

Webinar: Advancing Transboundary Water Cooperation through commitments for the UN 2023 Water Conference

The purpose of the webinar is to motivate governments, basin organizations, civil society, international organizations etc. to make commitments to the Water Action Agenda of the UN 2023 Water Conference (New York, 22-24 March 2023). The Water Action Agenda will be a major outcome of the conference. The webinar will provide information on the process for making a commitment and raising awareness about making commitments on transboundary water cooperation in particular, giving some momentum towards the conference.

Date: Monday, 27 February 2023; 14:00-15:30 CET

Interpretation: Arabic/English/French/Spanish

Moderators: *Fabrice Fretz, Government of Switzerland and Niokhor Ndour, Government of Senegal*

Preliminary agenda (CET):

14h00 – 14h05	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Ziad Khayat, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)</i></p>
14h05 – 14h10	<p>Introduction to the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition</p> <p><i>Francesca Bernardini, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</i></p>
14h10 – 14h20	<p>Presentation on the UN 2023 Water Conference’s Water Action Agenda</p> <p><i>Niels Vlaanderen, Government of the Netherlands and Rustam Abdullaev, Government of Tajikistan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the Water Action Agenda? ▪ Who can make a commitment? ▪ How do you make a commitment?
14h20 – 15h00	<p>Transboundary water cooperation commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why are commitments on transboundary water useful? ▪ What kind of commitments can be made on transboundary water cooperation?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Indicative commitments document presentation <i>Martina Klimes, Stockholm International Water Institute</i>○ Commitment presentations from TWCC members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ National government – <i>Maria Amakali, Government of Namibia (video) and Callist Tindimugaya, Government of Uganda</i>▪ International organization – <i>Kevin Chretien, European Union</i>▪ Research institution – <i>Arnaud Sterckx, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)</i>▪ Civil society – <i>Noura Kayal, Geneva Water Hub</i>▪ River basin organization – <i>Phetsamone Khanophet, Mekong River Commission</i>▪ Financing institution – <i>Sergio Campos, Inter-American Development Bank</i>
15h00 – 15h25	Q&A session
15h25 – 15h30	Closing <i>Juan Pablo Aristegui, and Ximena Fuentes, Government of Chile (incl. video)</i>

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