

Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the UN 2023 Water Conference

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UN 2023 Water Conference

“Water is a fundamental part of all aspects of life”

- Water is crosscutting and supports the achievement of many SDGs through close linkages with climate, energy, cities, the environment, food security, poverty, gender equality and health, amongst others.
- With climate change profoundly affecting our economies, societies and environment, water is indeed the **biggest dealbreaker** to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- However, water does not only present us with challenges. It also presents us with a great opportunity.
- Water can be **the dealmaker**, the leverage point for a green economy, climate resilience and a more sustainable and inclusive world.

Vision statement UN 2023 Water Conference

“Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water”

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.

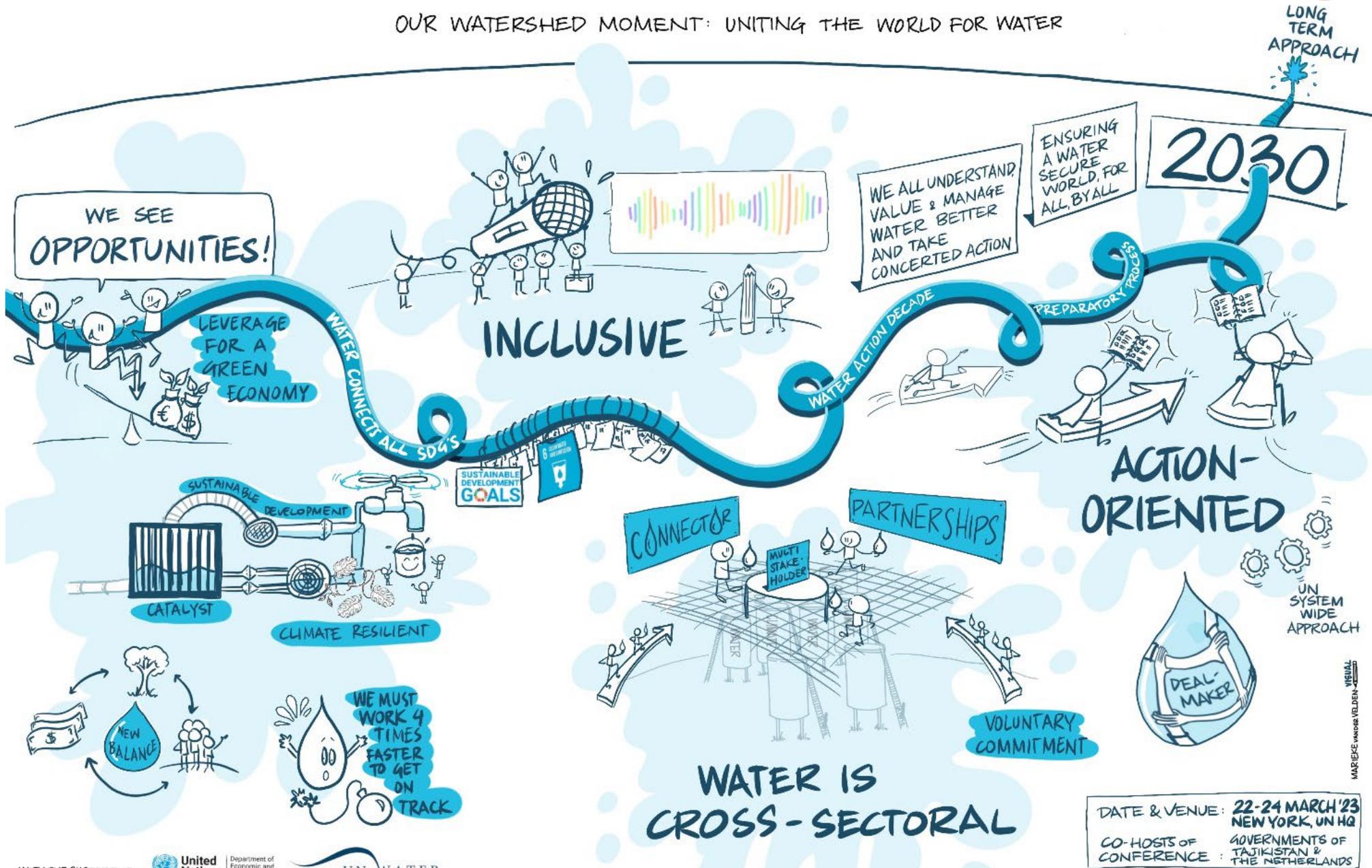
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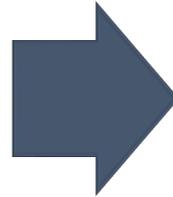
- **Date and venue:** 6-9 June 2022, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **Theme:** “Catalyzing water action and partnership at the local, national, regional and global levels”
- **Key objective:** The main objectives of the Conference are accelerating the implementation of internationally agreed water-related goals and targets through promoting science-based solutions and tools, improving capacity building, knowledge and education, showcasing successful partnerships, advocacy and networking actions and strengthening cooperation and partnership at all levels
- **Co-Chairs:** Prime-minister of Tajikistan and Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations
- **IAC members:** 30 eminent experts from different regions representing different stakeholders
- **Program:** Opening and Closing, Plenary, Thematic Panels, Forums, Exhibition, other events
- **Website:** <https://dushanbewaterprocess.org/>

2nd Dushanbe Water Decade Conference



The 2nd High-level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028

6-9 June 2022, Dushanbe



United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028

22 - 24 March 2023, New York

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 75/212

The resolution calls on the offer of the Government of Tajikistan to use the high-level international conference in 2022 in Dushanbe as a platform to support an effective preparation for the midterm comprehensive review and ensure linkages with other water-related meetings that may serve to provide input for the preparatory process of the midterm Conference, e.g. High-level symposium on water during the UN Ocean Conference, Bonn Water Dialogue for Results, 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit and the 9th World Water Forum.



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Tajikistan and the Netherlands' Cooperation, Partnership and Friendship 'From Source to Sea'



Cooperation and Partnership

- Strong cooperation between the Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, as co-hosts, and UN DESA with the support of UN-Water, as Secretariat of the Conference
- Considering our challenges, we identified the need for, and strive to realize:
 - Scaled up **finance** and funding by governments, MDBs and private sector;
 - Scaled up and replicated **actions** and best practices;
 - **Innovations** to get the world on track;
 - Follow up UN **conference** on water to mark the results of the decade and the 2023 outcomes;
 - An agenda going **beyond 2030**;
 - **Concluding** in the roadmap and timeline to inspire, unite and guide the world

What will the Conference deliver?

The Conference will help set the agenda until 2030, and thereafter, 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**
- 3. Roadmap towards 2028 (Decade), 2030 (SDGs) and Agenda post 2030**

Conference summary of the proceedings

- Summary of the proceedings
- Thematic Sessions outcomes
- Special Events outcomes
- Side Events outcomes
- Recommendations from the above feeding into the Roadmap
- Commitments from the above feeding into the Global Pact on Water

What commitments?

- Commitments can be presented in many forms...
 - **Scale up and replicate** what works
 - **Discontinue or change** what does not work
 - **Innovate** what needs to be improved
 - **Fund** what merits funding
- ... and through many coalitions and partnerships, from all across society
- All commitments will be assembled in a **Global Water Pact**

Global Water Pact

- Combined commitments will be presented in March 2023
- Assessed on their scalability and replicability, with a view to spur change and create sustainable, long-term impact
- Track and monitor progress on commitments, support implementation
- Knowledge, political will, education, finance