

Agenda – Water Leadership: Uniting for a Sustainable World

Special Event 4 will take place on 24 March 2023 in Conference Room 2 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Time (10.00 – 13.00)	Agenda items
10.00 – 11.25	Session 1 – What does Water Leadership Look Like?
10.00 – 10.10	<p>Opening remarks by Amy Syvrud, SDG 6 Global Focal Point, Major Group for Children and Youth; Principal Consultant, Aither (2 mins)</p> <p>Musical performance by Voix du Fleuve, Voix de la Paix, musicians of Voices of the River: Pathways to Peace (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Nicolas Algrot, music producer of Voices of the River: Pathways to Peace at MILK MUSIC • M. Pape, Hervé Samb, musician of Voices of the River: Pathways to Peace • Ms Awa Sangho, musician of Voices of the River: Pathways to Peace <p>Video: Water Song video (3 mins)</p>
10.10 – 10.35	<p>Profiles of Water Leaders</p> <p>We will showcase stories of different water leaders from across the globe; focusing on those creating a positive impact through creative, innovative approaches.</p> <p>Introduction: Lindsey Blodgett</p> <p>Speakers/participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amrita Guatam, Drink Pani, Nepal • Rodrigo Mundaca, Governor of Valparaiso Region, Chile • World Youth Parliament for Water – TBC
10.35 – 11.20	<p>Water Leadership Debates</p> <p>This session will consist of three 15-minute debates on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indigenous water leadership (Debate 1) 2. Gender and water leadership (Debate 2) 3. Government leadership in the water sector (Debate 3) <p>Moderator: Lesley Pories, Global Water Partnership</p> <p>Speakers/participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Phil Duncan, Australian Rivers Institute (Debate 1) • Gerardo Gentil Orozco, Jr (Debate 1) • Brook Thompson, Yurok and Karuk Native (Debate 1) • Andrea Nakova, Human rights journalist (Debate 2) • Bharti Kannan, Boondh Social Foundation (Debate 2) • Anita Soina, SWA Youth Champion (Debate 2) • Vika Kalokalo, DIVA Fiji (Debate 2) • Philippe Rio, Mayor of Grigny (Debate 3) • Dr Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development of Zimbabwe (Debate 3) – TBC • Khalil Zaidat, Mayor of Bani Nail, Palestine (Debate 3)
11.20 – 11.25	‘Twitter storm’ & Videos

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to join Twitter Storm • Global Youth Movement for Water Campaign video • Wavemakers United video
11.25 – 12.35	Session 2 – Building commitments and accelerating action
11.25 – 12:02	<p>Frameworks for building commitments</p> <p>This will include an introduction to frameworks for building commitments across different stakeholder groups, including the Water and Climate Youth Development Plan and Agenda (YDPA) and Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)'s Mutual Accountability Mechanism. It will showcase particular commitments by different stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Titilayo Adebayo, UN1FY</p> <p>Speakers/participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN1FY • Mariana Dias Simpson, Sanitation and Water for All • Daniella Bostrom Couffe, UN Water Communications Manager • Simon Zbinden, Head of Global Water Program, Switzerland • Representative from the Dominican Republic delegation (TBC) • Silvia Cardascia, Asian Development Bank • Kenneth Alfaro, Red de Jóvenes por el Agua Centroamérica
12.02 – 12.10	<p>Implementing the commitments</p> <p>This session will focus on identifying and co-creating inclusive mechanisms for implementing the commitments, to ensure all voices are included.</p> <p>Moderators: Titilayo Adebayo and Keziah Gerosano, UN1FY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audience will be asked to discuss specific questions with each other, and respond to questions via Mentimeter.
12.10 – 12.35	<p>Accountability for the Water Action Agenda</p> <p>This session will focus on monitoring and evaluation, with a view towards a progress roadmap for the Water Action Agenda 2030.</p> <p>Moderator: Katrina Charles, University of Oxford</p> <p>Speakers/participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, current United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to water and sanitation • Mr. Léo Heller, second Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation • Catarina de Albuquerque, SWA CEO and the first Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation
12.35 – 13.00	Session 3 – Beyond the 2023 Water Conference
12.35 – 12.47	<p>Final performance – ‘We can make a Comeback’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke Wallace, young musician and climate activist
12.47 – 13.00	<p>Water Leadership Beyond the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Switch cards’ session on accountability by Elysa Vaillancourt, Youth Project Manager, International Secretariat for Water (5 mins)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="424 248 1394 304">• Closing remarks by Sarah Oey, Dutch Ministry Youth Representative on Sustainable Development & Mayor Aboutaleb of Rotterdam (5 mins)<li data-bbox="424 309 1394 365">• Close of session, Amy Syvrud, SDG 6 Global Focal Point, Major Group for Children and Youth; Principal Consultant, Aither (2 mins)
