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UN 2023 Water Conference Special Accreditation for Non-Governmental Organizations and Other Stakeholders – Second (Final) Round is now open

The 2nd and final 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 till 2 December 2022. Eligible organizations that are not in consultative status with ECOSOC, or that have not been accredited to either the World Summit on Sustainable Development or during the first round of special accreditation, can apply for special accreditation. For more information, please visit this [webpage](#).

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SPECIAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS

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Apply by 2 December 2022!
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Themes of the Interactive Dialogues Finalized at the UN 2023 Water Conference Preparatory Meeting

On 25 October 2022, a one-day preparatory meeting was convened by the President of the General Assembly (PGA) H.E. Mr. Csaba Kőrösi. The meeting sought to finalize the themes of the five interactive dialogues and other outstanding organizational matters of the UN 2023 Water Conference. Member States agreed on the following themes for the interactive dialogues:

1. Water for Health: Access to WASH, including the Human Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17).
2. Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development (SDG 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and SDGs 2, 8, 9, 11, 12).
3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15).
4. Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation, including Scientific Cooperation, and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17).
5. Water Action Decade: Accelerating the Implementation of the Objectives of the Decade, Including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.

More information is available [here](#). Watch the recordings on UN WebTV: [Morning session](#), [Afternoon session](#).

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[President of the General Assembly Stakeholder Consultation for the UN 2023 Water Conference \(24 October 2022\)](#)

On 24 October, the President of the UN General Assembly organized a one-day stakeholder consultation to prepare for the UN 2023 Water Conference. Held in hybrid format, the event featured five interactive roundtables where stakeholders discussed potential transformative game changers that could feed into the Water Action Agenda. More than 1,100 participants registered for the event, with over 100 stakeholders intervening either virtually or in-person. More information is available here.

[President of the General Assembly Stakeholder Consultation for the UN 2023 Water Conference \(24 October 2022\)](#)

UNDESA has launched a summary report with key messages and takeaways from an online global stakeholder consultation held in September 2022. Over 700 inputs from more than 70 countries were received. The summary report and all submitted responses can be found here.

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**Second Global Online Stakeholder Consultation:
Proposed Themes for Interactive Dialogues**

SUMMARY REPORT

Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders were invited to contribute their views, comments and inputs on the **themes proposed by the co-hosts for the interactive dialogues** through a second global online consultation.

Read the summary report: bit.ly/Input2023WaterConference
Conference website: bit.ly/2023WaterConference

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Regional Preparatory Meetings

UN ESCWA - The High-level Policy Dialogues in Water-Scarce Countries for Achieving SDGs: Towards the UN Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Water Action Decade were convened in Cairo during the Fifth Cairo Water Week, from 16 to 19 October 2022. Sessions featured interventions by the Co-hosts of the UN 2023 Water Conference, ministers and heads of organizations specializing in water scarcity, water and climate cooperation, innovation and finance. ESCWA Executive Secretary Dr. Rola Dashti committed to convening an Arab Climate Finance Forum for Water Action in 2023 to support the Water Action Decade and the Egyptian COP27 Presidency's commitment to increasing access to adaptation finance.

UN ECLAC - Early registration for the Regional Water Dialogues 2023, to be held in a hybrid format in Santiago de Chile from 18 to 20 January 2023, is now open. For more information please visit: [ENG](#) and [ESP](#).

17th meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Water Governance Initiative (WGI) - The 17th meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative was hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management to discuss the contribution of the OECD WGI to the UN 2023 Water Conference. WGI members made concrete proposals to mobilize national and subnational governments to foster the implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance; strengthen capacities at local level; and promote a systemic approach for water policies, along with climate change adaptation, energy, health, and agriculture. WGI members supported the idea of partnering with major users of water, businesses, and private water stewards to interface communities of practice.

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Other Events

Multi-stakeholder Informative Webinar on the UN 2023 Water Conference (12 October 2022) - On 12 October, UNDESA organized a multi-stakeholder informative webinar to update stakeholders on the UN 2023 Water Conference. More than 800 participants joined the session live, which was also livestreamed on Facebook. Details about the event, including a recording, can be found [here](#).

Valuing the Invisible: Transboundary Groundwater Resources Cooperation - On 14 October, during the 77th Session of the [UN General Assembly](#), a side-event “Valuing the Invisible - the Importance of Transboundary Groundwater Resources Cooperation” was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#), the [United Nations Economic Commission for Europe \(UNECE\)](#) and [UN-Water](#). The event highlighted the results of the second monitoring exercise of water cooperation (SDG indicator 6.5.2), the importance of cooperation on transboundary aquifers, and the available tools, including two legal instruments. More information about the event, including its recording, is available [here](#).

State of the world's drinking water - On 25 October, [the World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), [the United Nations Children’s Fund \(UNICEF\)](#) and [the World Bank](#) launched a report entitled *[State of the world's drinking water: An urgent call to action to accelerate progress on ensuring safe drinking water for all](#)*, on the sidelines of the Preparatory Meeting for the UN 2023 Water Conference.

The report presents data on links between water, health and development, as well as the status of drinking water, offering actionable recommendations to accelerate access to safe drinking water structured around the [five accelerators](#) of the [SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework](#). The report and the recording of the launch event are available [here](#).

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World Toilet Day 2022: Sanitation and Groundwater - Since 2013, the United Nations observes World Toilet Day on 19 November to raise awareness about the 3.6 billion people living without access to safely managed sanitation.

Ahead of the 2022 World Toilet Day, UN-Water will launch a global campaign on a designated website and on social media with hashtag #WorldToiletDay. Individuals, organizations, governments, companies, schools and many other actors are encouraged to support the day either by using the official messages and assets, or by organizing their own World Toilet Day activities.

[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. Please don't forget to add #WaterAction!

[Keep informed about the latest on the UN 2023 Water Conference!](#)

To receive periodic updates on the preparatory process for the UN 2023 Water Conference, please sign up to the mailing list here. For specific inquiries, please send a message to water2023@un.org.

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