

18th meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources
Management (IWRM) under the Water Convention, 19-21 June 2023

Outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference

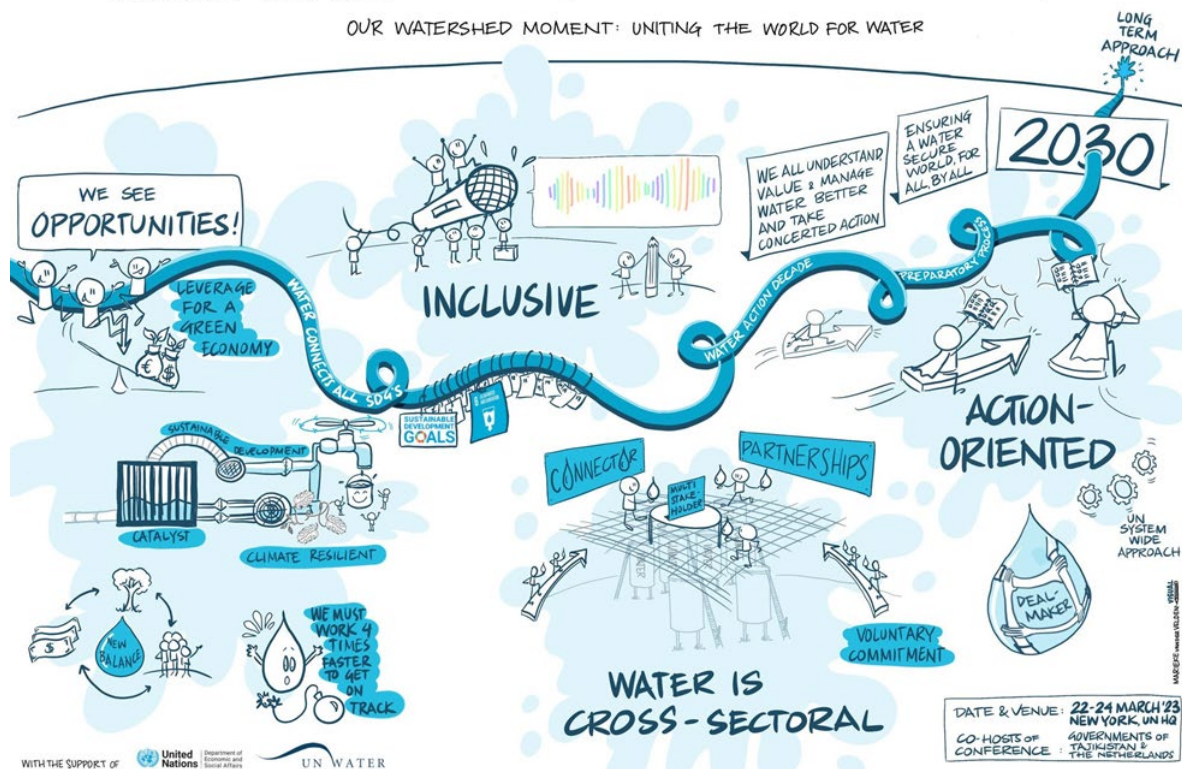
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Key principles UN 2023 Water Conference

VISION STATEMENT UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

OUR WATERSHED MOMENT: UNITING THE WORLD FOR WATER



- **Inclusive:** both in terms of (a) the Conference process and in terms of (b) the results (leaving no-one behind)
- **Action-oriented:** lead to concrete results through concrete actions and plans on the ground
- **Cross-sectoral:** mobilize all sectors to improve the way they manage and utilize water resources. And to bring their plans and actions to the Conference

Co-hosts: Kingdom of the Netherlands & Republic of Tajikistan

Watershed moment: Uniting the world for water



“Water needs to be at the centre of the global political agenda” - UN SG Guterres

Deliverables:

- First UN dedicated conference on water in 47 years aimed to urgently **scale up action** on water-related challenges. With **high level political attention and media coverage**.
- From 22-24 March at UN New York and online: 5 Interactive Dialogues, 4 Special Events, Hundreds side-events and a **New York Water Week**.
- **10,000 participants** from 193 countries among world leaders, civil society, business leaders, youth, scientists, academics, the UN System and other sectors.
- **820+ commitments** in the **Water Action Agenda**

Outcomes related to: Transboundary water cooperation & Water Convention

WATER FOR COOPERATION:

TRANSBOUNDARY AND INTERNATIONAL WATER COOPERATION, CROSS SECTORAL COOPERATION,
INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AND WATER ACROSS THE 2030 AGENDA



- 40+ [side-events](#) related to transboundary water cooperation and peace.
- **Outcomes Interactive Dialogues 3** (Water for climate, resilience and environment) and 4 (Water for cooperation) such as:
 - “Many recognized the link between water and conflict-potential and observed how water could be a leverage for peace.”
 - “Adopt an “Inter-COP” process to connect, integrate, and fully implement water-related decisions made at global assemblies, conventions, and within frameworks dedicated to climate, building on COP27 which brought water discussions to the centre of the climate discourse. COP28 is a chance to further agree on integrated water action.”
 - The ID’s outcomes and other relevant Conference reports are [online](#).

Commitments Water Action Agenda

A photograph of two children playing in water, with water splashing around them. The child in the foreground is wearing a blue shirt, and the child in the background is wearing a yellow shirt.

Water Action Agenda

Water is a fundamental part of all aspects of life

REGISTER COMMITMENT

- The **Water Action Agenda (WAA)**, the key outcome of the Conference, captured over **820 voluntary commitments** aimed at driving transformation from a global water crisis to a water-secure world
- Commitments, pledges and actions were registered in the WAA **across all our sectors**, industries and interests, uniting nations, stakeholders and professionals on actions that help deliver on the water actions in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Commitment example: [Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition](#)
- Registration of commitments is still [open](#)

Moving forward: keeping the momentum going

1. **Place water at the top of the political agenda** of relevant international fora and processes (HLPF, Stockholm World Water Week, SDG Summit, COP28, Summit of the Future 2024)
2. Urge UN leadership to present its plans for institutional reform on water
 - Appointment asap **UN Special Envoy on Water** by the UNSG
 - A **UN home for water**, strengthen UN-Water
3. GA Resolution (before end of the 77th session)
 - **Dedicated intergovernmental process on water**, with regular global meetings, incl. through convening UN Water Conferences, every 3 years
 - A **UN wide strategy on water**
4. Secure the **follow up and active monitoring of the WAA** together with UN-agencies, MS and other stakeholders.
 - Such as in July 2023: incorporation of the WAA in the global review of SDG 6 during HLPF

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Keeping the momentum going
for #WaterAction

Thank you!



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