

UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE



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Background & Related events



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 the Republic of Tajikistan, and it will comprise six plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues. It will be preceded by regional and global preparatory meetings and informed by other water-related events.

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.

1st Round of Special Accreditation for Non-Governmental Organizations and Other Stakeholders

The 1st round of special accreditation for relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations **is now open**. Eligible organizations that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC, or that have not been accredited to the [World Summit on Sustainable Development](#) can now [apply for special accreditation](#). **Deadline: 15 July 2022.**

SPECIAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS

FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

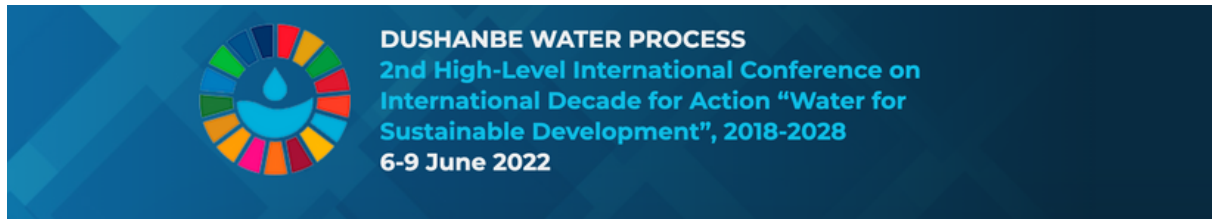
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GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS



The Second Dushanbe Water Action Decade Conference

The 2nd High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028, will take place from **6 to 9 June 2022** in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, under the theme “Catalysing water action and partnership at the local, national, regional, and global levels.” The Dushanbe Conference is one of the global meetings preceding the UN 2023 Water Conference that will support an effective preparation for the midterm comprehensive review as mentioned in UN General Assembly Resolution 75/212. The Conference will provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and enhancing partnerships between all stakeholders in the implementation of the Water Action Decade. It is co-organized by the Government of Tajikistan and the United Nations and will be co-chaired by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan and the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. Over 1,400 participants have registered for the event. More information is available at <https://dushanbewaterprocess.org/conference/>.

Open consultation on the priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for the UN 2023 Water Conference

More than 1,600 representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean participated in the regional online consultations. It became clear during the meeting that the strengthening of governance and related institutions in advancing Integrated Water Resources Management is a regional priority. Providing access to safely managed drinking water and sanitation remains imperative. Available statistics report the lack of sufficient progress in these two areas at the regional level. Participants also highlighted the need for nature-based solutions in the preservation of water ecosystem services and the enhancement of resilience and adaptation to climate change in the face of water scarcity.

Those interested in participating in the open consultation on the priorities of Latin America and the Caribbean for the UN 2023 Water Conference had the opportunity to register by 31 May through the following [link](#).



Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Water Action Decade

On 18-19 May 2022, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) organized an Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting in collaboration with the League of Arab States. Held in Beirut and online, the meeting brought together more than 170 participants, including senior officials from the Member States of the Arab region as well as representatives from international, regional and national organizations and institutions, academia, the private sector, civil society, and youth. Regional challenges, opportunities, accelerators and priorities were identified, including Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), the global initiative Water for All, transboundary water cooperation, water and climate change, water use efficiency and water across sectors with non-conventional water resources. Several ESCWA Member States shared key actions and initiatives that demonstrate their commitment towards achieving internationally agreed water goals. Additionally, the meeting hosted two side events, one on innovation for coping with water scarcity, and another on regional groundwater dialogues. A meeting output document will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Registration for UN-Water Summit on Groundwater 2022 is now open

The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater will be held on 7-8 December 2022 at the UNESCO HQ in Paris. Pre-Summit side events will take place on 6 December. The Summit is the culminating event of the 2022 campaign “Groundwater: making the invisible visible”, implemented by the dedicated UN-Water Task Force and co-coordinated by UNESCO and the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), on behalf of UN-Water.

The Summit will use as a baseline the United Nations World Water Development Report 2022 (UN WWDR 2022) focused on Groundwater and the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework. This will help define actions towards more responsible and sustainable use and conservation of water. It will help unify the statements from all major groundwater-related events into one comprehensive message for the UN 2023 Water Conference. Those interested in participating can register for the Summit [here](#) and submit proposals for a side event at this [link](#).