

# Global water processes

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# COP27 27th conference of the Parties on climate change

- 7-18 November 2022, Sharm-El-Sheik, 14 November will be water day
- Discussion on Paris agreement implementation, global goal on adaptation,
- First UNFCCC COP in Africa since 2016
- Main priorities Adaptation, finance, resilience
- Important to include water into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
- Egypt is starting a water initiative AWARE

# Progress on SDG 6: need for huge acceleration



## SDG 6 Summary Progress Update 2021 and Progress Reports

- The world is off-track to meet SDG 6 by 2030
- Progress needs to quadruple (x4)



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# Vision statement UN 2023 Water Conference

“Our watershed moment: uniting the world for water” - 22-24 March 2023, New York

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.

# Our once in a generation chance



22-24 March 2023  
New York

## UN 2023 Water Conference

# Preparation for the 2023 UN water conference



- 2020: General assembly resolution sets framework and time schedule for the conference: 6 plenaries and 5 interactive dialogues
- June 2022: African regional preparatory meeting
- HLPF in July 2022: announcement of the proposed themes for the interactive dialogues by the co-chair countries
- Themes will be finalized by the PGA event in November 2022
- Please contribute, highlight the importance of transboundary cooperation and consider concrete initiatives for the conference

See more information at: <https://sdgs.un.org/un-2023-conference-water-action-decade>

# Proposed topics for the interactive dialogues



- 1. Water for Health: Access to safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation (SDG 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 17);
- 2. Water for Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development (SDG 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and SDGs 2, 8, 9, 11, 12);
- 3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15);
- 4. Water for Cooperation: Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation and Water Across the 2030 Agenda (SDG 6.5, 6.b and SDGs 16, 17);
- 5. Water Action Decade: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.

# 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** to get the world back on track
  3. **Roadmap towards 2028 (Decade), 2030 (SDGs) and Agenda post 2030**
- Considering our challenges, there is a need for:
    - 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



# 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

# 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
- Could include accession to the Water Convention, its implementation, and development of transboundary agreements

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