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Briefing to UN system on the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the implementation of the UN Decade for Action Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018 – 2028.

Tuesday, 31 January 2023, 10-11 EST/4-5pm CET

The United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the implementation of the UN Decade for Action Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018 – 2028 (The UN 2023 Water Conference hereafter) is scheduled to take place at UN Headquarters in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023. It is the first UN Conference that focuses on water since 1977 and is a pivotal moment to accelerate water action to achieve not only Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation, but also frameworks such as the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework and Our Common Agenda.

The Conference, co-hosted by the Governments of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs serving as the Conference Secretariat, with the support of UN-Water, aims to bring together Member States, the UN System, civil society and other stakeholders to achieve the sorely needed progress on water-related goals and targets. A main outcome is the Water Action Agenda, which collects voluntary commitments on Water Action from countries, entities and other stakeholders.

This webinar will brief the UN system on the process, procedures and opportunities presented by the UN 2023 Water Conference.

Welcome remarks – 5 mins

Introduction by the Chief of the Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch in the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (UN DESA), Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee

Message from the Secretary-General of the UN 2023 Water Conference - 5 mins

Video message from the Under-Secretary-General of UN DESA, Mr. Li Junhua

Message from the Chair of UN-Water – 5 mins

Video message from Director-General of ILO and Chair of UN-Water, Mr. Gilbert F. Houngbo

Technical Briefing on the UN 2023 Water Conference – 10 mins

Information on the process, programme and registration, Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee

Water Action Agenda – 10 mins

Explanation of the purpose and procedure of the Water Action Agenda as one of the main outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference, Chief Technical Advisor of UN-Water, Mr Federico Properzi

Q&A – 25 mins