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SECOND GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Inputs For the Interactive Dialogues Concept Papers

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BACKGROUND

The General Assembly, in its resolution [78/327](#), decided to convene the [2026 United Nations Water Conference](#), co-hosted by the Republic of Senegal and the United Arab Emirates, from 2 to 4 December 2026 in the United Arab Emirates.

As outlined in resolution 78/327, the 2026 United Nations Water Conference will include [six Interactive Dialogues](#) to be held in parallel with the plenary meetings. Building on the themes of the five interactive dialogues from the UN 2023 Water Conference, and taking into account all formal and informal contributions received, including through a [global online stakeholder consultation](#) (May 2025), the co-hosts of the 2026 UN Water Conference proposed themes that ensure adequate attention to all aspects of SDG 6, including its eight targets and the Global Acceleration Framework, as well as broader links to the 2030 Agenda and its pillars.

In April 2025, stakeholders were invited to contribute inputs on the themes of the interactive dialogues of the 2026 UN Water Conference through a [first global online consultation](#). The summary report can be accessed [here](#).

The Interactive Dialogue themes were developed through an inclusive, transparent, and participatory process as outlined in [the background note](#) (issued on 16 June 2025). The six themes are interconnected, equally prioritized, and mutually reinforcing. Each dialogue should take an innovative, solutions-oriented, and forward-looking approach to accelerate implementation, and should promote cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement.

The following themes were adopted by consensus during the [one-day meeting](#) convened by the President of the UN General Assembly on 9 July 2025:

- a) *Water for People:*** *the human rights to water and sanitation, including for those in vulnerable situations, for healthy societies and economies.*
- b) *Water for Prosperity:*** *Valuing water, Water-Energy-Food nexus, advancing integrated and sustainable water resource management, wastewater and water-use efficiency across sectors, and economic and social development.*
- c) *Water for Planet:*** *Climate, Biodiversity, Desertification, Environment, Source to Sea, Resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction.*

d) Water for Cooperation: *Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Inclusive Governance.*

e) Water in Multilateral Processes: *Sustainable Development Goal 6, the 2030 Agenda and beyond, and global water initiatives.*

f) Investments for water: *Financing, technology and innovation, and capacity building.*

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Working closely with UN-Water, the Secretariat is preparing concept papers for each of the Interactive Dialogues of the 2026 UN Water Conference. Member States are currently being consulted to provide their inputs.

In parallel, to ensure meaningful and substantive engagement of stakeholders in preparation for the 2026 UN Water Conference, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, persons with disabilities, the private sector and philanthropic organizations, and other actors are now invited to **contribute their views, comments and inputs on the Concept Papers of the Interactive Dialogues through a [second global online consultation](#)**. Contributions may include relevant, up-to-date data, analysis, and good practices related to advancing the implementation of SDG 6 and its targets, as well as interlinkages with other SDGs and the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework (financing, data and information, capacity development, innovation, and governance).

The online consultation will also serve to promote broad and participatory engagement for the 2026 UN Water Conference. It will complement and feed into other on-going processes for stakeholder participation.

FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

The online consultation is open to all stakeholders through a dedicated [online form](#).

Stakeholders are being asked to **provide comments, suggestions and inputs on the concept papers of the six Interactive Dialogues**. In addition, stakeholders have the opportunity to express their perspectives on additional key issues that could be considered during the 2026 UN Water Conference.

The deadline for submission is **17 October 2025**.

All responses will be open to the public on [this page](#).

UN DESA, with the support of UN-Water, the Conference co-hosts and partners, will be promoting the consultation through mailing lists and social media channels.

OUTCOMES

The submissions received will be shared broadly and will be available online on the [Conference's website](#). A summary, including outcomes of the consultation and key inputs/messages, will be prepared by UN DESA and made publicly available on the official [2026 UN Water Conference website](#).

The summary is expected to be available and shared by **February 2026 (estimated)**.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Under each theme of the six Interactive Dialogues, stakeholders are invited to provide inputs through a dedicated online form to 5 questions:

Consultation questions:

Only responses received through the online consultation form will be considered.

1. Considering **Interactive Dialogue: [title]**, what are the key challenges that hinder progress in this area and that should be prioritized for discussions during the 2026 UN Water Conference? Please consider, in particular, issues that have emerged since the UN 2023 Water Conference. (max. 300 Characters)
2. Considering **Interactive Dialogue: [title]**, what are some proposed cross-cutting, action-oriented, innovative and or pragmatic solutions your organization has taken/will take to address those challenges, monitor and advance progress on SDG 6 and other relevant SDGs? (max. 300 Characters)
3. Considering the proposed **Interactive Dialogue: [title]**, what evidence can you share of partnerships/innovative approaches/new ways of working that have proved helpful to support accelerated implementation of SDG 6? Please indicate the name of the initiative/approach, and if possible, evidence of the results achieved, leadership provided, stakeholders involved and ways of collaboration. (max. 400 Characters)
4. Looking ahead to 2030, please share one transformative action that needs to happen, and by whom, to overcome the challenges and to create enabling conditions to accelerate progress in achieving the objectives and maximize impact of **Interactive Dialogue: [title]**, and that must be promoted at the 2026 UN Water Conference? (max. 400 Characters)
5. Can you propose one keyword that comes to your mind and that captures your perspective of **Interactive Dialogue: [title]**.