

# **UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event**

Conserve water to nurture life

[19th March 2023, 6:00 PM Onwards, New York]

Organized by: [Dholakia Foundation]

## TWO PAGE MAXIMUM

## Background on the event (one paragraph)



Water Action Agenda (one paragraph, if possible, please include the link to your commitment in the Water Action Agenda database)

The Dholakia foundation's commitment to sustainability is demonstrated through its #Mission100Sarovar initiative, which not only provides clean water and sanitation facilities to affected areas but also prioritizes climate action and preserving the biodiversity of the

surrounding areas. The initiative aligns directly with SDGs 6, 13, 14, and 15, and the foundation remains committed to working towards other SDGs to contribute to a sustainable future for all. Dholakia Foundation's dedication and commitment to addressing the water crisis will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on society and the environment. Taking a leadership role in Second Pillar, "Biodiversity and Water". These initiatives further demonstrate the organization's commitment to sustainability and responsible practices in the industry. In addition to these achievements, Hari Krishna Exports launched its HK Annual Sustainability Report 2022.

### **Key Issues discussed (5-8 bullet points)**

- Only 29 NGOs in India have been granted this special accreditation out of the 728 NGOs that earned it worldwide.
- We have already contributed to the environment by creating 111 lakes in the drought-prone Saurashtra region, planting 2.5 million trees, and ensuring the protection of Mother Earth.
- This is a significant achievement that directly promotes several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG6 (clean water and sanitation), SDG13 (climate action), SDG14 (life below water), and SDG15 (life on land). By promoting sustainable practices and encouraging a sustainable future, the organization is working towards achieving the SDGs and positively contributing to the well-being of the planet and future generations.

### **Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

- Promote water-efficient technologies: The Foundation can encourage the adoption of water-efficient technologies, such as low-flow showerheads, rainwater harvesting systems, and drip irrigation in agriculture. This can help reduce water consumption and conserve water resources.
- Conduct awareness campaigns: The Foundation can educate the public about the importance of water conservation and tree plantation through awareness campaigns, social media, and public events. This can increase awareness and encourage the public to take action.
- Implement sustainable water management practices: The Foundation can promote sustainable water management practices, such as reusing wastewater, reducing water pollution, and promoting water conservation practices in industrial and commercial sectors.
- Plant trees: The Foundation can undertake tree plantation initiatives, such as planting saplings, developing urban forests, and promoting afforestation to prevent soil erosion, reduce air pollution, and increase groundwater recharge.
- Promote community participation: The Foundation can involve local communities in water conservation and tree plantation initiatives to promote community participation

- and ownership. This can be achieved through community-led programs, awareness campaigns, and educational workshops.
- Support research and innovation: The Foundation can invest in research and innovation to develop new technologies and practices that can help conserve water resources and promote tree plantation. This can help in promoting sustainable practices and long-term solutions to water conservation and environmental protection.

A glimpse of Side Event of Dholakia Foundation in UNHQ: <a href="https://youtu.be/gjVdFLUmgDs">https://youtu.be/gjVdFLUmgDs</a>