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Uniting the world for water action

February 2023



As the UN 2023 Water Conference approaches, the programme fills and commitments come into the Water Action Agenda, we must continue to build momentum over the next four weeks. The knowledge, science, technologies and financial resources are available to reverse the trajectories that have derailed implementation of SDGs. There are many inspiring examples of transformative change. It is time to come together, with ambition, resolve and solidarity, to achieve SDG 6 before it is too late.



**We need a new tide of action to  
protect our water resources.**



Amina J Mohammed,  
Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations



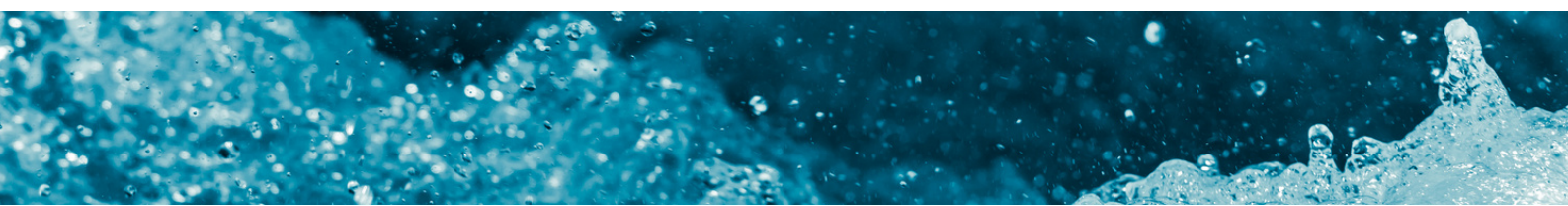
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The UN 2023 Water Conference and the Water Action Agenda will unite the world for water. Here are some examples of commitments already added to the Water Action Agenda to inspire your Water Action.

[Connecting the world for transboundary groundwater resilience >](#)

[Engaging Artists and Creatives in Support of the Water Action Agenda and the SDGs >](#)

[Action Plan for the implementation of the “Water and Nature” Declaration >](#)





## Special Events

There will be four informal high-level special events organized in connection with the Conference to create a platform for in depth and broader discussion of water-related challenges and solutions.

The Conference's four special events will address the following themes:

### **Radical Collaboration for Water Resilience: Action with our greatest Allies in the Climate Crisis**

*CEO Water Mandate / United Nations Global Compact, WWF International, Indigenous Peoples' Major Group (IPMG), World Farmers' Organization (WFO), Wetlands International (WI), International Women's MG (IWMG)*

### **Reducing inequalities – implementing Human Rights**

*African Youth Parliament for Water, Aquafed, FILAC, International Indian Treaty Council, UN OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Water and Sanitation, Women for Water Partnership*

### **The Economics of Water: transforming governance to secure a sustainable, just and prosperous future**

*Global Commission on the Economics of Water, UN Major Groups, UN-Habitat, Local Authorities Major Group, IAAS, C40, World Food Forum, MetaMeta, Dutch Water Authorities, WaterWorX, OECD Water Governance Programme*

### **Water Leadership: Uniting for a sustainable world**

*MGCY, WMG, ISW, Water Youth Network, UN1FY, IWA, Global Water Partnership, World Youth Parliament for Water, Water and Climate Coalition, Wavemakers United, Sanitation and Water for All, OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur (Rights to Water and Sanitation), UCLG*

[More information](#)





## Preparatory Meetings and Webinars

### **Webinar: How to make a commitment on Transboundary Water Cooperation for the UN 2023 Water Conference**

27 Feb 2023 at 14:00 -15:30 CET / 08:00-09:30 EST / 20:00-21:30 ICT,

The webinar will present the UN 2023 Water Conference Water Action Agenda, give details about how to make commitments and then explore more in depth about why specifically commitments on transboundary water are useful, what kinds of commitments can be made and provide examples of commitments. This will be followed by a Q&A to answer any questions you might have.

*The webinar will be held in English, French, Arabic and Spanish.*

**Register >**

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### **Webinar: SDG 6 acceleration snapshots Launch event**

16 Mar 2023 at 09 :00 -10.30 CET AND 16:00-17:30

In celebration of World Water Day and the UN 2023 Water Conference, the UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 is preparing a set of snapshots to draw attention to successful country action in delivering SDG 6. These country examples demonstrate that accelerated progress is possible, for inspiration and learning. The snapshots have been identified based on the official country data reported on the SDG 6 global indicators, to ensure that the progress is measurable and verifiable. Join the launch webinar on 16 March to learn more about these examples of successful country action, and to discuss the importance of evidence and data when formulating and following-up on water and sanitation targets.

**Register for the webinar here >**

For further information please contact [monitoring@unwater.org](mailto:monitoring@unwater.org).





## African leaders meet in Zimbabwe for first FAO regional workshop on National Water Roadmaps

The three-day meeting will look at regional and national perspectives regarding water challenges ahead of the UN 2023 Water Conference

At the High-Level Opening of the FAO regional workshop, Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister for Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development of Zimbabwe, in representation of the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Emmerson Mnangagwa, said that the meeting will provide Africa with a platform for the development of a shared vision and voice at the UN 2023 Water Conference.

[Read more >](#)



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## 9th meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water – co-convened by the OECD and UN-Water

On 7-9 February UN-Water co-convened the ninth meeting of the Roundtable on Financing Water together with the OECD. Stakeholders from the finance and water communities gathered in Geneva to discuss key topics such as equity, development, nature-based solutions and the role of the private sector in the Water Action Agenda.

The Roundtable was a stepping-stone towards the UN 2023 Water Conference and helped define the role of financing for the Water Action Agenda. It included speakers from the Global Commission on the Economics of Water – an initiative which aims to redefine the way water is valued and governed for the common good. For example, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of WTO, spoke of the role of the multilateral trading system in addressing market distortions, and Sinegugu Zukulu of the Amadiba people in South Africa spoke of the accountability needed for multinational companies polluting and damaging natural resources in developing countries.

[You can watch the recording of the Roundtable here >](#)





# Less than 30 days to go...



With less than 30 days to go, we are happy to share our new deck of digital assets and refreshed press kit to further unpack the water issue and ask for your support in amplifying them. New visual assets, press materials and news interviews will be made available on our dedicated Water Trello board and SDG website.

[Download and share the 30-day countdown >](#)

## 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!



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 >](#)