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Preparing for the UN 2023 Water Conference:

Opportunities for
Engagement

preparación para la Conferencia del Agua de la ONU de 2023:

Oportunidades de
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16 February 2023

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Closing remarks

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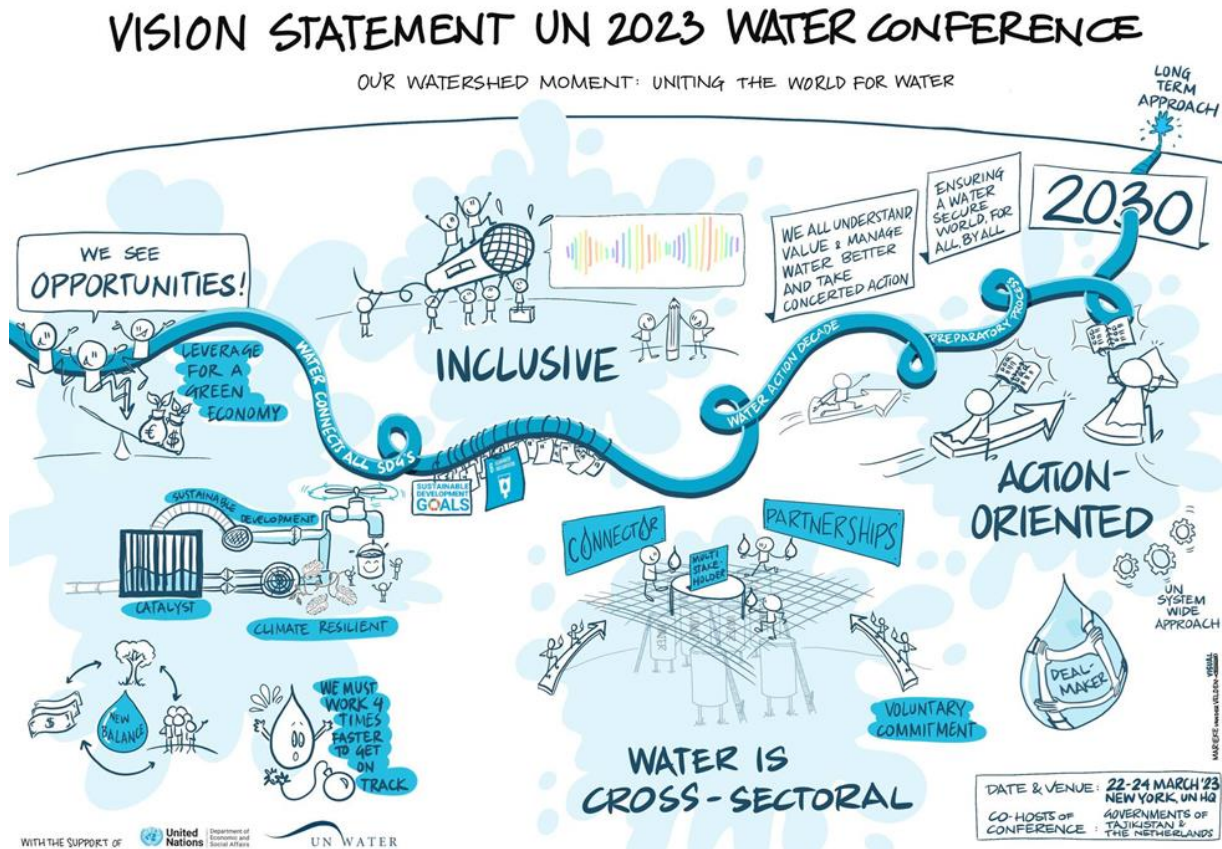
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Key principles for the UN 2023 Water Conference



- **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:** lead to concrete results through concrete actions and plans on the ground
- **Cross-sectoral:** mobilize 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

Set-up for UN 2023 Water Conference

<https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023/programme>

- **Opening Ceremony and opening** (Wednesday 22 March 08:30 hrs)
- **Plenaries**
 - 6 Plenaries
 - Member States have a space to make their statements in the General Assembly
 - Accredited stakeholders can be observers
- **Interactive dialogues**
 - 5 Dialogues
- **Side Events**
 - Member States and other stakeholders will organize many side events that are cross-cutting and aim for action
- **Special Events**
 - Co-hosts decided to strive to have 4 Special Events organized by major groups, scope: 50-200 people
- **Cultural elements and more**
 - Marathons, exhibitions, action zones, New York Water Week (18-24 March) and many more
- **Closing of the Conference** (Friday 24 March 15:00 hrs)

Interactive dialogues

Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation. **Co-chairs:** UK and Dominican Republic

Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development. **Co-chairs:** China and the European Union.

Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR. **Co-chairs:** Japan and Egypt

Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17); **Co-chairs:** Switzerland and Senegal

Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN

Secretary-General's Action Plan. **Co-chairs:** United States and Singapore

Crosscutting: Accelerators defined by the Global Acceleration Framework to reach SDG6

- Optimized financing
- Improved data and information
- Capacity development
- Innovation
- Governance

Informal Preparatory Working Groups

- Preparation of the background papers
- Recommendations for speakers and moderators

Special Events

Titles	Co-leads
Collaboration for Water Resilience: Action with our greatest Allies in the Climate Crisis	CEO Water Mandate / United Nations Global Compact, WWF International, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group (IPMG), World Farmers' Organization (WFO), Wetlands International (WI), International Women's MG (IWMG)
Reducing inequalities – implementing Human Rights	African Youth Parliament for Water, Aquafed, FILAC, International Indian Treaty Council, UN OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Water and Sanitation, Women for Water Partnership
The Economics of Water: transforming governance to secure a sustainable, just and prosperous future	OECD, UN-Habitat, UCLG, IAAS, C40, World Food Forum, MetaMeta, Dutch Water Authorities, WaterWorX, UN OHCHR
Water Leadership: Uniting for a sustainable world	MGCY, WMG, ISW, Water Youth Network, UN1FY, IWA, Global Water Partnership, World Youth Parliament for Water, Water and Climate Coalition, Wavemakers United, Sanitation and Water for All, OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur (Rights to Water and Sanitation), UCLG

Water Action Agenda

- Deliverable of conference is a non-negotiated outcome document (summary) and the Water Action Agenda.
- We need **clear commitments and actions**: Existing and future challenges in the field of water require innovative and transformative ideas and a “beyond business as usual” approach
- **The Water Action Agenda will support all stakeholders**, including Member States, local and regional governments, stakeholders and their coalitions across different sectors, to develop and implement voluntary commitments to further strengthen the global water agenda and provide a mechanism to organize and track the progress of such commitments
- The platform to register commitments is live:
[Water Action Agenda | Sustainable Development \(un.org\)](https://un.org/wateractionagenda).

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Opportunities for country teams to engage both before and during the Conference

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Country Level Engagement

- Coordinating country delegation meetings.
- Briefing Ministers and other high-level representatives.
- Using the SWA key messages.
- Mapping side events.
- Nominate high-level speakers to speak in SWA partner convened events.
- Tabling new MAM commitments and submitting them as Water Action Agenda Commitments.
- Let us know who will be in NY from your government/organization.



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Conference



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SWA Engagement @ the Conference

- Coordinating the key messages
- Coordinating Side Events and match making for events that still need speakers – please use the form in the chat.
- Engaging in Interactive Dialogues and Special Events.
- **High-Level Events SWA is co-convening:**
 - Ministerial Meeting on Governance and Finance with the World Bank (invitation only)
 - Heads of States Compacts Event with the Gov of the NL, UNICEF, & IRC (closed event – HoS/HoG)
 - Mutual Accountability Event – Justice Begins here with Accountability (invitation only)
- **Special Event #3** - Reducing inequalities – implementing Human Rights - Thursday, 23 March 2023, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST
- **Special Event #4** - Water Leadership: Uniting for a sustainable world - Friday, 24 March 2023, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST



Q&A Session

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