- Instigate innovation
- Mobilize finance & knowledge sharing at scale
- Enable change through operational excellence
- Support de-risking mechanisms

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Private Sector

- Achieve operational excellence
- Provide seed-funding to design business cases
- Build science & transparently share data & knowledge
- Support de-risking mechanisms

Infrastructure

- Design projects for water security
- Engage public authorities to define intervention clusters
- Leveraging regulations to enhance investment
- Play proactive role in project pipeline development

Multi-sector Partnerships

- Foster dialogue & public participation
- Emphasize collaborative cross-sector governance
- Leverage cross-sector skills, resources & assets to find common solutions to key challenges

OUR PLAN OF ACTION: A THREE-STEP APPROACH

1. SECTOR ALIGNMENT & MAPPING

January 2023

Sector leads:

- Compile roles & responsibilities of their sector .
- Define principles to unlock bottlenecks of collective action and align w/ peers.
- Engage peers and/or coalitions to join the initiative.

Governments:

join forces and test investment planning in specific regions.

2. COLLECTIVE ACTION TRANSLATION

February - March 2023

Core team:

- Translate sector principles and responsibilities into cohesive global investment plan.

Governments:

- Shortlist watersheds where resources can be allocated to accelerate interventions.

Announcement of the Coalition at **OECD Roundtable** in Geneva, February 7-9.

Commitment announcement and interventions proposal at **UN Water Conference** in NYC, March 22-24.

3. COLLECTIVE INTERVENTIONS

2023-2025

Test pilot focus:

1. Implement impact-focused projects to address specific challenges in short-listed geographies.
2. Carry out impact monitoring to assess impact of interventions.
3. Scale steps 1 & 2 to other geographies.

JOIN US AT UNWC: WAYS YOU CAN ACT NOW



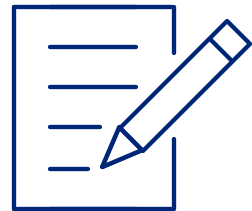
1. **Connect** with your sector lead to provide your input and support collective action planning activities.



2. **Participate** in meetings and workshops leading up to the UN2023 Water conference.



3. Government representatives are invited to **sign** the letter or commitment supporting our coalition.



4. Officially **commit** to the set of principles and overall approach during UN2023 water conference.



5. **Commit own resources** (according to agreed roles) to implement approach in selected regions (2023-2025 onwards).

CURRENT SECTOR LEADS

Public sector



Government of the Netherlands



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Civil Society



The Nature
Conservancy
Protecting nature. Preserving life.

IFIs & MDBs



GREEN
CLIMATE
FUND



IDB
Inter-American
Development Bank

Private Sector



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ONE PLANET. ONE HEALTH

Infrastructure



WATEREQUITY



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Multi-sector partnerships



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| Wednesday, 18 January 2023, 09:00 – 10:30 AM EST
- Theme 3: Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment
- Theme 4: Water for Cooperation
- Theme 5: Water Action Decade
- Livestreamed on Facebook:
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