OUTCOMES OF
the 2nd High-level International Conference on the
International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028
“Catalyzing water action and partnership at the local, national, regional and global levels”
6-9 June 2022, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

and

the Road to the UN 2023 Water Conference

Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda – Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High-
Level Panel on Water and Climate, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS
The 2nd Dushanbe Water Decade Conference - a key preparatory event for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.

**Key objectives**

- Sharing progress and constraints in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Water Action Decade, to catalase, galvanize and accelerate new pledges, actions and partnerships.

- Review the implementation of the Water Action Decade and progress made towards implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 and other water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.

**Co-Chairs**

**H.E. Mr. Qohir Rasulzoda,**
Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan

**H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin,**
United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

*The UN GA Resolution A/RES/75/212 calls on the offer of the Government of Tajikistan to use the high-level international conference in 2022 in Dushanbe as a platform to support an effective preparation for the midterm comprehensive review and ensure linkages with other water-related meetings that may serve to provide input for the preparatory process of the midterm Conference, e.g. high-level symposium on water during the UN Ocean Conference, Bonn Water Dialogue for Results, Asia-Pacific Water Summit and the ninth World Water Forum.*
2nd DUSHANBE WATER DECADE CONFERENCE

Participation

- 2500 offline and 500 online participants from 175 countries
- Official delegations from 75 countries
- Around 600 NGOs, Privat sectors, academic institutions, youth organizations and others
- Around 100 International Financial Institutions
  International Governmental Organizations
  Regional Organizations
  Basin Organizations
- 30 delegations of United Nations entities

Source: MFA Tajikistan
DUSHANBE WATER PROCESS

**Dushanbe Water Process**

- National Organizing Committee
- International Advisory Committee
- United Nations mechanisms to support the Water Action Decade
- Steering Committee of the Group of Friends of Water
- Conference Secretariat

**International Advisory Committee**

- **Members:** around 30 eminent experts
- **Co-chairs:** Tajikistan and the World Bank

To support preparation and convening of the Dushanbe conferences through development of the program and draft outcome documents as well as Decade implementation process.

To facilitate the involvement of stakeholders in the Dushanbe conferences and other Decade events through raising awareness and other campaigns.

Other activities aimed at achieving the goals of the Decade and Dushanbe Process.
2nd DUSHANBE WATER DECADE CONFERENCE

Program

- Five Conference Forums
- Conference’s opening and closing ceremonies
- High level plenary sessions
- Twelve thematic and Interactive Panels
- Eleven side-events on different aspects of the water issues

Activities:

- #RUNBLUE Global Water Marathon
- Excursions
- Dushanbe Water Festival
- Exhibition
Conference Forums

Five forums were convened the first day of the conference, right before the opening. Major groups exchanged views, made suggestions, identified challenges and possible solutions on various water-related issues and topics at global, country and local levels.

- Regional Forum on Water Cooperation in Central Asia
- Youth and Children’s Water Forum
- Women Water Forum
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Forum
- Forum on Water and Mountains

Source: MFA Tajikistan
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Conference Final Declaration “From Dushanbe 2022 to New York 2023” has been prepared through comprehensive consultation with UN member-states, international and regional organizations and other stakeholders including women and youth.

Dushanbe Declaration identified concrete actions to achieve the goals of the Water Action Decade, as well as Key Messages to the UN 2023 Water Conference;

Development of the Water Action Agenda, the Global Water and Climate Information Services, National Water Roadmaps towards 2030, “Water and Climate Youth Development Plan Agenda”, as well as the proposal of an International Year of Glaciers Preservation, 2025 are among many new initiatives and actions to support achieving SDG6 and other water related goals and targets included in the Dushanbe Declaration.
UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

- **Date and venue**: 22-24 March 2023, New York, UN Headquarters
- **Key objective**: Support to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- **Presidents of the Conference**: Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands
- **Secretary-General of the Conference**: Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations
- **Preparatory meeting**: a one-day preparatory meeting, by November 2022, New York, UN Headquarters, stakeholders are welcome as observers
- **Website**: United Nations 2023 Water Conference | Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

Core Group:
Tajikistan, the Netherlands – Co-chairs,
UN DESA and UN Water – Secretariat

Developed document:
• Concept Note;
• Vision Statement (document and visual);
• Road Map (graphic and table);
• Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Strategy.

Progress to date:
• Bonn Conference (July 2021)
• Group of Friends on Water Meeting (Oct 2021)
• COP26 Water Pavilion (Nov 2021)
• Dushanbe Workshop (Feb 2022)
• World Water Forum Senegal (March 2022)
• UN Water Briefing (April 2022)
• Member State Briefing (April 2022)
• IAC meetings for the Dushanbe Conference (2020, 2021, 2022)
• Meetings, events, more to come (APWS, Oceans, HLPF, UNGA, Cairo Water Week, COP27, PGA event, …)
• Dushanbe Conference June 2022
VISION STATEMENT UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

OUR WATERSHED MOMENT: UNITING THE WORLD FOR WATER

WE SEE OPPORTUNITIES!

LEVERAGE FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

CLIMATE RESILIENT

WATER IS CROSS-SECTORAL

INCLUSIVE

WE MUST WORK 4 TIMES FASTER TO GET ON TRACK

WATER AQUATION AND GOALS

WE ALL UNDERSTAND VALUE & MANAGE WATER BETTER AND TAKE CONCERTED ACTION

ENSURING A WATER SECURE WORLD, FOR ALL, BY 2030

LONG TERM APPROACH

ỌN SYSTEM WIDE APPROACH

CO-Hosts of Conference: THE NETHERLANDS

DATE & VENUE: 22-24 MARCH 2023

NEW YORK

WITH THE SUPPORT OF

UNITED NATIONS

UN WATER
The Conference Program

➢ Plenaries
  • 6 Plenaries
  • Member States have a space to make their statements
  • Relevant stakeholders can be accredited to be observers (through special accreditation process to be started soon)

➢ Interactive Dialogues
  • 5 Dialogues
  • Member States and stakeholders are consulted on the Themes for the Interactive Dialogues
  • United Nations 2023 Water Conference | Department of Economic and Social Affairs

➢ Special Events
  • Co-hosts decided to strive to organize 3-5 Special Events, scope: 50-200 people

➢ Side Events
  • Member States and other stakeholders will organize many side events that are cross-cutting and aim for action

➢ Cultural elements and more
  • Marathons, exhibitions, action zones; the sky is the limit
The Conference will help set the agenda until 2030, and thereafter, in two ways:

1. Deliver a summary of the Conference proceedings

2. Present a set of voluntary commitments - in a Water Action Agenda - to get the world back on track:
   - Scale up and replicate what works
   - Discontinue or change what does not work
   - Innovate what needs to be improved
   - Fund what merits funding

3. Roadmap towards 2028 (Decade) and 2030 (SDGs)
   - Commitments can come through coalitions and partnerships across all of society
Tajikistan and the Netherlands’ Cooperation, Partnership and Friendship ‘From Source to Sea’
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!