



UN  
2023 WATER  
CONFERENCE

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## Welcome to the Conference

Dear fellow water champions,

Tomorrow morning, the halls of UN Headquarters will be filled as the world unites for water. I look forward to seeing and hearing from so many water advocates and champions. I have been impressed by the immense interest we are seeing through participant registration, the number of side events, and the number of Member States and other stakeholders who will speak during the plenary sessions. I wish everyone involved a collaborative, transformative and inspirational Conference, and hopefully one that will be remembered for the action it took.

Best regards,

Mr Li Junhua, Secretary-General of the UN 2023 Water Conference and Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.



*Pictured: Mr Li Junhua, with Sulton Rahimzoda, Tajikistan and Henk Ovink, the Kingdom of the Netherlands.*



## Water Action Agenda, be part of the action

In Dushanbe in June 2022, the world made their demand clear: water action, now. An outcome of this meeting was the Water Action Agenda which has since been filling with commitments from Member States, IGOS, NGOs and other stakeholder: commitments to water action, commitments to collaboration and cooperation, commitments to a just and sustainable future.

The Water Action Agenda does not reflect where we are, but where the world wants to be in terms of achieving SDG 6 and in turn the entire sustainable development agenda.

**Have you made your commitment? Here are some examples to inspire you from the Conference co-hosts: the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.**

[Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership >](#)

[Ensure a full transition to the integrated water resources management through the National Water Resources Strategy >](#)

[NDC Partnership, Water-Climate Nexus >](#)

[Establishing a strategic framework for achieving universal access to safely-managed drinking water supply and sanitation services in Tajikistan >](#)

[International Panel for Deltas & Coastal Areas \(IPDC\) >](#)



## Daily summary of the Conference by ENB

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### Key information

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[SDG Media Zone >](#)



Tomorrow is World Water Day, and this year 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 >](#)