



8th Session of the
**MEETING OF THE PARTIES
TO THE WATER CONVENTION**
10-12 OCTOBER 2018 | ASTANA | KAZAKHSTAN

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Draft Programme of the High-Level Segment

Wednesday 10 October 2018

09:30–10:20 am

OPENING

Opening by Mr. Peter Kovacs, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties

Speech by Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan

Video message of Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Speech by Ms. Olga Algayerova, United Nations Under Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Speech by Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Cultural programme

**10:40 am–1:00 pm
and 3:00–5:00 pm**

SPECIAL SESSION – TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION: SHARING WATER FOR PEOPLE, PLANET, PROSPERITY AND PEACE

An artist perception of transboundary water cooperation: introduction of the art installation by Ms. Carolina Caycedo, Artist

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Part 1 – Transboundary water cooperation and water allocation: preventing conflict and ensuring peace and stability

Moderator: Ms. Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

Panel discussion

Mr. Mansour Faye, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal

Mr. Shavkat Khamraev, Minister of Water Resources, Uzbekistan (tbc)

Mr. Khan Mohammad Takal, Deputy Minister of Water, Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan

Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, former President of Slovenia, Lead Policy Advisor to the Geneva Water Hub

Mr. Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission

Mr. Walter Obando Licera, Head of the National Water Authority, Peru

Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Director for Global Sustainable Development, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission

Mr. Pio Wennubst, Ambassador, Vice-Director General, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation

Statements from the floor by high level officials (3 minutes max per statement)

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1:00-3:00 pm

Lunch break – Side events

3:00–5:00 pm

Part 2 – Sharing waters in the context of growing water scarcity: how can transboundary water cooperation make a difference?

Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Member of the Bureau of the Convention, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Panel discussion

Ms. Lydie Beassemda, Minister of Production, Irrigation and Agricultural Equipment, Chad

Mr. Simon K. Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Kenya

Mr. Yerlan Nyssanbayev, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Kazakhstan

Ms. Svetlana Radchenko, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Russian Federation

Mr. Nuno Lacasta, President of the Environment Agency, Portugal

Mr. Grigory Mazmanians, Director for Central Asia, World Wide Fund for Nature

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