

Briefing to UN system the UN 2023 Water Conference

Uniting the world for water

UN 2023 Water Conference
22-24 March, UNHQ, New York

Co-hosted by the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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.



Participants

Member states	Specialized Agencies and related organizations	International financial institutions	Intergovernmental organizations	Associate members of the regional commissions	Private sector
Organizations and bodies of the United Nations	Accredited non-governmental and civil society organizations	Academic institutions	Media	Scientific community	Philanthropic organizations

Outcomes

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

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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.

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**



Themes for the five interactive dialogues

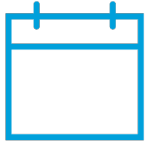
1. Water for Health
2. Water for Sustainable Development
3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment
4. Water for Cooperation
5. Water Action Decade

Interactive dialogues

- **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.

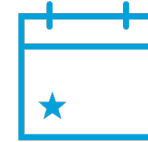


Side Events and Special Events



Side Events

- Open call for events closed on 20 January after 1300+ applications
- Applications will be reviewed and approved by UN DESA
- Side-events can take place on site at UN HQ, off-site anywhere in New York or as virtual events.



Special Events

- There will be four Special Events.
- Led by the co-host teams
- Special events will take place on-site at UNHQ.

Registration Process

- **There are different processes and deadlines for registration.**

Go to <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/participate> for the relevant registration link and information

- **Deadline to register for UN Secretariat, Funds, Programmes, Regional Commission, UN specialized agencies: **Wednesday, 15 March 2023 by COB 5:30 p.m. (EST)****

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>