UN-Water Briefing to Permanent Missions in New York
World Water Day campaign and the UN World Water Development Report 2019 on 'Leaving no one behind'

Background
The World Water Day campaign informs, engages and inspires action on water and sanitation issues. Water is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socio-economic development, healthy ecosystems and for human survival itself. It is vital for reducing the global burden of disease and improving the health, welfare and productivity of populations. Today, we are off track to meet the Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation by 2030.

Every year, World Water Day focuses on a different theme. In 2019, World Water Day and the UN World Water Development Report focus on *leaving no one behind.* This theme captures the essence of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to allow all people in all countries to benefit from socio-economic development and to achieve the full realisation of human rights, without discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race, language, religion, political (or other) opinions, national or social origin, property, disability, residency status (including citizenship, residency, immigration, refugee, statelessness, etc.) or any other social, economic or political status.

Change requires genuinely participatory processes, bringing in and valuing new and diverse voices, so that people, including those left behind can, as rights-holders, influence decisions. This requires shifting deep-seated and unconscious bias and discrimination by changing attitudes and norms within water institutions at all levels. It also requires a recognition of States as primary duty-bearers for ensuring that the human rights to water and sanitation are realized for all, on a non-discriminatory basis.

Draft agenda
light lunch will be served

Welcome remarks
H.E. Ambassador Louise Blais, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Opening comments
Madhushree Chatterjee, UN-Water Secretary

2019 UN World Water Development Report: *leaving no one behind*
Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme

2019 World Water Day Campaign: *the world has made a promise – water for all by 2030*
Representative of Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and/or UN Refugee Agency (tbd)

Running for Water: *100 marathons in 100 days #EveryDropCounts*
Mina Gulli, Water Advocate and ultra runner

Open dialogue
Moderated by H.E. Ambassador Louise Blais

Any other business