



9<sup>th</sup> session of the

## MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION

29 September – 1 October 2021 Geneva & Hybrid

# High-level segment

## Draft programme

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Hybrid format (Geneva and online) | Central European Time (CET)

**10:00–10:45**

### OPENING

**Mr. Ardak Zebeshev**, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties, Acting Chair of the Investment Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Ms. Kersti Kaljulaid**, President of the Republic of Estonia

**Mr. Tõnis Mölder**, Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia

**Mr. Magzum Mirzagaliyev**, Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**Mr. António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General

**Ms. Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Adoption of the agenda

**10:45–11:00**

### PROGRESS IN THE GLOBAL OPENING OF THE WATER CONVENTION

Status of ratification of the Water Convention

Statements by new Parties to the Water Convention

11:00–13:00  
and 15:00–16:00

**SPECIAL SESSION – WATER AND PEACE**

11:00–13:00

**Transboundary water cooperation: a catalyst for peace**

**Moderator:** Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the **Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace**, former President of the Republic of Slovenia

**Panel discussion 1 – Transboundary water cooperation as a key for regional peace and stability**  
(25 min)

- Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of **Finland**
- Mr. Jüri Ratas, President of the Parliament, Republic of **Estonia**
- Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of **Senegal**
- Mr. Mahdi Rashid Al-Hamdani, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of **Iraq**
- Mr. Abderahim Bireme Hamid, Executive Secretary, **Niger Basin Authority**

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (30 min)  
(3 minutes per statement)

**Panel discussion 2 – The role of the Water Convention in fostering peace** (25 min)

- Ms. Cecilia Abena Dapaah, Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Republic of **Ghana**
- Mr. Shavkat Khamraev, Minister of Water Resources, Republic of **Uzbekistan**
- Ms. Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director-General, DG Environment, **European Commission**
- Mr. Darío Soto-Abril, Executive Secretary, **Global Water Partnership**
- Mr. Attila Tanzi, Chair of the **Implementation Committee** of the Water Convention

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (35 min)  
(3 minutes per statement)

13:00–15:00

**Lunch break**

15:00-16:00

**Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve sustainable development**

**Moderator:** to be confirmed

**Efforts to accelerate achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6**

Mr. Gilbert F. Hounbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Chair of **UN-Water**

**Progress on transboundary water cooperation (SDG indicator 6.5.2 reporting)**

Main messages of the “Second report on SDG indicator 6.5.2: Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve Target 6.5”

by Ms. Olga Algayerova, **UNECE** Executive Secretary and United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Ms. Audrey Azoulay, **UNESCO** Director-General

**Panel discussion 3 – Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation (25 min)**

- Mr. David Choquehuanca Céspedes, Vice President of the Plurinational State of **Bolivia**
- Mr. Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary-General's **Special Envoy for the Ocean**
- Ms. Jennifer Sara, Global Director, Water Global Practice, **World Bank**
- Ms. Tatyana Bokova, Deputy Head, Federal Agency for Water Resources, **Russian Federation**

**High-level interventions from the floor** in relation to issues addressed by the panellists (15 min)  
(3 minutes per statement)

**Conclusions of the high-level Special session**

Mr. Tõnis Mölder, Minister of the Environment of the Republic of **Estonia**