Global water processes

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COP27 27th conference of the Parties on climate change

- 7-18 November 2022, Sharm-El-Sheik, 14 November will be water day
- Discussion on Paris agreement implementation, global goal on adaptation,
- First UNFCCC COP in Africa since 2016
- Main priorities Adaptation, finance, resilience
- Important to include water into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- Egypt is starting a water initiative AWARE

Progress on SDG 6: need for huge acceleration



SDG 6 Summary Progress Update 2021 and Progress

Reports

→ The world is off-track to meet SDG 6 by 2030

→ Progress needs to quadruple (x4)



https://www.unwater.org/publication_categories/sdg6-progress-reports/





Vision statement UN 2023 Water Conference

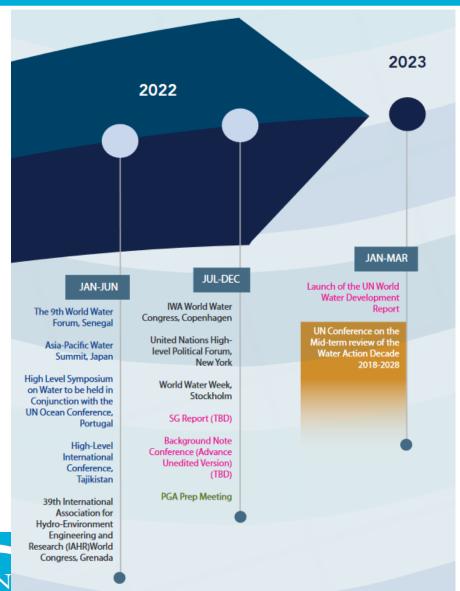
"Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water" - 22-24 March 2023, New York

The Netherlands and Tajikistan, as co-hosts, and UNDESA with the support of UN-Water as Secretariat of the Conference will strive to make the Conference *a watershed moment for the world*.

- Three Principles:
 - Inclusive: both in terms of (a) the Conference process (ensure vertical and horizontal inclusiveness) and in terms of (b) the results (leaving no-one behind).
 - Action-oriented: the Conference aims to lead to concrete results through concrete actions and plans on the ground.
 - **Cross-sectoral**: the Conference should mobilise all other sectors to improve the way they manage and utilize water resources. These sectors need to bring their plans and actions to the Conference.

Our once in a generation chance





22-24 March 2023 New York

UN 2023 Water Conference



Preparation for the 2023 UN water conference



- 2020: General assembly resolution sets framework and time schedule for the conference: 6 plenaries and 5 interactive dialogues
- June 2022: African regional preparatory meeting
- HLPF in July 2022: announcement of the proposed themes for the interactive dialogues by the co-chair countries
- Themes will be finalized by the PGA event in November 2022
- Please contribute, highlight the importance of transboundary cooperation and consider concrete initiatives for the conference

See more information at: https://sdgs.un.org/un-2023-conference-water-action-decade



Proposed topics for the interactive dialogues



- 1. Water for Health: Access to safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17);
- 2. Water for Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development (SDG 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and SDGs 2, 8, 9, 11, 12);
- 3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15);
- 4. Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17);
- 5. Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.





What will the Conference deliver?

The Conference will help set the agenda until 2030, and thereafter, in two ways:

- **1. Deliver a summary** of the Conference proceedings
- 2. Present a set of voluntary commitments to get the world back on track
- 3. Roadmap towards 2028 (Decade), 2030 (SDGs) and Agenda post 2030
- Considering our challenges, there is a need for:
 - Scaled up finance and funding by governments, MDBs and private sector;
 - Scaled up and replicated actions and best practices;
 - Innovations to get the world on track;
 - Follow up UN conference on water to mark the results of the decade and the 2023 outcomes;
 - An agenda going beyond 2030;
 - Concluding in the roadmap and timeline to inspire, unite and guide the world



Conference summary of the proceedings

- Summary of the proceedings
- Thematic Sessions outcomes
- Special Events outcomes
- Side Events outcomes
- Recommendations from the above feeding into the Roadmap
- Commitments



What commitments?

- Commitments can be presented in many forms...
 - Scale up and replicate what works
 - Discontinue or change what does not work
 - Innovate what needs to be improved
 - Fund what merits funding
- ... and through many coalitions and partnerships, from all across society
- Could include accession to the Water Convention, its implementation, and development of transboundary agreements

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