### UN 2023 Water Conference

**Interactive Dialogue #1 on Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 13:00 (180 minutes)

**Location:** Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York (access from First Basement of UN Building)

#### Running Order

*As delegates take their seats: introductory film/images focusing on WASH in Health Facilities as an illustration of the need for action.*

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| 10:00 to 10:12 (12 minutes) | Opening  
Co-chair **Minister Miguel Ceara Hatton**, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic opens the meeting, welcomes participants and introduces Co-chair from the UK, Rt. Hon Lord Goldsmith, Minister of State, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, and the Moderator, Ms. Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF (2 minutes)  
**Minister Miguel Ceara Hatton** delivers opening remarks (3 minutes)  
*Rt. Hon Lord Goldsmith* delivers opening remarks (3 minutes)  
**Ms. Catherine Russell** makes introductory remarks (4 minutes) |

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| 10:12 to 10:52 (40 minutes) | Panel Discussion  
Ms. Catherine Russell introduces panelists and invites them to make opening statements that include a commitment to a “gamechanger” in the WASH sector. Opening statements should focus on major themes – water for health and rights; reflect importance of leadership, accountability, inclusion systems, finance; include a commitment to a gamechanger  
Opening Statement from **Hon. Abida Sidik Mia MP**, Minister of Water and Sanitation of Malawi (3 minutes)  
Opening Statement from **Mr. Filippo Grandi**, High Commissioner for UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (3 minutes)  
Opening Statement from **Mr. Vikas Sheel**, Assistant Vice-Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water Resources), India (3 minutes)  
Opening Statement from **Mr. Jagan Chapagain**, Secretary General of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) (3 minutes)  
Ms. Russell poses follow-up questions (pre-agreed with each panelist) and invites responses from panelists (16 minutes) |

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| 10:52 to 10:58 (4 minutes) | Ms. Russell introduces first pair of discussants:  
- **Ms Boluwatito Awe**, President of the Nigerian Youth Parliament for Water (NYPW)  
- **Dr Maria Neira**, Assistant Director General, World Health Organisation and invites them to reflect on what they have heard, challenge participants, highlight opportunities (3 minutes each, total 6 minutes) |
Reflections from **Ms. Catherine Russell**
Reflections from **Minister Miguel Ceara Hatton** Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic and **Rt. Hon Lord Goldsmith** Minister of State, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

(2 minutes each, total 6 minutes)

Ms. Catherine Russell then asks **Dr Maria Neira**, Assistant Director General, World Health Organisation, to facilitate the interactive debate.

### Interactive Debate

10:52-12:32 (100 minutes)

Dr Neira introduces the interactive debate and explains format, protocol, expectations, timing (3 minutes)

Dr Neira calls on each speaker with two questions:
1. What will be a game changer in your context?
2. How does your commitment make that happen?

*Each intervention: 3 minutes, including NGOs; first cycle allows time for approximately 13 interventions, total 45 minutes. Order of precedence to be respected as far as possible, moderator may cluster around themes and ask follow-up questions.*

Half-way through this part of the dialogue Dr Neira introduces the second set of discussants:
- **Ms. Andrea Carmen**, IITC
- **Ms. Eva Muhia**, PASA
and invites them to reflect on what they have heard, challenge participants, highlight opportunities – 3 minutes each (7 minutes)

Dr Neira calls on each speaker with two questions:
1. What will be a game changer in your context?
2. How does your commitment make that happen?

*Each intervention: 3 minutes, including NGOs; first cycle allows time for approximately 13 interventions, total 45 minutes. Order of precedence to be respected as far as possible, moderator may cluster around themes and ask follow-up questions.*

### Closure

12:32 to 12:50 (18 minutes)

Dr Neira invites final reflections from Panelists
- **Hon. Abida Sidik Mia**
- **Mr. Filippo Grandi**
- **Mr. Vikas Sheel**
- **Mr. Jagan Chapagain**

(2 minutes each)

Dr Neira invites inputs from final discussant **H.E. Laura Chinchilla**, former President of Costa Rica, Global Leaders’ Council, Sanitation and Water for All; Turning commitments to action: (3 minutes)

Dr Neira hands back to Moderator **Ms. Catherine Russell** for closing reflections (2 minutes)

Ms Russell ask for closing reflections from Co-Chair **Minister Miguel Ceara Hatton**, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic (2 minutes)
| Ms Russell ask for closing reflections from Co-Chair **Rt. Hon Lord Goldsmith**, Minister of State, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, UK (3 minutes) |

**Total Time:** 170 minutes + 10 minutes for lag and transitions = 180 minutes |