

UN2023 WATER CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT

SCIENCE-BASED GLOBAL WATER ASSESSMENT

24th March, 2023, 11:00 – 12:15 (EDT)

ECOSOC, United Nations Headquarters in New York

As we convene for this session, a key objective is to establish a **science-policy platform** that supports sustainable water practices. It is our hope that through collaboration and dialogue, Member States, UN agencies, and other intergovernmental partners can align on shared values and objectives to further advance water sustainability efforts.

TIME		PROGRAMME
	10 min	<p>Opening address</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Wha-Jin Han, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Korea</p> <p>Mr. Xing Qu, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO</p>
11:00 – 11:40	28 min	<p>High-level intervention Science-based Global Water Assessment - commitment from member states</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Norbert Totschnig, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management of Austria H.E. Ms. Lydia Peeters, Flemish Minister for Mobility and Public Works H.E. Mr. Hani Sewilam, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt H.E. Ms. Anikó Raisz, Minister of State, State Secretary for Environmental Policy and Circular Economy, Ministry of Energy of Hungary H.E. Mr. Marek Gróbarczyk, Secretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure of Poland H.E. Mr. Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of Water and Sanitation of Senegal H.E. Ms. Hon Aisha Sekindi, Minister of State for Water of Uganda H.E. Mr. Bahodur Sheralizoda, Chair of the Environment Committee of Tajikistan Ms. Florika Fink-Hooijer from Director-General for Environment, European Commission Ms. Martha Delgado, Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms. Dwikorita Karnawati, Director of the Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics and Permanent Representative of Indonesia with WMO, Indonesia
	2 min	<p>Water Action Agenda</p> <p>Mr. Koen Verbist, Programme Specialist, UNESCO IHP</p>

* Ministers have concluded their proceedings at the current location and may depart

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11:40 – 12:15	7 min	Keynote Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Water Sustainability <i>Mr. Koen Verbist</i> , Programme Specialist, UNESCO IHP and <i>Mr. Stuart Bunn</i> , Planning Committee, SWFP
	20 min	Panel Discussion Way forward and implementation Moderator: <i>Mr. Abou Amani</i> , Director, Division of Water Sciences, Secretary, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme Panelists: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ms. Najat Mokhtar</i>, IAEA Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications <i>Ms. Andrea Meza</i>, Deputy Executive Secretary of the UNCCD <i>Ms. Susan Gardner</i>, Director of the Ecosystems Division and head of UNEP <i>High-level participation to be confirmed</i> UNDP <i>Mr. Johan Stander</i>, Director of the Services Department of WMO <i>Ms. Berit Arheimer</i>, President of IAHS <i>Mr. Anthony Bud</i>, Senior Advisor of ISC <i>Ms. María Antonia Gwynn</i>, Member of the Governing Council of ITAIPU Binacional <i>Mr. Ikjae Kim</i>, Senior researcher at the Korea Environment Institute <i>Mr. John Pomeroy</i>, Director of Global Water Futures Programme, University of Saskatchewan
	5 min	Question and Answers
	3 min	Closing remarks <i>Mr. Ok-joo Sohn</i> , Director-General of Water Resources Policy Bureau, Ministry of Environment and Co-chair of the IHP-ROK

- End of session -

Luncheon	(Time) 13:00 – 15:00 (Venue) UN West Terrace	Invited by Korean Ministry of Environment Host: <i>Mr. Kwansue Jung</i> , Co-chair of the IHP-ROK <i>* RSVP required</i>
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PARTNERS:

