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Dear Stephanie, Ruoshi,

We thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the development of the themes for the next UN Water Conference. In view of the rising number of forcibly displaced, which has reached unprecedented levels (over 123 million), and considering important challenges they continue to face regarding access to water, which is a human right, a dedicated theme should be devoted to **Water and Forced Displacement** during the forthcoming UN Water Conference. Such a dialogue could help reinforcing the need to expand access to water to displaced communities by national authorities and to secure adequate support from the international community. Forcibly displaced are among the less privileged and often live in remote and less developed areas. They should not be left behind and their inclusion should be clearly factored in from the onset and not just an afterthought. Needless to mention that easing access to water by forcibly displaced should equally benefit host communities.

Aligned with the UN-System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation, we would also suggest that forcibly displaced people are explicitly highlighted in other relevant dialogues, such as those around climate change.

We look forward to contributing further on the development of this important event.

Regards,

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Dear colleague,

Please find attached a letter from Mr. LI Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, inviting your organization's substantive input to recommendations for the themes of the Interactive Dialogues of the **2026 UN Water Conference** (<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2026>). These inputs would supplement any interventions made during the 3 March organizational session for the Water Conference.

Grateful if you could send your contributions to Ms. Stephanie Rambler (rambler@un.org) and Ms. Ruoshi Geng (ruoshi.geng@un.org) by 11 April 2025. Further information is detailed in the attached letter.

High regards,

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