



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Side Event

The Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus amid Climate Change in the UNECE Region – Regional Strategies for a Sustainable Future

13 July 2023, 13:15-14:30 (EDT), Venue: Conference Room 3, UN Headquarters, New York

Organizer: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The region faces intensifying climate change impacts, necessitating strategic foresight and resilient policymaking. In alignment with the Paris Agreement and the 2050 net-zero horizon, it is crucial to anticipate future climate conditions, enhance resource management, and foster technological solutions. An integrated and holistic action is needed by all actors through the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems (WFEE) nexus approach, limiting trade-offs, and supporting governments in transforming the effects of climate change in opportunities for sustainable development.

The side event underscores efforts in the UNECE region to localize SDGs, accelerate COVID-19 recovery, and devise cohesive policies across the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems (WFEE) nexus. For more information about the High-Level Political Forum and registration, please visit the Forum's website at <https://hlpf.un.org/2023>

Moderator: **Dario Liguti**, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

Opening Remarks (5 mins): **Dmitry Mariyasin**, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE

Scene Setting (10 mins): **Piyush Verma**, Senior Governance Expert – Energy, UNDP

Panellists: (40 mins):

Olli-Matti Verta, Director of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Juergen Keinhorst, Chair of the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy, Germany

Rana Ghoneim, Chief Energy Systems and Infrastructure Division (UNIDO)

Raf Tuts, Director of Global Solution Division, UN-Habitat

Q&A (10 mins)

Summary by Moderator (5 mins)

Closing remarks (5mins): **Edil Baisalov**, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Kyrgyzstan (TBC)

