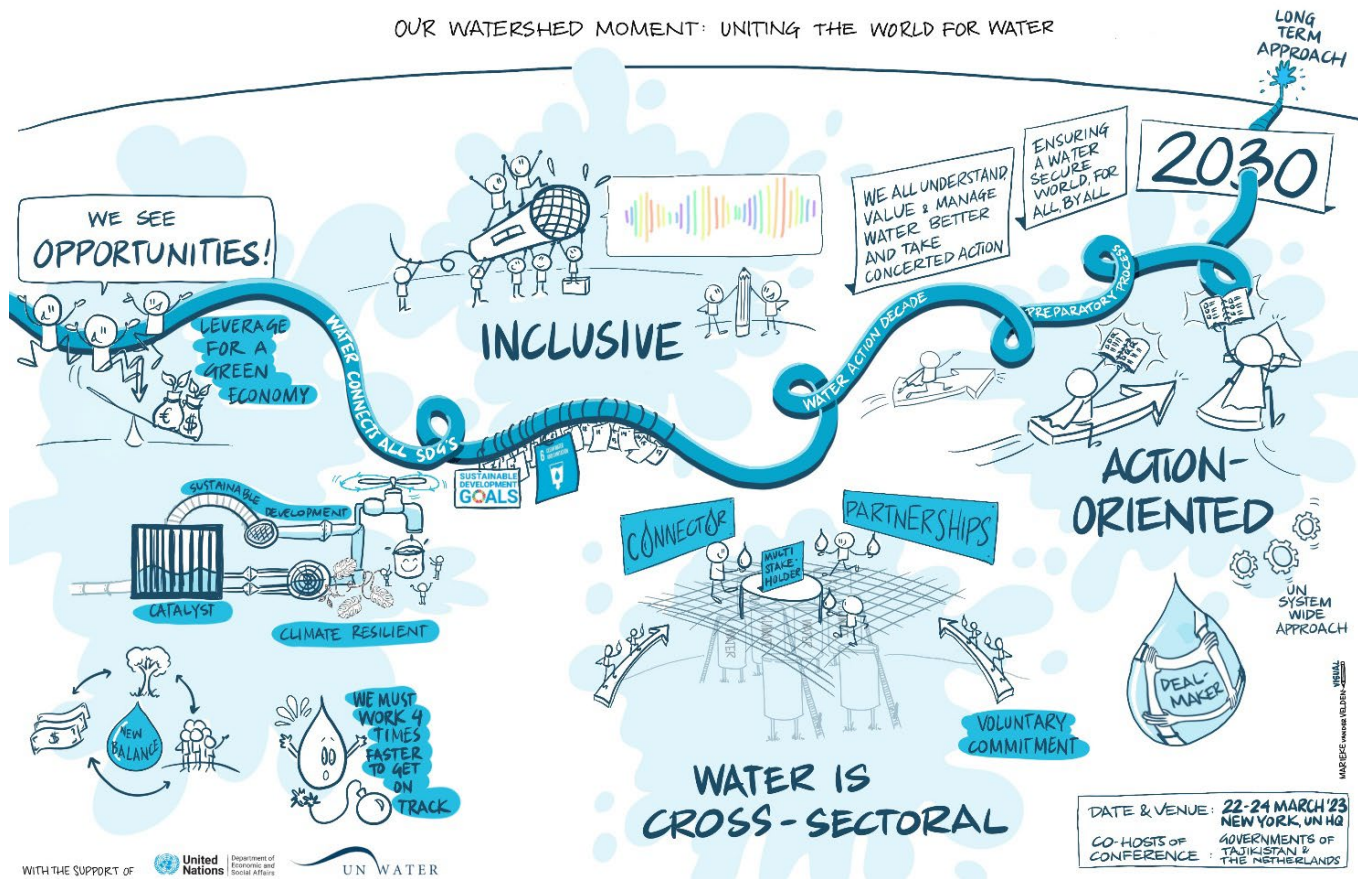


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## VISION STATEMENT UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

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Co-hosted by the **Kingdom of the Netherlands** and the **Republic of Tajikistan** at UN Headquarters in New York and online from **22 to 24 March 2023**.

Aimed to urgently **scale up action** to address the water crisis and ensure equitable access to water for all.

Brought together some **10,000 participants** among world leaders, civil society, business leaders, young people, scientists, academics, the UN System and others from across sectors.

The **Water Action Agenda**, the key outcome of the Conference, captured over **700 voluntary commitments** aimed at driving transformation from a global water crisis to a water-secure world.

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*“The commitments at this Conference will propel humanity towards the water-secure future every person on the planet needs”*

António Guterres

To achieve this, the Secretary-General advocated for:

- **integrating the approach on water, ecosystems and climate** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen communities — from resilient infrastructure, water pipelines and wastewater treatment plans, to ensuring every person in the world is protected with early warning systems against natural disasters by 2027
- **continuing to press for climate justice** and global action to **limit global warming to a 1.5-degree rise**
- a **dramatic acceleration in resources and investment** into the ability of all countries to reach SDG 6



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## Key messages:

- **Good water governance and management are essential**
- Internal fragmentation and external isolation of the current water management systems are key challenges to build climate-resilient water management. Thus, there is need to:
  1. Mainstream **integrated policy frameworks** which combine integrated water resources management (IWRM) with other holistic water-related approaches that **link the interconnected ecosystems of the hydrological cycle with the associated socioeconomic processes**.
  2. Developing and adopting **national mechanisms for cross-sectoral coordination and mutually-agreed mutually-beneficial no harm-based policies** for cooperative water-related adaptation.
- Data and information support decision making in water-related sectors. **Monitoring and exchanging critical hydrological data** is key to supporting sustainable development.
- **Nature-based solutions and green-grey infrastructure** approaches can provide important contributions and co-benefits for climate, biodiversity and DRR.



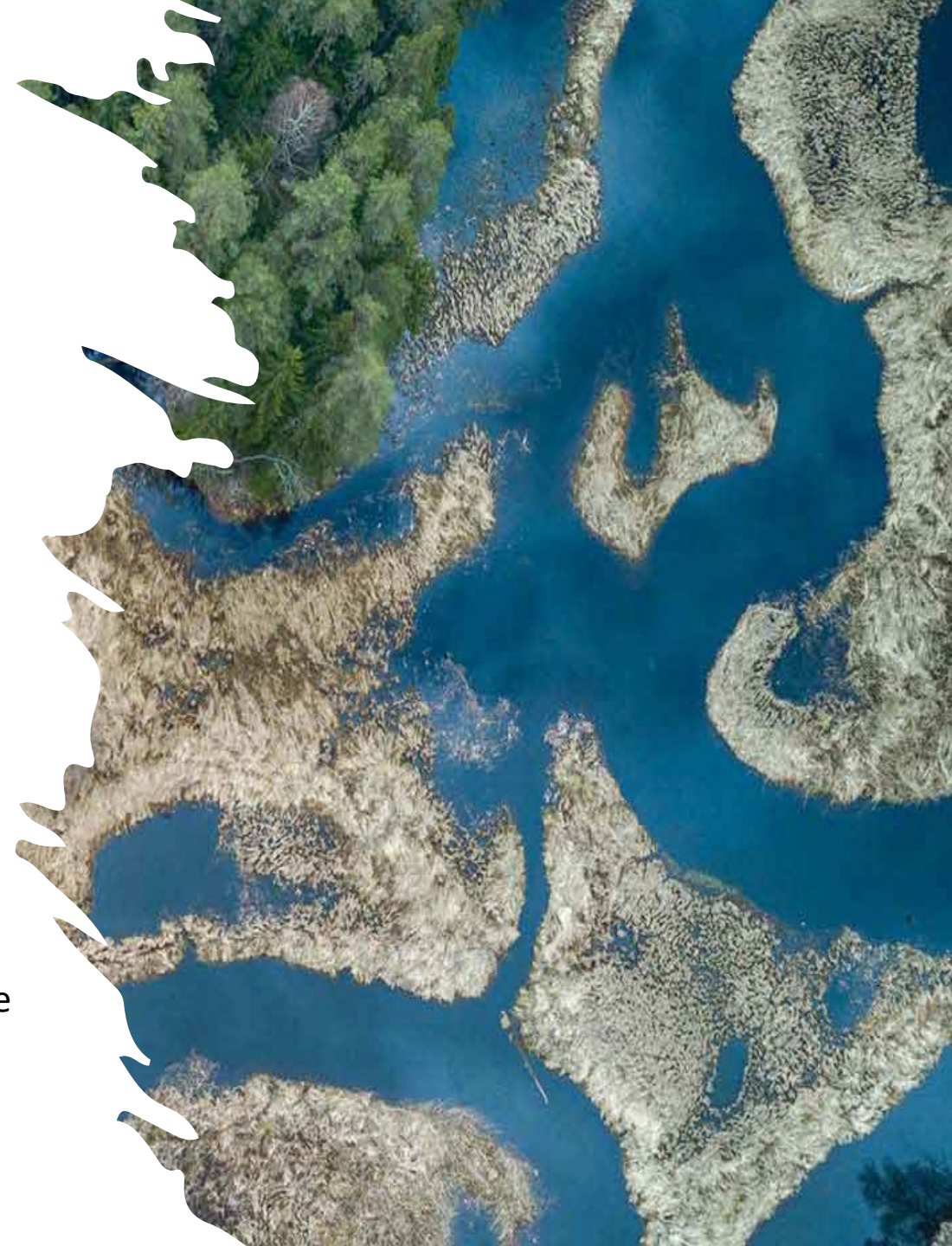
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## Transboundary cooperation:

A number of countries and organization underlined in their intervention during the ID3 the importance of transboundary water cooperation for climate action.

- **South Africa:** stressed that the **initiatives taken are aligned** with those of other riparian so that water resources are managed in a sustainable way for human and nature.
- **IUCN:** pointed the need to adopt **all-basin approach from source-to-sea**, from downstream to upstream, in order to build water resilience to CC.
- **Iraq:** recalled that CC does not recognize borders and more than 150 countries share basins with neighboring countries. Promoting **international cooperation and partnership** is therefore essential.
- **Slovenia:** highlighted the importance of **knowledge exchange** of CC adaptation and mitigation measures in international basins through platforms like **Water Convention**.
- **EU:** recalled its support to **transboundary water cooperation** as a valuable instruments to increase resilience to CC.
- **LAO:** underlined the urgency for the country to **combine IWRM and CCA** to reduce CC impacts on water cycle and **avoid damage to** human, economic and **cross-border relation**.



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## The way forward:

Building also on COP27, as it brought water discussions to the centre of the climate discourse, the deliberations of ID3 should feed into future discussions of **HLPF, SDG Summit, COP28 and Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework.**

To do this it has been recognized the **need to adopt an “Inter-COP” process** in order to connect, integrate and fully implement water-related decisions at the global assemblies, conventions and frameworks, which are dedicated to climate, resilience and the environment.

