

## Uniting the world for water action

March 2023



In less than 2 weeks, thousands of participants, hundreds of side events and scores of world and business leaders will unite for one cause: water. This newsletter will give you an overview of what is happening during the Conference.

# Side Event Programmes out now

After a huge wave of interest there will be over 500 Side Events going on within, and outside of UN HQ as well as virtually, during the Conference.

Programme | Inside UN HQ | Outside UN HQ | Virtual



Exhibitions

The exhibitions programme for the UN 2023 Water Conference features a curated set of exhibitions within the UN Headquarters in New York hosted by Member States or UN system entities, many of which are organized in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

**Full Programme** 

Explore all the exhibitions >

Programme Overview (PDF)

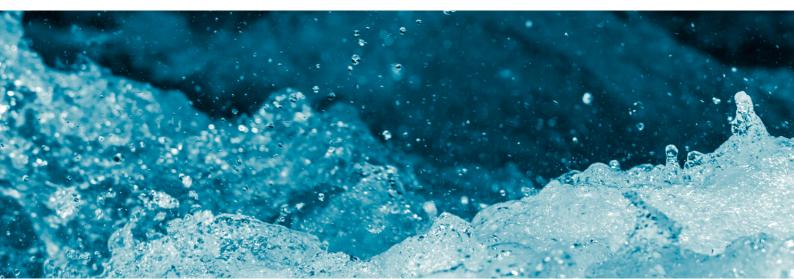




## The building blocks of the Water Action Agenda

This Conference is not only a unique opportunity for the world to come together and accelerate and scale our collective action achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 and all other water-related goals and targets. It is a once-in-a-generation chance to get the world on track for a water-secure world for all, everywhere.







## **Interactive Dialogues**

During the Water conference there will be five interactive dialogues, and the concept papers (in 6 UN languages) are available now:

- <u>Water for Health:</u> Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation
- <u>Water for Sustainable Development:</u> Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development
- <u>Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment:</u> Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR
- Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda
- Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan



### **Special Events**

There will be four informal high-level special events organized in connection with the Conference to create a platform for in depth and broader discussion of waterrelated challenges and solutions.

- Radical Collaboration for Water Resilience: Action with our greatest Allies in the Climate Crisis - More information >
- Reducing inequalities implementing Human Rights More information >
- The Economics of Water: transforming governance to secure a sustainable, just and prosperous future - <u>More information ></u>
- Water Leadership: Uniting for a sustainable world More information >



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Registration

Information on registration, including eligibility, deadlines and processes, is available on the Conference webpage <u>here ></u> by clicking on the relevant stakeholder category.

Registration for non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, and philanthropic organizations and other actors closed on 10 February 2023. There will be no on-site registration for this category and the Secretariat will not be able to address ad-hoc requests or substitutions.

Registration for Member States and Specialized Agencies of the United Nations will close Wednesday, 15 March 2023 by close of business at 5:30 PM. Intergovernmental organizations, International financial institutions, and other international bodies already accredited that are already enrolled in the online "eRegistration system" may follow the same procedure and deadline as Member States.

#### **Attending the Conference**

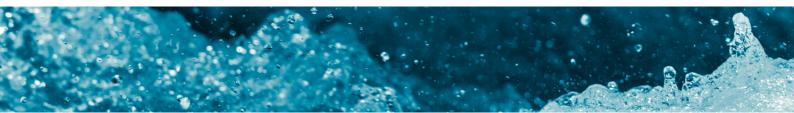
#### Registered

Please refer to the <u>Information Note for Participants ></u> for detailed informatino on attedning the Conference.

#### Not registered

The UN 2023 Water Conference will be livestreamed through UN WebTV. We invite you to follow the livestream which will be made available on the <u>website ></u>

Please note that no registration is required to follow the proceedings online.







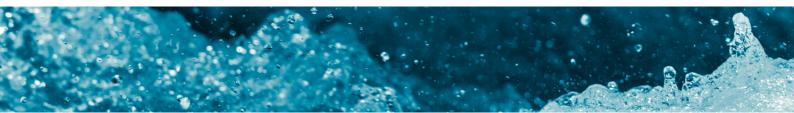
## LDC5: Uniting the world for water

Water is a 'dealmaker' for multilateral cooperation and the Sustainable Development Goals. Water is our greatest ally in the climate crisis. The Least Developed Countries are among the most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of the water crisis, not least because the impacts of climate change are often felt through water. At the recent Least Developed Countries Conference in Doha, UN General Assembly President Mr. Csaba Kőrösi called for a "Paris moment", meaning a political moment for action to tackle the ongoing water crisis.



Ambassador Csaba Kőrösi was joined by H.E Marjan Kamstra, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the State of Qatar H.E Khisrav Sohibzoda, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan to the State of Qatar in a discussion moderated by Natasha Ghoneim, Al Jazeera News to look ahead to the Water Conference what needs to be achieved.

Watch the discussion >





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This World Water Day is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. And because water affects us all, we need everyone to take action. You and your family, school, business and community can make a difference by changing the way you use, consume and manage water in your lives.

Learn more and take part in #WorldWaterDay >

Children around the world are using World Water Day as an opportunity to learn more about what they can do to help solve the water and sanitation crisis. School children in several countries, including Ghana, Japan, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, the US and Colombia are folding origami birds with their personal commitment and shipping them off to the UN 2023 Water Conference.

Join them, take action and add your personal commitment on the Be the Change website >





## Less than 30 days to go...

With less than 30 days to go, we have an array of digital assets and a refreshed press kit on our dedicated Water Trello board. For the month of March, SDG 6 is the Goal of the Month and this dedicated page highlights the Water Conference, latest news on the Conference, and key upcoming events for the month of March. And we unite the world for water.

#### Water Conference Trello Board >



## Join the conversation and take #WaterAction

The UN 2023 Water Conference is a call for #WaterAction: urging global leaders and all relevant sectors to boost ambition, mobilize partnerships and increase investment in sciencedriven and innovative approaches to advance the water agenda. Get inspired by what the UN is doing to advance SDG 6, and follow and interact with the latest water-related content shared on UN social media channels @SustDev @GlobalGoalsUN @UNDESA @UN\_PGA @UN\_Water. Don't forget to add #WaterAction!

