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Excellency,

The Republic of Senegal and the United Arab Emirates are delighted to be co-hosting the 2026 UN Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, as per General Assembly resolution 78/327 outlining the modalities of the Conference.

As co-hosts of the Conference, we look forward to ensuring a robust and fruitful preparatory process for the Conference. We plan to engage with all stakeholders in the international community to drive an inclusive impact-oriented Conference to accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goal 6 and elevate the issue of water within the international agenda.

By the resolution, the General Assembly decided that the Conference will take place from 2 to 4 December 2026 in the United Arab Emirates and will consist of plenary sessions and **six interactive dialogues**. The Assembly further decided that the Conference “will build upon the discussions held during the interactive dialogues of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028” which took place from 22 to 24 March 2023 in New York.

Furthermore, the Assembly decided to hold a one-day organizational session “to make updated recommendations to the General Assembly on the themes of the interactive dialogues.” The organizational session will be convened on **3 March 2025, from 10:00-13:00 and 15:00-18:00 in the ECOSOC Chamber**.

As per the modalities resolution, following the organizational session, proposals for themes of the interactive dialogues will be prepared in a background note by the Secretary-General of the Conference (UN DESA Under-Secretary-General) in consultation with Member States, with the support of UN-Water and relevant United Nations entities. The themes will be adopted at a later date during a one-day meeting to be convened by the President of the General Assembly, to promote the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6 and to agree on the themes of the interactive dialogues.

The resolution also welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Senegal to convene a high-level international meeting in Dakar in 2025 to support an effective preparation of the Conference.

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the organizational session. Delegations are requested to focus their interventions on their recommendations for the themes of the six interactive dialogues for the 2026 Conference. As a reminder, the five themes of the 2023 UN Water Conference interactive dialogues were:

- **Water for Health:** Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation;
- **Water for Sustainable Development:** Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development;
- **Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment:** Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience, and Disaster Risk Reduction (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.

For further information on the organizational session, your Office may contact Ms. Stephanie Rambler, Senior Sustainable Development Officer by email: rambler@un.org. Program details will be available in due course at <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026>.

We look forward to a constructive and meaningful dialogue on 3 March.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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