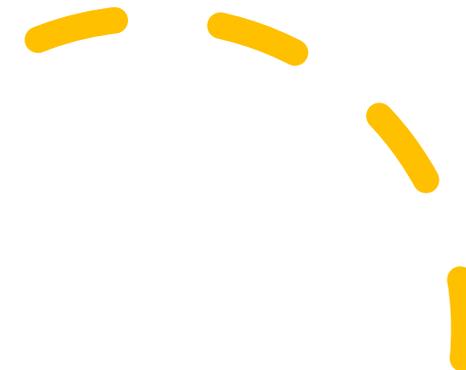




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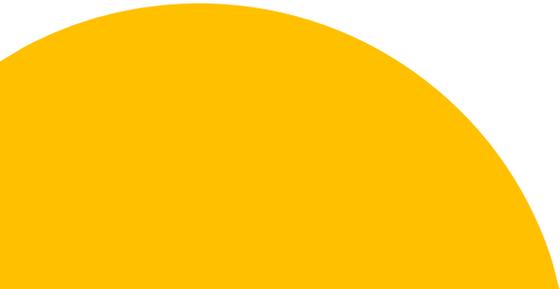
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especially from the High-Level Symposium on Water – “Bridging
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SPECIAL EVENTS



Localizing Action for the Ocean: Local and Regional Governments (Matosinhos, 25 June)

Youth and Innovation Forum (Cascais, 24-26 June)

High Level Symposium on Water “Bridging SDG 6 and SDG 14”
(Altice Arena (Blue Zone), afternoon 27 of June)

Sustainable Blue Economy Investment Forum (28 June, Cascais)

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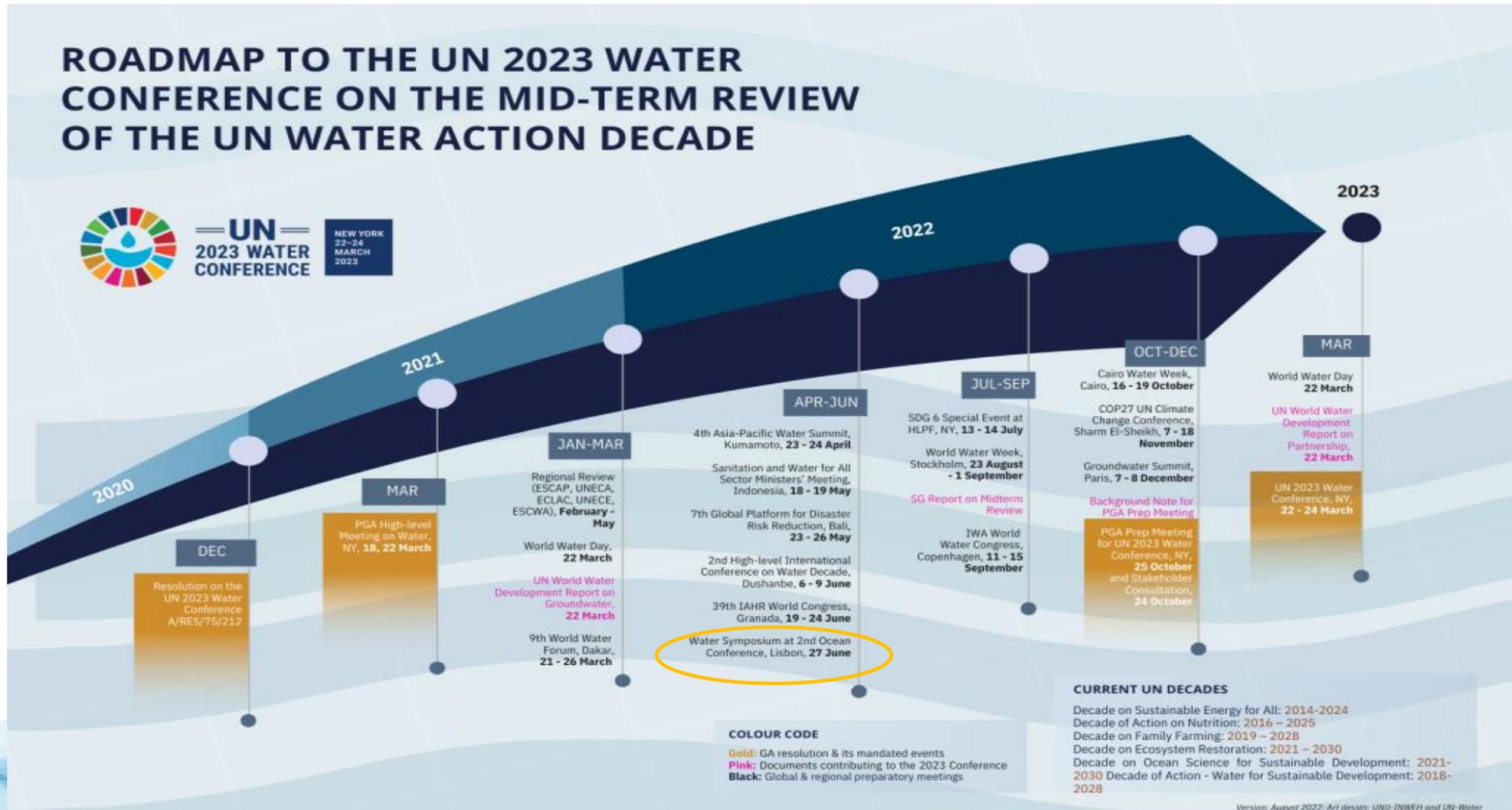
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Key findings - Source to Sea Management

- This High-Level Symposium confirmed that there **is still a huge gap** when it comes to source-to-sea approaches.
- Water management and ocean health are at risk and, consequently, the **full Agenda 2030 is at risk**.
- Closing the remaining gaps in access **to safe drinking water, sanitation or even waste management** is crucial, if we want a healthy ocean.
- Ocean is part of the hydrological cycle, **and its health depends, to a large extent, on how inland and coastal waters** and associated ecosystems, as well as water and sanitation services, **are managed**.
- **Transboundary cooperation** on shared river basins planning and management, as well as in coastal zones, **must be strengthened** and consolidated to respond to all the challenges “from source to sea”.
- It is necessary to **reinforce the co-work of decision makers** and researchers in the performance of public policies and coordinating mechanisms among these political areas.
- **More international attention should be paid to this interlinkage between fresh and salt water.** A lot is still needed to put these communities in greater connection!

Key findings - Source to Sea Management

- Without safe water and sanitation, the **reduction of marine pollution from wastewater** and stormwater cannot be achieved.
- The adoption of a holistic approach from “source to sea” is critical to a circular vision on human water use and to create **financial, legal, and regulatory instruments** that are essential for the implementation of these public policies.
- It is fundamental to provide the same and better services with less resources to **evolve from a concept of linear infrastructures to circular infrastructures**.
- It is crucial that usual top/down approaches are complemented with bottom/up approaches, to guarantee **an increasing involvement of local communities**;
- There are already have good examples of local, bilateral projects, with public and private partners, but it **is necessary to accelerate actions on the ground and to scale up successful solutions**.
- It is essential to **strengthen and improve communication on the value of water**, so that society adopts better daily practices to protect and conserve this resource, **whether fresh or salt**.
- It is **essential a paradigm shift and to manage water, in political terms, as a precious resource**.

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- Outstanding opportunity to raise political ambition and commitment with the water agenda, including source-to-sea approaches.
- High Level Symposium Chair's Summary will be delivered to the UN and UN 2023 Conference Co-Hosts (Tajikistan and Netherlands), as an input for the discussions.

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Thank You!



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