## World Water Day 2024

Water as a catalyst for cooperative climate action and peace

22 March 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 CET

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| 10:00 – 10:10 | **Opening**  
Welcome remarks: WMO Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo  
Master of the Ceremony: Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, WMO |
| 10:10 – 10:15 | Introductory remarks: Ambassador Anita Pipan, Permanent Representative of Slovenia |
| 10:15 – 10:20 | **Presentation of the main messages of the World Water 2024 theme**: Bruce Gordon, UN-Water Vice-Chair |
| 10:20 – 11:20 | **Panel discussion**  
Moderator: Sibylle Vermont, Deputy Head of Global Affairs Section in the International Affairs Division, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland and member of the Water Convention Bureau  
Panellists:  
- **Permanent Representative of Iraq**: Ambassador Abdul-Karim Hashim Mostafa  
- **Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone**: Ambassador Lansana Gberie  
- **UNECE**: Francesca Bernardini, Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation Section  
- **WMO**: Sulagna Mishra, WMO Scientific Officer  
- **IOM**: Ugochi Daniels, IOM Deputy Director General of Operations  
- **Geneva Water Hub**: Caroline Pellaton, GWH Corporate Operations Manager  
- **Global Water Partnership**: Alan AtKisson, GWP Executive Secretary |
| 11:20 – 11:30 | **Closing**  
Master of the Ceremony: Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, WMO |