

UN 2023 Water Conference

“Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water”

- 2016: the UNGA proclaimed the period from 2018 to 2028 as the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”
- 2018: the UNGA decided to convene, in New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023, the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action
- 2020: the UNGA adopted Resolution 75/212 regarding the modalities for this Conference

Vision statement UN 2023 Water Conference

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The Netherlands and Tajikistan, as co-hosts, and UNDESA with the support of UN-Water as Secretariat of the Conference will strive to make the Conference *a watershed moment for the world.*

- Three Principles:
 - **Inclusive:** both in terms of (a) the Conference process (ensure vertical and horizontal inclusiveness) and in terms of (b) the results (leaving no-one behind).
 - **Action-oriented:** the Conference aims to lead to concrete results through concrete actions and plans on the ground.
 - **Cross-sectoral:** the Conference should mobilise all other sectors to improve the way they manage and utilize water resources. These sectors need to bring their plans and actions to the Conference.

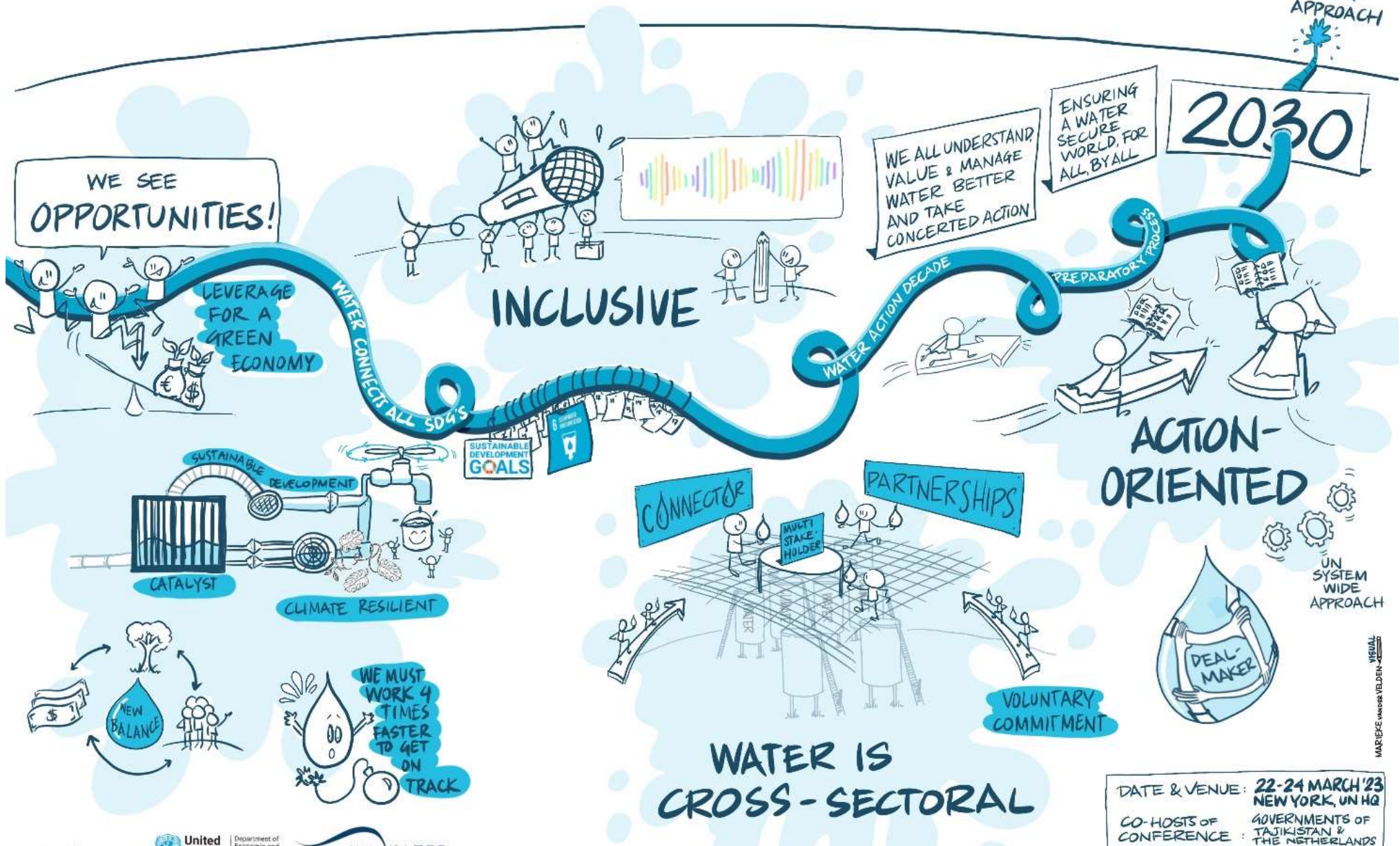
VISION STATEMENT UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE



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NEW YORK
22-24
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OUR WATERSHED MOMENT: UNITING THE WORLD FOR WATER



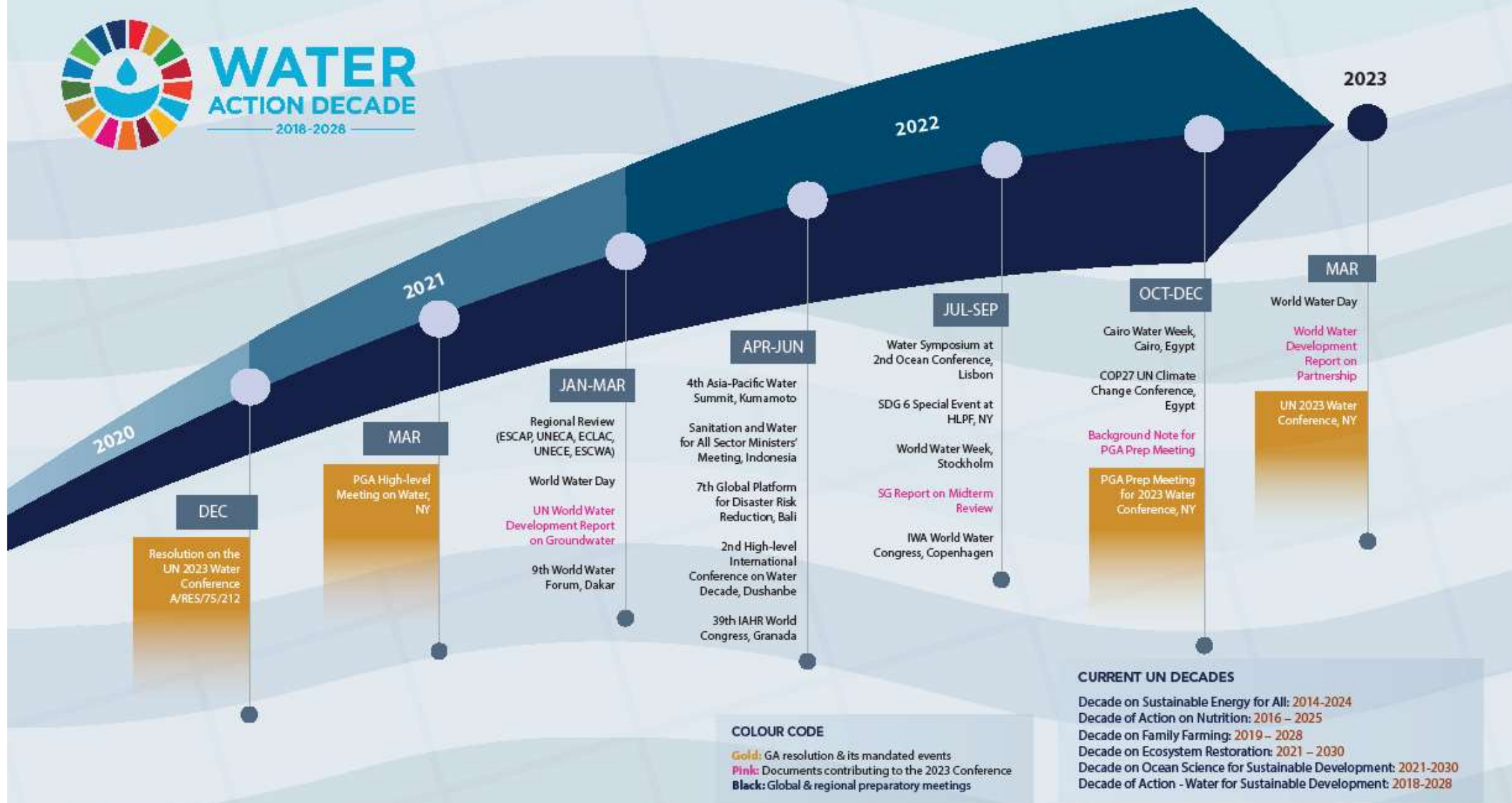
DATE & VENUE: 22-24 MARCH '23
NEW YORK, UN HQ
CO-HOSTS OF CONFERENCE: GOVERNMENTS OF
TAJIKISTAN & THE NETHERLANDS

Space for all relevant stakeholders

The Conference:

- **Plenaries**
 - 6 Plenaries
 - Member States have a space to announce their commitments, plans, actions and best practices
 - Relevant stakeholders can be accredited to be observers (through special accreditation process to be started soon)
- **Interactive Dialogues**
 - 5 Dialogues
 - Member States and stakeholders are consulted on the Themes for the Interactive Dialogues
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- **Special Events**
 - Co-hosts decided to strive to organize 3-5 Special Events, scope: 50-200 people
- **Side Events**
 - Member States and other stakeholders will organize many side events that are cross-cutting and aim for action
- **Cultural elements and more**
 - Marathons, exhibitions, action zones; the sky is the limit

ROAD MAP TO MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN WATER ACTION DECADE— MARCH 2023



COLOUR CODE

- Gold: GA resolution & its mandated events
- Pink: Documents contributing to the 2023 Conference
- Black: Global & regional preparatory meetings

CURRENT UN DECADES

- Decade on Sustainable Energy for All: 2014-2024
- Decade of Action on Nutrition: 2016 - 2025
- Decade on Family Farming: 2019 - 2028
- Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021 - 2030
- Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: 2021-2030
- Decade of Action - Water for Sustainable Development: 2018-2028

What will the Conference deliver?

The Conference will help set the agenda until 2030 in two ways:

1. **Deliver a summary** of the Conference proceedings
2. **Present a set of voluntary commitments - in a Global Waterpact - to get the world back on track:**
 - **Scale up and replicate** what works
 - **Discontinue or change** what does not work
 - **Innovate** what needs to be improved
 - **Fund** what merits funding
3. **Roadmap towards 2028 (Decade) and 2030 (SDGs)**
 - Commitments can come through coalitions and partnerships across all of society