

**2026 United Nations Water Conference**  
**Multistakeholder preparatory event**  
**9 July 2025, 3-6 pm**  
**Conference Room 3**

**Agenda**

**15:00 – 15:15:** High-level Opening

- **H.E. Mr. Coly Seck**, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations
- **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Abushahab**, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations
- **Ms. Retno Marsudi**, Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Water

**15:15 – 16:15:** Panel discussion: **Accelerating SDG 6 through Collective Action and Multi-stakeholder Partnerships**

Moderator: **Ms. Kate Warren**, Executive Vice President and Executive Editor, Devex

- **H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN.
- **Mr. Pedro Arrojo-Agudo**, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (tbc)
- **Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha**, Global Director of Global Water Practice, World Bank
- **Ms. Tania Strauss**, Head, Food and Water, World Economic Forum
- **Mr. Dane McQueen**, Special Advisor, Climate, Gates Foundation
- **Mr. Mark Smith**, Director General, International Water Management Institute
- **Ms. Lesha Witmer**, Founder, Women for Water Partnership

**16:15 – 17:30:** **Reflections on the panel discussion and the six proposed themes**  
*(Member States, UN Entities, IGOs, stakeholders)*

**17:30 – 18:00:** **Closing Fireside Chat**

Moderator: **Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee**, Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch, UN-DESA/DSDG

- **Ms. Shaima Gargash**, Director of Energy and Sustainability Affairs, UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Dr. Mohamed Diatta**, Senegal's Sherpa for the 2026 UN Water Conference

*The conversation will highlight the co-hosts' vision including objectives, guiding principles, envisioned outcomes, reflections on the interactive dialogues, expected role of the co-chairs, and the roadmap ahead, including more details about the high-level preparatory meeting in Dakar.*

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