



10<sup>th</sup> session

Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

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## Briefing on the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of Parties to the Water Convention

Geneva, 06 June 2024

Restaurant Vieux Bois, Avenue de la Paix 12, Geneva

(12:00 – 14:00)

including a reception on behalf of the Republic of Slovenia

The tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, will take place from 23 to 25 October 2024 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, as an in-person event. This milestone event is organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning, on behalf of the Government of Slovenia, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Water Convention, hosted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

The Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) has, for more than three decades, promoted the sustainable use of transboundary water resources, facilitated cooperation, supported the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), prevented conflicts, and supported cooperative climate action. The Convention has grown from a regional to a global instrument, with five new countries joining in the course of 2023 only. The Meetings of the Parties, taking place every three years, represent the largest international event driving the transboundary water cooperation agenda at the global level.

The tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties will be a crucial milestone for the Water Convention. Issues such as climate change adaptation, source-to-sea management, intersectoral “nexus” cooperation and financing transboundary water cooperation will be discussed. The Meeting is expected to adopt a new programme of work for the period 2025-2027 as well as numerous other decisions, review achievements, exchange best-practices, reflect on challenges and identify future priorities for the coming three years.

The high-level segment will focus on the theme "*Our waters, our future: Transboundary water cooperation to power climate resilience*" and will discuss how transboundary water cooperation can accelerate climate action. Taking place shortly before the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan (11-22 November 2024), the high-level segment comes at a critical time in advancing these crucial discussions.



## PROGRAMME

*Moderator:* H.E. Ms. Anita PIPAN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations Office in Geneva

Ms. Tatiana MOLCEAN, Executive Secretary, UNECE

*Recent developments and contribution of the Water Convention to the global water agenda.*

H.E. Ms. Riia SALSA-AUDIFFREN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations Office in Geneva

*Main outcomes of the 2022-2024 Estonian Presidency of the Water Convention.*

H.E. Ms. Anita PIPAN, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations Office in Geneva

*Priorities and expectations of the upcoming 2025-2027 Slovenian Presidency of the Water Convention.*

Mr. Aleš BIZJAK, Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of Slovenia

*Practical information on the Meeting of the Parties and introduction to the 2025-2027 programme of work of the Water Convention.*

Ms. Sonja KOEPEL, Secretary of the Water Convention, UNECE

*Issues to be discussed by the Meeting of the Parties, decisions to be taken and expected outcomes.*

## Moderated questions and answers

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information about the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention:

[https://unece.org/MOP10\\_Water\\_Convention](https://unece.org/MOP10_Water_Convention)

Website of the Water Convention: <https://unece.org/environment-policy/water>