

List of side-events relevant for transboundary water cooperation and peace

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DATE	TIME	TITLE	VENUE	ORGANISERS	BASIC DESCRIPTION	MORE INFORMATION:
FRIDAY, 17 MARCH 2023						
FRI, 17-MAR	10.00 - 12.00	Basin-wide Cooperation for Drought Resilience: Case Studies to Inform Transboundary Management	Houston Hall 3417 Spruce St #307, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, US <i>New York Water Week</i>	The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania, NYC Environmental Protection	A panel of leaders from the Delaware River Basin and beyond will discuss areas of cooperation within their basins and how their stories can inform successful transboundary water management.	- Website
SATURDAY, 18 MARCH 2023						
SAT, 18-MAR	8.00 - 10.00	Transboundary water in Lake Victoria region	Virtual	Polly Foundation, Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force Kenya	Managing transboundary water interdependencies.	- Website - Contact
MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023						
MON, 20-MAR	11.00 - 13.00	Call to Action: Connecting the World for Transboundary Groundwater Resilience	Virtual, <i>New York Water Week</i>	Transboundary Groundwater Resilience network, National Science Foundation	This Call to Action event will make progress on the Connecting the World for Transboundary Groundwater Resilience (TGR) UN Water Action Commitment. Presentations on case studies, data analyses, network analyses, and simulation modeling methods will provide a basis for group discussion.	- Website

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MON, 20-MAR	13.00 - 15.00	Basin-wide Cooperation for Drought Resilience: Case Studies to Inform Transboundary Management	Virtual	Water Center at Penn, NY DEP; NJ DEP; Delaware River Basin Commission; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; The Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New York	Hear from leaders from the Delaware River Basin and beyond as they discuss areas of cooperation within their basins and how their stories can inform successful transboundary water management.	- Website - Contact
MON, 20-MAR	15.00 - 17.00	Fostering Resilience Through Cooperation in Transboundary Waters	Virtual	International Joint Commission, Council of the Great Lakes Region, International Joint Commission, International River Foundation, International Secretariat for Water	This 2-hour virtual side event will illustrate how greater collaboration across borders and sectors promotes the more resilient and inclusive management of shared waters in an era of climate change.	- Website - Contact
TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023						
TUE, 21-MAR	8.00 - 16.00	Transboundary and International Water Cooperation: Case Studies and Solutions	Virtual, New York Water Week	Climate Action Works, a project led by The Peace Innovation Institute at The Hague, Global Greens, IEEE's Planet Positive 2030, the New Mexico Water Resources Institute, Transboundary Groundwater Resilience Network and the Peaceful Society Science and Innovation Foundation	Side event will focus on the Interactive Dialogue #4 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).	- Website
WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2023						
WED, 22-MAR	8.00	Empowering women's leadership in water diplomacy	Virtual	UN Women, UNESCO	It will also raise awareness on how gender equality is an essential aspect of transboundary water cooperation, recognizing women as agents of change.	- Website - Contact

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WED, 22-MAR	9.00 - 11.00	Innovative decision-making serious gaming to enhance the role of water as a source of peace and cooperation	Virtual	The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), Council for Strategic Risks & Center for Climate and Security	This side-event will showcase serious gaming as an innovative and interactive tool to determine the capabilities needed for conflict-sensitive water management in climate-vulnerable areas	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	9.30 - 10.45	Speeding-up transboundary water cooperation: the value of the Water Convention	ECOSOC CHAMBER, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Estonia, Ministry of the Environment of Finland, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection of Germany, Water Resources Commission of Ghana, Ministry of Interior of Hungary, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Water and Sanitation of Senegal, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia, Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland, UNECE	The side event will welcome new Parties, discuss benefits of joining the Convention and the next steps in implementing the Convention for existing and new Parties.	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	11.00 - 12.15	Water, Peace, and Security in Africa	ECOSOC CHAMBER, inside UN Headquarters	Finland, African Union Commission, Switzerland, Senegal	The event will highlight how water cooperation can be used to enhance peace and security, as well as identify key opportunities, challenges and lessons-learned from African countries.	- Contact
WED, 22-MAR	11.00 - 12.15	Good Practices on Integrated and Transboundary Water Cooperation: Stakeholder engagement in transboundary and international cooperation on rivers basins as key for achieving SDGs (2030 agenda)	CONFERENCE ROOM 9, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry of the Environment, Republic of Moldova, WECF International - Women Engage for a Common Future, Netherlands (Ecosoc status), International Fund for the Aral Sea IFAS, Kazakhstan, UNECE Water Convention secretariat	Sharing good practices from stakeholder engagement in integrated and transboundary river basin cooperation from EECCA region, highlighting the contributions from different sectors of society to SDG6.	- Website - Contact

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WED, 22-MAR	12.30 - 13.45	Sustainability in Good Governance of Groundwater Resources	ECOSOC CHAMBER, inside UN Headquarters	Kingdom of Morocco, UNESCO, International Network of Basin Organizations, International Water Resources Association	The event will highlight how water cooperation can be used to enhance peace and security, as well as identify key opportunities, challenges and lessons-learnt from African countries.	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	13.15 - 14.30	Too much and too little - Accelerating IWRM for climate-resilient water management, climate action and ecosystem conservation	CONFERENCE ROOM 2, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Niger Basin Authority (NBA); Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) of the Democratic Republic of Congo	The session aims at showcasing how water-related challenges can be tackled, both at national and transboundary level, by strengthening the water-climate interlinkage.	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	14.00 - 15.15	Transboundary cooperation and science for the integrated sustainable management of Amazon waters	CONFERENCE ROOM 8, inside UN Headquarters	Bolivia, Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, UNESCO	The event will discuss the advances, challenges and opportunities for transboundary IWRM, data, monitoring and knowledge sharing in the Amazon Basin in the regional framework of the ACTO	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	14.00 - 15.15	The Role of Indigenous People in Governing Shared Water	CONFERENCE ROOM A, inside UN Headquarters	Water & Tribes Initiative Colorado River Basin Australian Water Partnership; GWP; Indigenous Environmental Network; Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development; International Water Law Academy; SIWI; The Nature Conservancy; Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona	The intent of this side event is to provide a platform for Indigenous people to share their experiences in governing shared waters, highlight lessons learned, and develop recommendations for action.	- Website - Contact

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WED, 22-MAR	15.30 - 16.45	Elevating Critical Voices in Water Diplomacy	CONFERENCE ROOM A, inside UN Headquarters	Women in Water Diplomacy Network, The Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM); Red Dot Foundation, The Global Diplomacy Lab Secretariat at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany; The Orange Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM); The International Joint Commission (IJC); UNDP Cap-Net; Central Asia Regional Environmental Center (CAREC);	This event elevates the critical importance of inclusive water diplomacy processes with focus on linkages between women, water, peace and security and the value of water to peace and human security.	- Website - Contact
WED, 22-MAR	18.30 - 19.45	International and transboundary cooperation of integrated water management: from data collection to implementation	CONFERENCE ROOM 7, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Paraguay; Ministry of Foreign Affairs Brazil; Itaipu Binacional; Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO); United States Geological Survey (USGS); Institute for Water Education (IHE DELFT); Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP/UNESCO).	Technological advances provide large volume of new data and tools that play an important role in moving towards a more efficient water resource management at different levels of implementation.	- Website - Contact

THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2023

THU, 23-MAR	8.00 - 9.15	Commitments to Accelerate Cooperation on Water, Environment, Climate, and Peace	CONFERENCE ROOM 7, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Government Offices of Sweden, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) and The Federal Republic of Somalia	The side event provides a platform for Member States, facing water scarcity, to communicate or explain the barriers to forming commitments to transboundary cooperation for peace and regional stability.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	8.00 - 10.00	United Nations of River, Deltas, and Estuaries: Towards an action-based interdisciplinary network	Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Pl, New York, NY 10012 outside UN Headquarters	Erasmus University, UNESCO Chair Water, Ports, and Historic Cities, UNESCO Chair River Culture, Drinkable Rivers Foundation, Deltametropolis Association, Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, Leiden University, Delft University of Technology	This side event focuses on the role of rivers, deltas and estuaries worldwide in the sustenance of mankind. It explores their role in achieving SDG 6 and other goals and targets, for example, justice between upstream and downstream communities. It acknowledges the vulnerabilities and potential of water bodies.	- Website - Contact

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THU, 23-MAR	8.30 - 10.00	Dealing with climate, water and peace: how participatory system analysis support conflict resolution at local level. The case of Niger.	TBD (the African Union Permanent Representation to the United Nations) outside UN Headquarters	Niger, The Government of Niger, Germany (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development - BMZ), German International Cooperation (GIZ) Water, Peace and Security Partnership (WPS Partnership) Deltares Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) USAID UNDP/Climate Security Mechanism	In this session, we will look at community-led solutions to social tensions and conflicts driven by reduced resource availability and climate extremes.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	10.00 - 11.00	Committing to Action for Thriving Global Freshwater Lakes	TBD	African Center for Aquatic Research and Education, African Center for Aquatic Research and Education, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, National Fisheries Resources Research Institute, Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute, International Lake Environment Committee Foundation	A commitment-focused event that launches game-changing actions to accelerate positive change for large, transboundary, freshwater lakes.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	10.00 - 11.15	Water security and Peace building in Africa: challenges and opportunities for African basin organizations	UNEP/NYO address: 2UN Plaza, DC2- 803 323 E. 44th st. (bet. 1st & 2nd) ave. NY 10017 outside UN Headquarters	ANBO/ OMVS AMCOW, Swiss Cooperation, INBO, AFDB,AUC	African transboundary basin organizations crystallize all the stakes in the fight against climate change and peace building around a resource to which 300 million Africans do not have access: water.	- Website - Contact
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THU, 23-MAR	11.00 - 12.15	Water for Peace: From Source to Sea	CONFERENCE ROOM 5, inside UN Headquarters	Government of Bangladesh, Deltares, Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) and International Panel on Deltas and Coastal Areas (IPDC) (tbc)	Bangladesh and stakeholders will share experience of ADM for managing world's largest dynamic delta, and aspirations for bridging water governance with peace and solidarity.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	12.30 - 13.45	Invest in Sustainable Development and Peace through Water: Unlocking Public and Private Capital for Water and Transboundary Water Cooperation through Innovative and Sustainable Financing	CONFERENCE ROOM 7, inside UN Headquarters	United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Switzerland / Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Gambia River Basin Development Organization (OMVG), Republic of Senegal, Republic of The Gambia, Republic of Guinea, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, UNECE, and others	Stakeholders from the water and finance sector will discuss how innovative financing can unlock public and private capital for better access to water-related services and peaceful water cooperation.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	14.00 - 15.15	How can the CBD CoP15 outcomes and SDGs support each other in the international water space?	The Nature Hub; Apella - 450 E 29th Street, New York, NY 10016 outside UN Headquarters	The Nature Conservancy, European Commission	A discussion on the role and importance of transboundary cooperation, using practical examples from Europe and beyond for how we can meet CBD and SDG freshwater goals for both people and planet.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	15.00 - 18.00	Interactive Dialogue 4 – Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda	CONFERENCE ROOM 4, inside UN Headquarters	UN DESA, UN Water Co-chairs: Senegal, Switzerland	Concept paper	- Website

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THU, 23-MAR	15.30 - 16.45	Sharing Water in Fragile Contexts: Lessons from the Sahel	CONFERENCE ROOM 8, inside UN Headquarters	Republic of Senegal, Pôle Eau Dakar, Geneva Water Hub, Senegal River Basin Development Organization (OMVS), Niger High Authority for the Consolidation of Peace (HACP) Niger, AU High Representative for Mali and the Sahel (MISAHEL), ICRC, World Bank, Interpeace and more partners	In the Sahel region, despite a lasting security crisis, using water as a driver for peace and cooperation	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	15.30 - 17.00	Resilient Rivers to Healthy Coasts for People and the Planet: an Integrated River Basin Management Approach	The Nature Hub; Apella - 450 E 29th Street, New York, NY 10016 outside UN Headquarters	Ministry of Water Resources, the People's Republic of China, ADB; FAO UN; TNC; Deltas; Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, PBL and EIA Commission of the Netherlands Government; CAUPD; GIWP; YRIHR, YRCC; and CCICED Secretariat	The event will present lessons from an integrated approach to land and water management in a river basin context to address climate change, the environment, green growth, and governance reforms.	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	18.30 - 19.45	Committing to advance transboundary water cooperation worldwide for sustainable development, climate action, stability and peace	ECOSOC CHAMBER, inside UN Headquarters	Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iraq and others.	The side event will discuss commitments made by members of the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition to promote and support transboundary water cooperation at all levels worldwide	- Website - Contact
THU, 23-MAR	18.30 - 19.45	Team Europe Initiative Launch: Joining forces for Transboundary Water Management in Africa	TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CHAMBER, inside UN Headquarters	Belgium, African Union Commission (AUC), African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) European Union (DG for International Partnerships) Government of Austria (Ministry of European and International Affairs) Government of Czech Republic (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and others.	The side event will present the European-African partnerships being implemented making transboundary water cooperation a key component for development and regional integration.	- Website - Contact

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FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2023						
FRI, 24-MAR	8.00 - 9.15	United Nations Regional Commissions: Regional Dialogue on Accelerating Implementation of the Water Action Agenda	CONFERENCE ROOM 2, inside UN Headquarters	United Nations regional commissions: ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA; Ministries of: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management of Austria, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Germany, Ministry of Water, Tanzania, Ministry of Environment, Dominican Republic; Organizations: Latin America Youth Water Network, “Women for Water Partnership” and “Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment”, African Civil Society Network for Water and Sanitation (ANEW), Bahr Alolom Forum, Iraq	The session will draw on the Water Action Decade Regional Preparatory Meetings for the UN 2023 Water Conference to inform dialogues on accelerating the implementation of the water action agenda.	- Website - Contact
FRI, 24-MAR	9.30 - 10.45	Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in a Transboundary context	CONFERENCE ROOM 9, inside UN Headquarters	Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg Senegal, Niger, UNECE	Exchange on Expert level focussed on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in a Transboundary context.	- Contact
FRI, 24-MAR	10.30 - 12.00	Water, War, and Peace	The Taylor Room; Jay Conference Center; 515 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, NYC outside UN Headquarters	Pacific Institute Circle of Blue; World Resources Institute; Hague Center for Strategic Studies	The session will offer key insights into both the links between water and conflict and peace, and strategies for reducing the risks of water-related violence. A virtual option will be available.	- Website - Contact
FRI, 24-MAR	12.30 - 13.45	Water and peace with no boundaries	CONFERENCE ROOM 9, inside UN Headquarters	UNIPAZ - International University of Peace. CIRAT - International Centre on Water and Transdisciplinarity. University of Washington. ONDAS. PROAM. Earth Charter International. SABESP	Expanding the perception of Water, its multidimensionality and centrality for Life. Different views rising awareness, culture of peace in a holistic perception. Peace for Water and Water for peace!	- Website - Contact

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FRI, 24-MAR	12.30 - 14.30	Global Facility for Transboundary Waters Cooperation	Riverview Conference Room, Millennium Hilton, One UN Plaza, NY, NY 10017 outside UN Headquarters	World Bank	Consultation on the Global Facility for Transboundary Waters Cooperation, a one-stop-shop for countries needing assistance around transboundary dialogue and engagement	- Website - Contact
FRI, 24-MAR	14.00 - 15.15	Water for cooperation: Cross Sectoral Cooperation in The South Caucasus	CONFERENCE ROOM C, inside UN Headquarters	Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources (Azerbaijan)	The effective management of transboundary water can be a source of justice, peace and cooperation.	- Website - Contact
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