

UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE



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Background & UN 2023 Water Conference website

In its [resolution 73/226](#), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene in New York, **from 22 to 24 March 2023**, the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Sustainable Development', 2018-2028.

The modalities for the UN 2023 Water Conference are set in General Assembly [resolution 75/212](#). The Conference will be co-hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Tajikistan, and it will comprise of six plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues. It will be preceded by regional and global preparatory meetings, and informed by other water-related meetings.

The same resolution requests the President of the General Assembly to hold a one-day preparatory meeting - by November 2022 - in New York, to finalize the themes of the interactive dialogues and other outstanding organizational matters of the Conference, ensuring the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

The Conference will result in a summary of the proceedings - to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly - as its outcome document.

A vision statement "*Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water*" is now available at the UN 2023 Water Conference website. The roadmap to the UN 2023 Water Conference on the Mid-term Review on the UN Water Action Decade has been updated as well. For the previous newsletter, please refer to the documentation tab on the [website](#).

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GLOBAL ONLINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Themes for the interactive dialogues of the UN 2023 Water Conference

Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders are invited to contribute proposals for the themes of the interactive dialogues through a global online consultation.

Deadline for submission: 10 March 2022
Online form: bit.ly/WaterEConsultation2022
More information: bit.ly/WaterEConsultation2022info
Conference website: bit.ly/2023WaterConference

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THEMES OF INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

Call for the submission of Member States' proposals for Themes of Interactive Dialogues for the UN 2023 Water Conference [Deadline 10 March 2022]

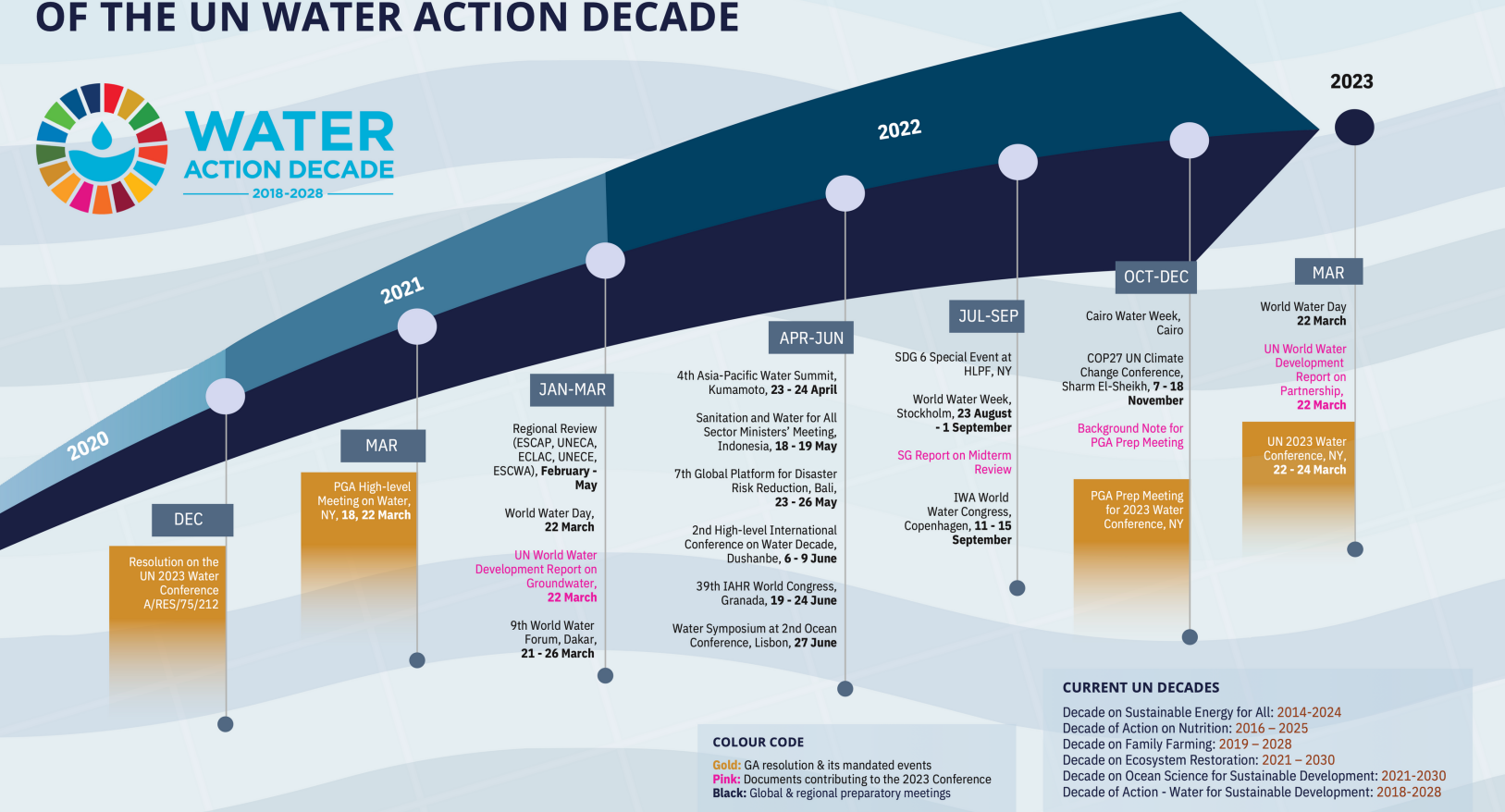
Pursuant to the [resolution 75/212](#) of the General Assembly, which decided that five interactive dialogues will be held in parallel with the plenary meetings of the UN 2023 Water Conference, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Mr. Liu Zhenmin sent out a [letter](#) dated 21 January inviting **the Member States** to submit proposals on possible themes for the five interactive dialogues, along with a brief description of the rationale and any background materials. Suggestions are to be sent, in English, to the Secretariat to the emails included in the [letter](#). The deadline for submissions has been extended to 10 March.

Global Online Stakeholder Consultation: Themes for the Interactive Dialogues for the UN 2023 Water Conference [Deadline 10 March 2022]

Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders are invited to contribute proposals for the themes of the UN 2023 Water Conference interactive dialogues through a [global online consultation form](#). The deadline for submission is 10 March 2022. A summary, including outcomes of the consultation and key inputs/messages, will be prepared and made publicly available. More information on the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation can be found here: bit.ly/WaterEConsultation2022info.

ROADMAP TO THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN WATER ACTION DECADE

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Regional preparatory meetings

UN ESCAP: March 2022, online, involving Member States and the UN-Water discussion group for Asia and the Pacific, with an online validation meeting to be held on 5th April.

World Water Day 2022

Every year, the World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. This year, it will be held on 22 March with a focus on groundwater, an invisible resource with an impact visible everywhere. Groundwater is a vital resource that provides almost half of all drinking water worldwide, about 40 per cent of water for irrigated agriculture and about 1/3 of water required for industry. It sustains ecosystems, maintains the baseflow of rivers and prevents land subsidence and seawater intrusion. Groundwater is an important part of climate change adaptation process and is often a solution for people without access to safe water. By putting a spotlight on groundwater, the 2022 World

Water Day will enhance knowledge exchange and collaboration, and thereby increase awareness of the importance of protecting and sustainably using this important resource. For more information, visit World Water Day website.

9th World Water Forum

The 9th World Water Forum will take place from 21 to 26 March 2022, in Dakar, Senegal. The host country and the World Water Council intend to organize a forum that is a catalyst for action to accelerate universal access to water and sanitation. The Forum is connected and linked to global agendas and commitments relating to SDGs, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement on climate change, Africa's Agenda 2063, etc. The co-hosts of the UN 2023 Water Conference, the Netherlands and Tajikistan, jointly with Senegal plan to organize a High-Level Session which aims to inform participants about the Conference. For more information, visit the Forum website.

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