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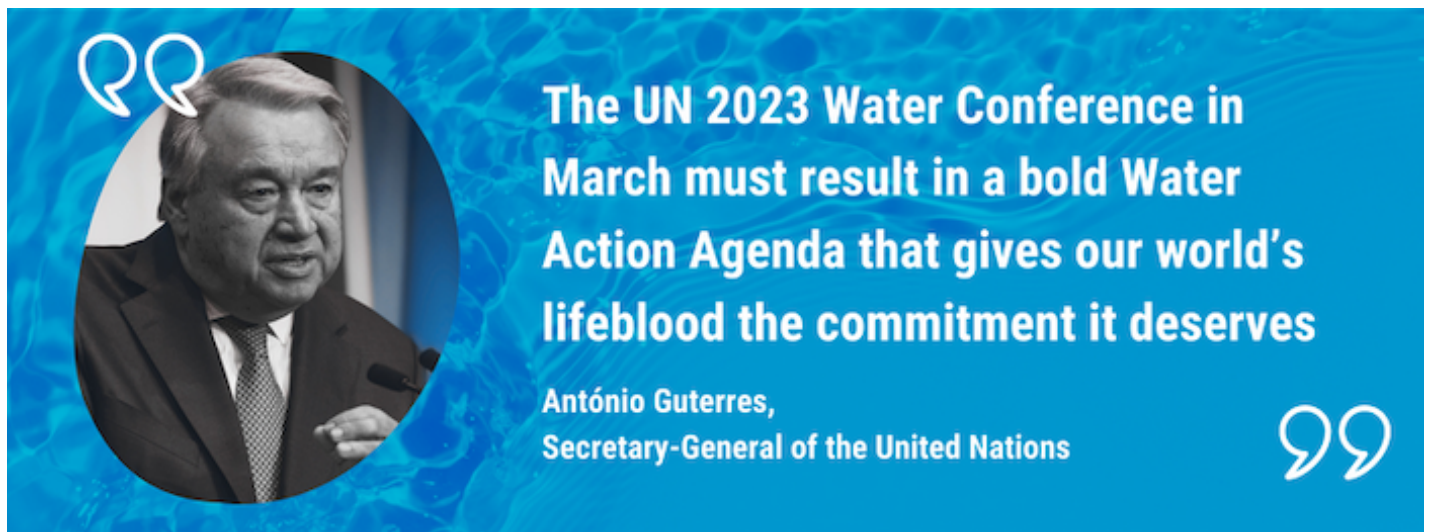
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Uniting the world for water action

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Water is a dealmaker for the Sustainable Development Goals, and for the health and prosperity of people and planet. But our progress on water related goals and targets remains alarmingly off track, jeopardizing the entire sustainable development agenda. On Tuesday 6 February Secretary-General António Guterres briefed the General Assembly on priorities for 2023, highlighting the need for #WaterAction and encouraging the world and its leaders to "act decisively before it is too late." The first UN water conference in a generation, this Conference will be a watershed moment to mobilize Member States, the UN system and stakeholders alike to take action and bring successful solutions to a global scale.



The UN 2023 Water Conference in March must result in a bold Water Action Agenda that gives our world's lifeblood the commitment it deserves

António Guterres,
Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Conference programme, comprising of six plenaries, five interactive dialogues, four special events and scores of side events offers platforms and opportunities for Member States, the UN system and stakeholders alike to share and exchange knowledge, challenges and best practices in an inclusive, action-oriented, cross-sectoral environment.

[Programme Overview \(PDF\)](#)



[Full Programme](#)





Key dates

Registration for non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations and other actors closes on **10 February**.

Please note, all attendees must be registered to be able to attend the Conference. Accreditation of your organisation does not mean you are automatically registered.

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Side Events applications are being processed and the Secretariat aims to inform all approved side event organizers by **13 February**.

[Questions about the Conference? Check our FAQs >](#)



The building blocks of the Water Action Agenda

The UN 2023 Water Conference and the Water Action Agenda will unite the world for water. The key building blocks of the Water Action Agenda are:

- commitment to action
- sustained and scalable implementation
- follow-up and review processes

These blocks will enable replication and scaling up of what works and bring successful solutions to global scale.

Examples of some commitments already submitted to the Water Action Agenda:

[Improving Access to Clean Water in Sierra Leone >](#)

[Accelerate access to potable water and rural sanitation through an innovative management model using WOPs partnerships and effective capacity building mentoring >](#)

[50L Home Champion Cities >](#)



Interactive Dialogues

The Conference's five interactive dialogues will address the following themes:

- Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation | [Read the concept paper >](#)
- Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development | [Read the concept paper >](#)
- Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR | [Read the concept paper >](#)
- Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda | [Read the concept paper >](#)
- Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan | [Read the concept paper >](#)



ECLAC Regional Dialogues

ECLAC held the third edition of the Regional Water Dialogues with 200+ in person participants and 2000+ online participants, representing more than 30 countries in the region. The main output of this event was the consolidation of a Regional Water Action Agenda collecting voices from public sector, private sector, civil society and NGOs of Latin America and the Caribbean. This Regional Water Action Agenda will be shared at the upcoming UN 2023 Water Conference, thus bringing a united regional vision for pursuing a sustainable and inclusive water management transition in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Dialogues saw commitments presented by the Vice-president of El Salvador and over 15 ministers and vice ministers of the region as well as over 20 sustainable water management initiatives from private sector and civil society. Participants also declared their wish to set up a formal mechanism that would allow for binding (and not only voluntary) commitments on water challenges in the region.



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This World Water Day is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. And because water affects us all, we need everyone to take action. You and your family, school, business and community can make a difference by changing the way you use, consume and manage water in your lives.

[Learn more and take part in #WorldWaterDay >](#)

[Join the conversation and take #WaterAction](#)

The [UN 2023 Water Conference](#) is a call for **#WaterAction**: urging global leaders and all relevant sectors to boost ambition, mobilize partnerships and increase investment in science-driven and innovative approaches to advance the water agenda. Get inspired by what the UN is doing to advance [SDG 6](#), and follow and interact with the latest water-related content shared on UN social media channels [@SustDev](#) [@GlobalGoalsUN](#) [@UN_PGA](#) [@UN_Water](#). Don't forget to add **#WaterAction**!

REMINDER | Registration to the Conference is now open for all participants.

Please be aware that there are different processes and deadlines for registration (requesting for a United Nations grounds pass) to the UN 2023 Water Conference.

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