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Special Event

Special Event 1. Radical Collaboration for Water Resilience Action with our greatest Allies in the Climate Crisis

Co-organized by CEO Water Mandate / United Nations Global Compact, WWF International, IPMG, WFO, WI, IWMG, IITC

Date: Wednesday, 22 March, 2023

Time: 3.00 pm ET

Background

Place: Conference Room 2, UNHQ in New York

Co-convenors: CEO Water Mandate / United Nations Global Compact, WWF International, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group (IPMG), World Farmers' Organization (WFO), Wetlands International (WI), International Women's MG (IWMG), International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)

Audiences:

- State actors and policy makers to encourage the enabling conditions for accelerated water action.
- Private sector leadership to promote ambitious goals and scalable solutions to have collective positive water impact in 100 basins.
- Civil society and frontline groups to bridge gaps for radical collaboration for a water and climate resilient world.

Objectives

The Radical Collaboration for Water Resilience event will showcase how new collaboration models can unlock and achieve basin resiliency to the benefit of communities, ecosystems, and economies. It will inspire change by looking at the journey of water, from its physical source to its diverse values to people. It will explore the enabling conditions that help drive real new models of collaboration that puts a focus on integrating voices from across the spectrum from farmers to indigenous people, frontline communities, and women in key processes that improve basin outcomes. It will showcase and dive into the key elements of collaborations at the basin scale that are having real impact. Throughout the 3 hours, the principles of INSPIRE, COLLABORATE, AND ENABLE, will be woven through interactions with all participants.



Key Messages

This session will explore how we need to rethink collaboration with our greatest allies in the Climate Crisis, if we're going to achieve water resilience for all. We need to prioritize working *with* Nature, as water doesn't come from a tap! We have undermined the foundation of our water resources for too long - it's time to restore, regenerate and revalue the ecosystems that provide us with water. Action is needed on the ground, and local communities and indigenous peoples hold the key to making that a reality. Indigenous knowledge has been left out of key conversations. We want to reinvigorate and recognise allies across all sectors to come together, from companies, to communities, to governments to drive the changes and be joint stewards for the world we want.

Outcomes

The session will end with concrete commitments to action from key stakeholder groups as contributions to the Water Action Agenda, forging a way forward for real activities and actions to occur.

Organizing partners

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