



**Side-event on:**

*“Achieving Climate Change adaptation and mitigation  
through Water Resilience”*

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm*

*Hatshepsut - Blue Zone*

*The event will be in English*

**Organized by:**



## Context

The climate and the terrestrial water cycle have a close and complex relationship. Climate change affects the water cycle and our ability to sustainably manage water resources, provide water supply and sanitation services and reduce disaster risks, while the way we use, treat and recycle water and we manage water related infrastructure can also reduce energy consumption and mitigate climate change. Climate change adaptation and mitigation through water management is thus essential to achieve climate and water goals under the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for DRR. This is demonstrated in the updated NDCs and development priorities of countries which have highlighted the importance of addressing water in a changing climate context.

The event will showcase how countries are working to achieve adaptation and mitigation goals through improved water management and links with WASH services. Discussions will also highlight how cooperation among countries and cross-sectoral stakeholders can scale-up benefits at the transboundary/basin level.

To fast-track progress, partnerships and finance are needed, as called for by the Water Action Decade. This includes increasing access to adaptation finance and mobilizing investment at the national and basin/transboundary levels through innovative forms that respond to common needs. Hence, the event will also foster interactive discussion on how to mobilize climate finance for water through NDCs.

The event is organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the other the co-coordinators and members of the UN-Water Expert Group on Water and Climate Change, which coordinates efforts of various UN entities and global partners with active water programmes addressing climate change.

## Program

### **INTRODUCTION AND MODERATION (5 min)**

**Mr. Henk WJ Ovink**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference

### **OPENING REMARKS (7 min)**

**H.E. Ms. Olga Algayerova**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

### **PANEL (45 min)**

- **H.E. Dr. Hani Sewilam**, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt
- **Ms. Mabel Zuñiga**, Climate Change Analyst at the Ministry of Environment of Panama
- **Mr. Ahmed Mahamed Hassan**, Director of Hydrometeorology department at the Ministry of Energy and Water Resource of the Federal government of Somalia
- **Mr. Callist Tindimugaya**, Water Resources Specialist at the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda
- **Ms. Jennifer Sara**, Global Director for Climate Change at the World Bank
- **Mr. Pierre-Yves Pouliquent**, Global Director of the Multifaceted Performance & Sustainable Development at Veolia

**QUESTION & ANSWERS (25 min)**

**CONCLUSION (8 min)**

**Mr. Johannes Cullmann**, Team leader for Sustainable Development in the Office of the President of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly and UN-Water vice-chair