



10th session
Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention
23-25 OCTOBER 2024 | LJUBLJANA | SLOVENIA



High-level segment

Programme

Wednesday, 23 October 2024, 10.00 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 17.00

Ljubljana (in-person event) | Central European Time (CET)

10:00–10:50

OPENING OF THE SESSION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (item 1 of the agenda)

Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties, Special envoy for transboundary waters, Ministry of Climate, Estonia (*to introduce the meeting*)

Opening remarks

- H.E. Mr. Robert Golob, Prime Minister of Slovenia
- Video Message by H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General
- H.E. Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and United Nations Under-Secretary-General
- High-level representative of Estonia

Adoption of the agenda

10:50–11:15

STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS, REPORT ON CREDENTIALS AND CELEBRATION OF NEW ACCESSIONS (item 2 of the agenda)

Status of ratification of the Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters and the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention.

Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention

Celebration of accession for Cote d'Ivoire, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Short Celebration of accession for Cameroon, The Gambia, Iraq, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama and Togo



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11:15–13:00
and 15:00–17:00

**SPECIAL SESSION – OUR WATERS, OUR FUTURE:
TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION TO POWER CLIMATE
RESILIENCE (item 3 of the agenda)**

11:15–13:00

Transboundary water cooperation for climate adaptation

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, former President of the Republic of Slovenia

Progress on transboundary water cooperation with focus on building climate resilience (SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting)

By Ms. Sonja Koepfel, UNECE

Action-oriented document on mainstreaming transboundary water management and cooperation into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

By Ms. Meike van Ginneken, Dutch special envoy for water, the Netherlands and Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

11.35-12.25 Panel discussion 1 (50 min, max. 5 minutes each)

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, former President of the Republic of Slovenia

- H.E. Ms. Tanja Fajon, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovenia
- H.E. Mr. Carl Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- H.E. Mr. Aun Dheyab Abdullah, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq
- Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France (tbc)
- Mr. Hugo Morán, State Secretary of Environment, Spain
- Ms. Dwikorita Karnawati, Head of the Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics, Indonesia
- Ms. Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director-General, EU Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Abdel Vetah, High Commissioner, Senegal River Development Organisation
- Ms. Persis Ramirez, Environmental Programme Officer, OpenHydro/International Water Association

High-level interventions from the floor in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (30 min) (3 minutes per statement)

Short ceremony on the Senegalo-Mauritanian aquifer basin

13:00–15:00

Lunch break



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15:00-16:00

Transboundary and intersectoral cooperation for climate mitigation: implementing the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus

Moderator: Ms. Giovanna Valverde, Minister Counsellor, Climate Change special advisor, Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Kenya, Costa Rica

Panel discussion 2 (35 min)

- Mr. Baboucar Mboundor Ngom, Secretary General, Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Senegal
- Mr. Nurlan Aldamzharov, Vice-Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Kazakhstan
- Ms. Bettina Hoffmann, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
- Ms. Tuula Packalen, Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, Finland
- Mr. Alan AtKisson, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

High-level interventions from the floor in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (20 min) (3 minutes per statement)

16:00-17:00

Building climate resilience through ecosystem and biodiversity preservation and restoration in transboundary settings

Moderator: Ms. Giovanna Valverde, Minister Counsellor, Climate Change special advisor, Former Ambassador and Permanent Representative in Kenya, Costa Rica

Panel discussion 3 (30 min)

- H.E. Mr. Jože Novak, Minister of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- H.E. Mr. Joseph Terlumun Utsev, Minister of Water Resources and Sanitation, Nigeria
- H.E. Mr. Christian Frutiger, Assistant Director General, Ambassador, Head of Thematic Cooperation Division, Swiss Development Cooperation, Switzerland
- Mr. Mtchera Johannes Chirwa, Acting Director, Water and Sanitation Development Department Coordinator, African Water Facility
- Ms. Sareen Malik, Executive Secretary, African Civil Society Network on Water

High-level interventions from the floor in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (20 min) (3 minutes per statement)

Signing of the Protocol for cooperation on the Exchange of Hydrological and Meteorological Data and Information in the Cemi/Cijevna River between Albania and Montenegro

Conclusions of the high-level Special session by H.E. Ms. Tatiana Molcean and H.E. Jože Novak, Minister of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning.