Water in the UNFCCC process

Presentation by the UNFCCC secretariat
Importance of Water in Global Climate Processes

• COP 27 re-emphasized water’s critical role in climate change adaptation.

• COP 27 emphasized and urged Parties to integrate the protection and restoration of water and water-related ecosystems into their adaptation efforts.

• High Level roundtable on water security and transboundary water management at COP 27.
UNFCCC at UN 2023 Water Conference

• UNFCCC complementing the Water Action Agenda

• Commitment to create a Water-Climate Nexus Alliance within the UN Climate Change Secretariat, focusing on climate resilient water systems
Opportunities for mainstreaming water aspects into global climate processes under UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement

National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): Water is one of the primary sectors across NDCs and NAPs.

Global Stocktake (GST)
- First Global Stocktake to happen at COP 28 in Dubai, UAE
- Submissions to the GST submissions portal closed
- Stocktake’s High-Level Committee will organize a series of high-level events
Outlook COP 28 and water and health

- Thematic days at COP 28 on
  - Food, Agriculture and Water on Dec 10
  - Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace and Dec 3
- COP Presidency has outlined its priorities for water programming as
  - freshwater restoration and conservation,
  - infrastructure for urban water resilience,
  - integrated governance and management of water - food systems
- Other mandated events such as LCIPP Third Annual Gathering focusing on Water -Energy-Food Interconnectedness
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