



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2022

SDG 6 SPECIAL EVENT VIRTUAL DIALOGUE

**Thursday, 14 July 2022, 8:30-10:30 EDT
Virtual Event**

This virtual event will provide a platform for UN-Water Members and Partners to have an in-depth discussion on committing to the Water Action Agenda, a transformative voluntary mechanism of the UN 2023 Water Conference. The Water Action Agenda brings together all commitments – small and big, from coalitions across the world from within and beyond the water sector – that accelerate and scale water actions across the 2030 Agenda and climate action, and support, track and deliver on the 2030 Agenda and beyond 2030.

Since this SDG 6 Special Event will be the last Special Event before the UN 2023 Water Conference, the Virtual Dialogue aims to offer another opportunity for the UN-Water family to be updated on the Conference preparations and to discuss with the Conference co-hosts on how the UN-Water family can work together to contribute to the UN 2023 Water Conference.

AGENDA

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor, UN-Water Vice-Chair

8:30-8:35 **Opening**

8:35-8:45 **Update on Water Action Agenda by the Conference co-hosts**

Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on Water Affairs

Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

8:45-9:35 **Panel Discussion 1 – Moving towards Water Action Agenda voluntary commitments:**

Moderated by Ms. Alexandra Knezovich, Managing Director, Market Development & Communications, Toilet Board Coalition

Each panelist will speak for maximum five minutes followed by an interactive discussion.

Engaging with related intergovernmental processes: Mr. Marc Gordon, Senior Coordinator, Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

SWA Mutual Accountability Mechanism: Ms. Lucinda O'Hanlon, Head, Policy and Strategy, Sanitation and Water for All (SWA)

Water and Climate Youth Development Plan Agenda: Ms. Danielle Fabiola Kamtié, Vice-President, World Youth Parliament for Water

Listening to National Water Leaders: Mr. Anthony Slatyer, Founding Member, Water Policy Group

Call for Action to Accelerate Gender Equality in the Water Domain: Ms. Michela Miletto, Coordinator, UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme and Ms. Lesha Witmer, Advocacy Lead, Women for Water Partnership

Adapting to Climate Change = Managing Water: Mr. Thomas Rebermark, Director, Swedish Water House, Stockholm International Water Institute

9:35-10:25 Panel Discussion 2 – Acceleration at the country level

Moderated by Ms. Jodie Miller, Head, Section of Isotope Hydrology, International Atomic Energy Agency

Each panelist will speak for maximum five minutes followed by an interactive discussion.

Country Acceleration Case Studies: Ms. Marianne Kjellén, Senior Water Advisor, UNDP

SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative: Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, Chief, Natural Resources and Interlinkages Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA

Financing Roundtable: Ms. Aude Farnault, Economist, OECD

Advancing Water Governance: Mr. Pablo Bereciartua, Chair, Global Water Partnership

Getting Financial Quality and Quantity Right: Mr. Amgad Elmahdi, Water Sector Lead, Division Mitigation Adaptation, Green Climate Fund

National Water Roadmap towards 2030 SDGs: Mr. Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO

10:25-10:30 Closing Remarks