

UN 2023 Water Conference

Webinar Advancing Transboundary Water Cooperation

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"Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water"

The Netherlands and Tajikistan, as co-hosts, and UNDESA with the support of UN-Water as Secretariat of the Conference will strive to make the Conference <u>a watershed moment for the world.</u>

- Three Principles:
 - 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: the Conference aims to lead to concrete results through concrete actions and plans on the ground.
 - Cross-sectoral: the Conference should mobilise 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.



What will the UN 2023 Water Conference deliver?

The Conference will help set the agenda until 2030 in many ways:

- 1. Deliver the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action 'Water for Sustainable Development'
- 2. Deliver a summary of the Conference proceedings
- 3. Present a set of voluntary commitments in a Water Action Agenda to get the world back on track:
 - Scale up and replicate what works
 - Discontinue or change what does not work
 - Innovate what needs to be improved
 - Fund what merits funding
 - Water Action Agenda | Sustainable Development (un.org)
- 4. Present a roadmap towards 2028 (End of the Decade) and 2030 (SDGs)



Timeline Water Action Agenda

- **February/March 2023**: Report on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028 provides further analysis on the outstanding challenges to be tackled in the Water Action Agenda
- March 2023: Presentation of the Water Action Agenda including support and review mechanisms during the UN 2023 Water Conference (22-24 March)
- **July 2023**: Incorporation of the Water Action Agenda in the global review of SDG6 during the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) follow-up on the UN 2023 Water Conference
- September 2023: Presentation of an updated Water Action Agenda during the UN General Assembly ministerial week the SDG Summit and the Summit of the Future will take place
- 2024-2030: Annual review of the Water Action Agenda during the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)
- 2028: Final report of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028 and an analysis for further acceleration of the Water Action Agenda
- 2030: Final review of the Water Action Agenda