

**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**

Logistical arrangements

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, will be held pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/212](#) at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 March 2023.

The proposed timetable for the work of the Conference is contained in the annex to the Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters ([A/CONF.240/2023/3](#)). Additional details relating to the Conference are available in the Information note for participants ([A/CONF.240/2023/INF/1](#)).

List of speakers

Requests for inscription to the list of speakers for the general debate from States participating in the Conference and the European Union should be sent through the eSpeakers module accessible through the e-deleGATE portal (under Conference>2023 Water Conference at <https://edelegate.un.int>) before 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 March 2023. The live rolling list of speakers will be circulated via e-deleGATE and announced in the [Conferences and Summits section](#) of the *Journal of the United Nations*. Questions relating to the list of speakers of the general debate can be addressed to the Secretariat (galindo@un.org).

Representatives of accredited intergovernmental organizations and other entities; associate members of regional commissions; specialized agencies and related organizations and interested United Nations organs are requested to express their interest in delivering a statement, time permitting, during the general debate to the Secretariat (galindo@un.org).

The time limit for all statements (for individual delegations as well as for statements made on behalf of a group) will be **five minutes**.

All participants are requested to submit a written text of their interventions (in PDF format) by email to estatements@un.org. The title of the meeting, name of speaker as well as the agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery.

Expressions of interest in the interactive dialogues

The Conference will include five interactive dialogues that will be held in parallel to the plenary meetings, as follows:

- Wednesday, 22 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Water for health: access to water, sanitation and hygiene for all, including the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation” (Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 and Goals 1, 3, 4, 5 and 17)
- Wednesday, 22 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Water for sustainable development: valuing water, water-energy-food nexus and sustainable economic and urban development” (Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 and Goals 2, 8, 9, 11 and 12)
- Thursday, 23 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Water for climate, resilience and environment: source to sea, biodiversity, climate, resilience and disaster risk reduction” (Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.5 and 6.6 and Goals 7, 11.5, 13, 14 and 15)
- Thursday, 23 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.: “Water for cooperation: transboundary and international water cooperation, cross-sectoral cooperation, including scientific cooperation, and water across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (Sustainable Development Goal targets 6.5 and 6.b and Goals 16 and 17)
- Friday, 24 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: “Water Action Decade: accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the United Nations Secretary-General’s Plan: Water Action Decade 2018–2028”

It is envisaged that approximately 22 States (three minutes each), 4 intergovernmental organizations and associate members of the regional commissions (three minutes each), 2 United Nations system entities (three minutes each) and 3 NGOs, including major groups and other stakeholders (two minutes each), will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each dialogue.

There will be no pre-established lists of speakers for the five interactive dialogues. Delegations will be invited to press the microphone button to indicate their wish to speak when the floor is opened for interventions. For planning purposes, participating States and the European Union are encouraged to express their interest in making an intervention in up to three interactive dialogues in the order of their preference by clicking on the “Register” button under the Conference > 2023 Water Conference > Interactive dialogues tab on the e-deleGATE portal, before 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 March 2023. Instructions for the other categories of participants for submitting their expressions of interest in the interactive dialogues are outlined in paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Information note for participants ([A/CONF.240/2023/INF/1](#)).

The list of participants envisaged to speak in each dialogue during the interactive debate will be made available prior to the Conference by the Secretariat.

Registration for United Nations grounds passes to access the venue of the Conference (UNHQ)

Information on how to register for the Conference is available on the [2023 Water Conference website](#). **Please note that speakers inscribed to the list of speakers for the general debate and the interactive dialogues must be registered in order to access UN premises. Please also note that submitting the composition of your delegation via the e-List of Participants is not enough to enable you to obtain your United Nations grounds pass. You must register for the Conference via the eRegistration system on the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>) for this purpose.**

Delegations wishing to obtain information on the “eRegistration system” may refer to the updated “Guidelines on e-Registration” and “Frequently asked questions” on the Protocol website at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>.

Documentation

The list of documents, including the [Information note](#) for participants, is provided in the [Conferences and Summits section](#) of the Journal of the United Nations and on the [2023 Water Conference website](#).

List of participants

The list of participants has been opened by the Secretariat. Representatives of participating States, the European Union and intergovernmental organizations with access to the e-deleGATE platform are invited to access the e-List of Participants module to inscribe. Other intergovernmental organizations and other international bodies, specialized agencies and related organizations without access to the e-deleGATE platform are invited to submit the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat (gaab@un.org).