

# UN 2023 Water Conference Multi-stakeholder Thematic Webinars

## Why the Water Action Agenda and how it will work?

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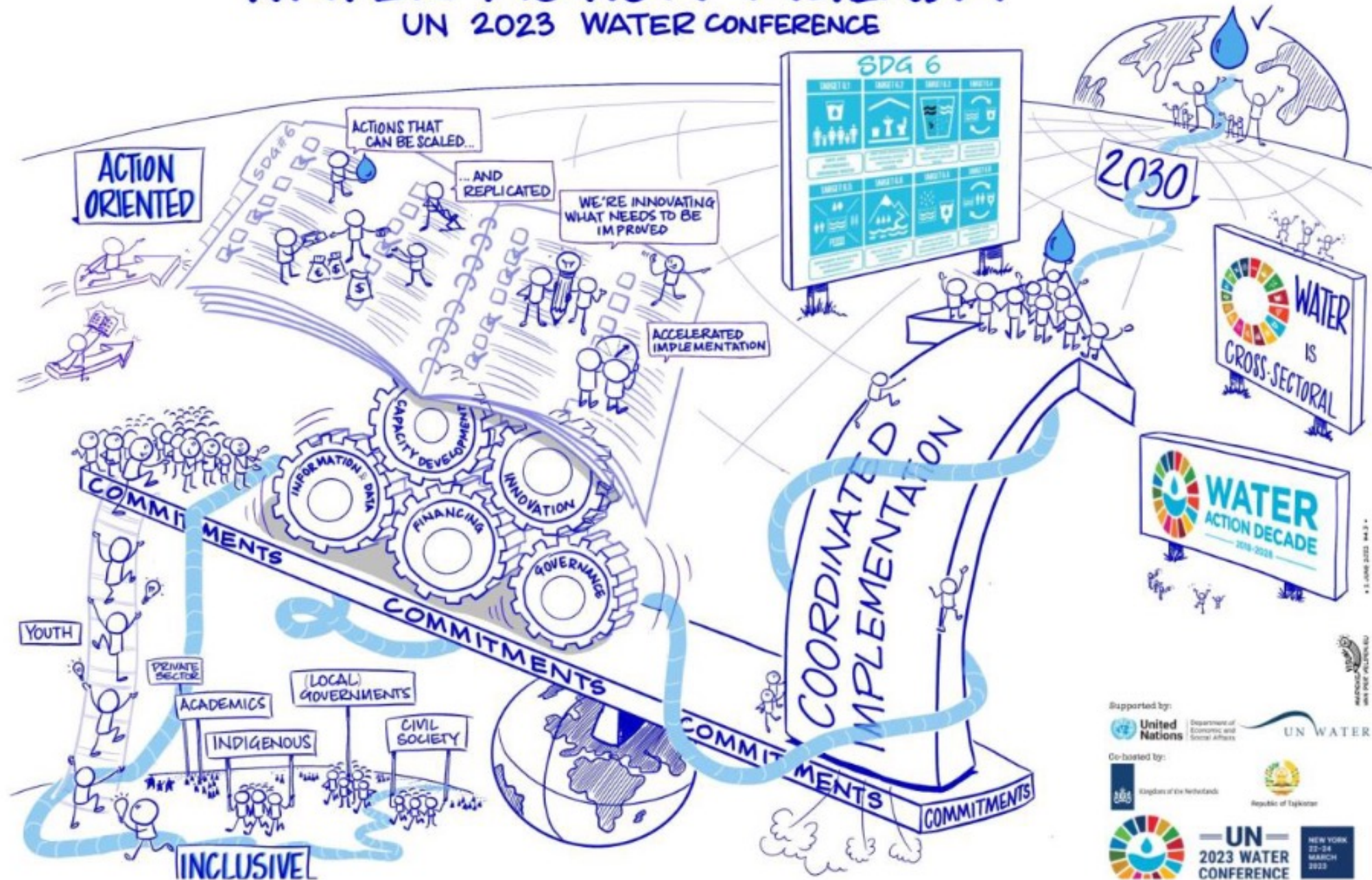


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# WATER ACTION AGENDA

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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**

# 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>

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