

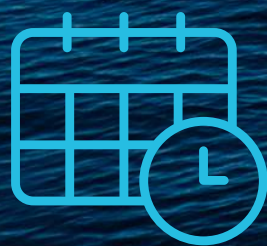


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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER INFORMATIVE WEBINAR ON THE 2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE



9:30 - 10:30 AM

18 March 2025

Starting soon!

More Information: bit.ly/18March2025Webinar

Conference website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026>

Participation Guide

- This webinar will be recorded. The recording will be shared on the event's website
- Links to presentation and relevant information will be shared afterwards with all registered participants
- Social media platform X @SustDev
- Questions/Comments? – Please use the Q&A on Zoom



Agenda

09:30-09:35 Welcome Remarks & Overview of the Conference

09:35-09:55 Perspectives from the Co-Hosts of the Conference

09:55-10:00 A call to action for SDG 6

10:00-10:15 From 2023 - 2026: Stakeholder Engagement
and updates on the 2026 UN Water Conference

10:15-10:25 Q&A

10:25-11:00 Closing Remarks

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**Question 1: Have you
attended the UN 2023
Water Conference?**



Welcome Remarks

Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee

Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch (NRIB),
DSDG/UN DESA



UN 2026 Water Conference

- “2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” (A/RES/78/327)
- To support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6
- 2-4 December 2026 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026>

UN 2026 Water Conference - Format

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

7 Plenary Sessions

**6 Interactive
Dialogues**

OTHER EVENTS

Side Events

And More



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Conference Outcomes

- Summary of Conference proceedings
- Voluntary commitments by Governments and all stakeholders - the Water Action Agenda

Organizational Session

3 March 2025 ECOSOC Chamber at UNHQ

- To begin the preparatory process for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, and as mandated in A/RES/78/327, an organizational session was held to "make updated recommendations to the General Assembly on the themes of the interactive dialogues"
- More than 4,000 people followed the discussions through UN WebTV
- 68 interventions were held during the plenary discussions, including 14 stakeholders representing diverse sectors

For more, please visit: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026/organizational-session>



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Organizational Session

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Water flows through the entire sustainable development landscape. From human wellbeing, gender equality, sustainable livelihoods, to biodiversity conservation, and climate action - SDG 6 implementation is fundamental.

Mr. Li Junhua

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, 2026 UN Water Conference Secretary-General



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As a result, the UN Water Conference of 2026 is a pivotal moment when we can turn our words into deeds, our commitment into outcomes and our challenges into opportunities.

H. E. Dr. Cheikh Tidiane Dieye

Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Senegal



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No nation is immune from the devastating effects of water scarcity. It exacerbates food shortages, fuels public health crises, threatens economic stability, and can undermine peace and security.

H. E. Mr. Abdulla Balalaa

Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs for Energy and Sustainability, United Arab Emirates



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Through UN-Water, the United Nations system is elevating water to the forefront of the global agenda. We are working towards a new consensus: that progress on water and sanitation is fundamental to achieving sustainable development and alleviating suffering.

Mr. Alvaro Lario

President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Chair of UN-Water



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Vision for the 2026 UN Water Conference - Perspectives from the Co-Hosts

His Excellency Mohamed Abushahab,

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations
in New York



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His Excellency Mr. Diamane Diome,

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent
Representative of the Republic of Senegal to the
United Nations




A Call to Action for SDG 6

Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi (Video
Message)

UN Secretary-General's Special
Envoy on Water



A woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a white patterned blouse with a large black floral corsage, is seated in a grey armchair. Behind her is a blue United Nations flag. To the left, a framed photo of two people is on a table. The background features vertical blinds and a window.

Retno Marsudi

UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Water

From 2023 - 2026: Stakeholder Engagement and updates on the 2026 UN Water Conference

Ms. Naiara Costa

Senior Sustainable Development Officer,
Outreach and Partnership Branch,
DSDG/UN DESA



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**Question 2: What can you
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Water Conference and its
preparatory process?**



Stakeholder Engagement

- **Awareness-raising** and information sharing to all stakeholders about the Conference and its preparatory process through multiple channels.
- **Creating space and providing opportunities** for stakeholders to meaningfully engage in, and contribute to, the preparatory process and the Conference itself.

To learn more, please visit: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026/stakeholders>

Stakeholder Engagement - Awareness Raising

- Water information e-mail list to share periodic updates about the Conference.
- Periodic informational virtual briefings and seminars for stakeholders.
- Dedicated page on stakeholder engagement on the Conference website.
- Regular outreach through UN DESA's and partners' social media channels.

Stakeholder Engagement - Creating Space

- **Global Online Stakeholder Consultations**
- Call for new water-related commitments by all stakeholders – **Water Action Agenda**
- Organizing the process for **Special Accreditation of non-governmental organizations**
- Organizing **side events**
- 9 July - President of the UN GA convened meeting

Stakeholder Engagement

Global Online Consultation: Closes on **11 April 2025**

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2026 UN Water Conference GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

 **Submit your inputs by:
11 April 2025**

*Contribute inputs on the themes for the Interactive Dialogues of the
2026 UN Water Conference*

For more information about the online consultation, please scan the QR code:
More information on the Conference: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026>



Participation - Who can attend the 2026 UN Water Conference?

Relevant stakeholders, whose work is relevant to the 2026 UN Water Conference:

- non-governmental organizations,
- civil society organizations,
- academic institutions,
- the scientific community,
- the private sector,
- philanthropic organizations

Must be accredited in accordance with the provisions set forth in Annex II of A/RES/78/327.



The poster features the United Nations logo and SDG 6 icon at the top. The main text reads: '2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE', 'Special Accreditation for Non-governmental Organizations and other Stakeholders', and 'Apply by: 21 March 2025'. A QR code is located at the bottom left, and a URL is at the bottom right. A circular image on the right shows a hand holding water, with a colorful bar at the top and bottom.

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2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE

**Special Accreditation
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Apply by: 21 March 2025

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Special Accreditation - Does my organization need to apply?

Don't need to apply for special accreditation:

- NGOs and other organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC.
- Organizations that have been accredited to previous Conferences as indicated at A/RES/78/327
- Organizations that received special accreditation to attend the UN 2026 Water Conference

Not on these lists? **Must apply** for Special Accreditation to attend the 2026 UN Water Conference.

To learn more, visit

https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026/stakeholders#stakeholders_participation

Special Accreditation - How to apply?

Entities not on the lists must apply for Special Accreditation to attend the 2026 UN Water Conference.

Applications will need to provide the following documents (all required):

- 1) **proof of legal status;**
- 2) a letter on official letterhead and signed by the Head of Organization requesting accreditation and;
- 3) a list of the key relevant activities undertaken by your organization in the past 12 months related to the Conference theme.

Second round will be held in early 2026.

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**Question 3: What are your
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2026 UN Water Conference
and its preparatory process?**





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Questions and Answers

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Thank You!

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