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)


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
**SPECIAL SESSION: WATER AND PEACE** (Agenda item 3)

**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**

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**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**

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- 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
- 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

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

Gilbert F. Houngbo, 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 Federation

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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 Boukhrreiss, Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation, Mauritania
- 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