








**“Frequently Asked Questions on the 1992 Water Convention: Exploring Possibilities with the Latin American and the Caribbean Countries”**

You are cordially invited to attend the event to ask all your questions about the Water Convention!

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| <b>Date</b>   |   |
|    | <b>Tuesday 7 December 2021</b><br><b>16:00-17:30 (Geneva time)</b>  |
| <b>Format and connection details</b>  |   |
|    | The event takes place on Webex.<br><i>Join from the meeting link</i><br><a href="https://ungeneva.webex.com/ungeneva/j.php?MTID=m2a724aae6713b8ed5de12928c1770073">https://ungeneva.webex.com/ungeneva/j.php?MTID=m2a724aae6713b8ed5de12928c1770073</a><br><i>Join by meeting number</i><br>Meeting number (access code): 2740 622 9369<br>Meeting password: qwTi2Sdbm27<br><i>Join from a video system or application</i><br>Dial <a href="mailto:27406229369@ungeneva.webex.com">27406229369@ungeneva.webex.com</a><br>You can also dial 62.109.219.4 and enter your meeting number.  |
| <b>Partners</b>   |   |
| <br> | Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization, and other International Organizations in Geneva, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC)<br>Secretariat of the Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)  |
| <b>Objectives of the event</b>  |   |
|    | The event aims to raise awareness about the Water Convention and its benefits in the context of the Convention’s globalization.<br>The event is an opportunity for representatives of Latin American and Caribbean countries working in Permanent Missions to UNOG, as well as other governmental experts, to ask their questions about the <b>benefits of participation in the Convention and its relevance for Latin American and Caribbean countries sharing transboundary basins</b> , as well as about the Convention’s legal provisions and institutional mechanism.<br>The event will highlight the tools and mechanisms available to support countries preparing for accession to the Convention. |
| <b>About the Water Convention</b>   |   |
|    | The Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes ( <a href="#">Water Convention</a> ) is a unique global legal and intergovernmental platform, which promotes sustainable use of transboundary waters worldwide.<br>Several countries from the Latin American and the Caribbean region have already showed interest in applying its tools and in acceding to the Water Convention.  |
| <b>Publication “Frequently Asked Questions about the 1992 Water Convention”</b>   |   |
|    | The <a href="#">publication</a> (available in English and Spanish) provides clarifications on the added value of the Water Convention at global, transboundary and national levels, its obligations and its global opening. It details the benefits of participation in the Convention and its relevance for countries sharing transboundary basins. It includes a roadmap to facilitate accession processes.   |

## Programme



### **Moderator:**

Chantal Demilecamps, Environmental Affairs Officer, Water Convention Secretariat, UNECE

### **Opening:**

- Héctor Virgilio Alcántara, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization, and other International Organizations in Geneva
- Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention, UNECE

### **Panel:**

- Iulia Trombitcaia, Environmental Affairs Officer, Water Convention Secretariat, UNECE
- Peter Kovacs, Head of the Department of River Basin Management and Water Protection, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
- Aleš Bizjak, EU Coordination and International Affairs Office, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Maximiliano Campos, expert of the Latin America and the Caribbean region

### **Questions and answers:**

With the participation of Attila Tanzi, Chair of the Implementation Committee under the Water Convention

### **Conclusions:**

Gabriela Santoni Bisonó, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization, and other International Organizations in Geneva