

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

Programme

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Hybrid format (Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva and online) | Central European Time (CET)

10:00 – 10:45 OPENING (Agenda item 1)



H.E. Zhanar Aitzhanova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Republic of Kazakhstan

Video message by **H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid**, President of the Republic of Estonia



Message by **António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General



H.E. Serikkali Brekeshev, Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

H.E. Tõnis Mölder, Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia



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 (Agenda item 2)

Status of ratification of the Water Convention

Statements by new Parties to the Water Convention:

- **H.E. Cecilia Abena Dapaah**, Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana
- **H.E. Orlando Mendes Viegas**, Minister of State for Natural Resources and Energy, Guinea-Bissau

11:00 – 13:00
15:00 – 16:00

SPECIAL SESSION: WATER AND PEACE (Agenda item 3)



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

11:00 – 13:00 PART I - TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION: A CATALYST FOR PEACE

Panel discussion 1 – Transboundary water cooperation as a key for regional peace and stability



H.E. Pekka Haavisto
Minister for
Foreign Affairs,
Finland



Jüri Ratas
President of the
Parliament,
Estonia



**H.E. Serigne
Mbaye Thiam**
Minister of Water
and Sanitation,
Senegal



**H.E. Mahdi
Rashid Al-
Hamdani**
Minister of Water
Resources, Iraq



**Abderahim
Bireme Hamid**
Executive
Secretary, Niger
Basin Authority

High-level interventions from the floor in relation to issues addressed by the panellists:

- **H.E. Anita Pipan**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Slovenia; on behalf of the European Union and its Member States
- **H.E. Honoré Sayi**, Minister of Energy and Hydraulics, Republic of Congo
- **H.E. Adamou Mahaman**, Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Niger
- **H.E. Carl Hermann Gustav Schlettwein**, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- **H.E. Suleiman H. Adamu**, Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria
- **H.E. Taofeq Al-Sharjabi**, Minister of Water and Environment, Yemen
- **H.E. Mazen Ghunaim**, Minister, Head of Palestinian Water Authority, State of Palestine
- **Hristina Odjaklieska**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia

Panel discussion 2 – The role of the Water Convention in fostering peace



**H.E. Cecilia
Abena Dapaah**
Minister of
Sanitation and
Water Resources,
Ghana



**H.E. Shavkat
Khamraev**
Minister of Water
Resources,
Uzbekistan



**Florika Fink-
Hooijer**
Director-General,
DG Environment,
European
Commission



Darío Soto-Abril
Executive
Secretary, Global
Water Partnership



Attila Tanzi
Chair,
Implementation
Committee of the
Water Convention

High-level interventions from the floor in relation to issues addressed by the panellists:

- **H.E. Barbara Visser**, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands
- **H.E. Aleksandar Stijović**, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Montenegro
- **H.E. Ibrahim Alio Aboudlaye**, Minister of Urban and Rural Hydraulics, Chad
- **H.E. Alain-Richard Ahipaud Donwahi**, Minister of Water and Forests, Côte d'Ivoire
- **H.E. Margit Szűcs**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Hungary
- **Emmanuelle Lachaussée**, Deputy Permanent Representative, on behalf of H.E. Jérôme Bonnafont, Ambassador, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, France
- **H.E. Sekou Sangare**, Commissioner of the Economic Community of West African States for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Water

Signing ceremony of the Ministerial Declaration on the Senegalo-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin

By the Ministers of Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal

13:00 – 15:00

LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 16:00

PART II - ACCELERATING PROGRESS ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Efforts to accelerate achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6



Gilbert F. Hougbo, 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”

Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary and United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Xing Qu, UNESCO Deputy Director-General

Panel discussion 3 – Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation



**H.E. David
Choquehuanca
Céspedes**

Vice President of
Bolivia



Peter Thomson

United Nations
Secretary-General's
Special Envoy for the
Ocean



Jennifer Sara

Global Director, Water
Global Practice, World
Bank



Tatyana Bokova

Deputy Head, Federal
Agency for Water
Resources, Russian
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- **H.E. Iuliana Cantaragiu**, Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova
- **Marek Gróbarczyk**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland
- **Georgios Amyras**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy in charge of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece
- **Marryprisca Mahundi**, Deputy Minister of Water, Tanzania
- **Inês dos Santos Costa**, Secretary of State for Environment, Portugal
- **H.E. Adrian Cosmin Vierita**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Romania
- **Mario Šiljeg**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatia
- **H.E. Mohamed EL Hassen Boukhreiss**, Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Mauritania
- **H.E. Ahmed Ihab Gamaleldin**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Egypt
- **Loic Fauchon**, President of the World Water Council

Conclusions of the high-level special session



H.E. Tõnis Mölder, Minister of the Environment of Estonia

