

INVITATION

WATER IN THE 2030 AGENDA: HLPF 2019

Thursday 11 July

Water, crucial to achieve the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2019

Side event

Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

**Venue: Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, 871
United Nations Plaza, New York, Auditorium**

SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation provides a unique opportunity to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda due to the central role of water in advancing human rights, reducing poverty and inequality and enabling peace, justice and sustainability in all its dimensions. The crosscutting importance of water and sanitation in achieving the SDGs is recognized in the UN-Water SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018 and further explored in three regional policy papers in 2019 (Africa, Arab Region, Latin America and the Caribbean). Identifying and understanding the interlinkages between SDG 6 and other SDGs is critical for increasing policy coherence and effectiveness at regional and national scales, and for facilitating integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

This side event will focus on the critical role of water in the realization of the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2019.

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1. Welcome and introductory remarks (10')

Ambassador Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, UN-Water Secretary

2. Water, crucial to realize the SDGs under review in HLPF 2019: findings and policy messages from Africa, Arab States and Latin America (10')

Dr. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

3. Panel discussion: Accelerating integrated action at regional and country level (45')

Moderator: Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr, Global Water Partnership (GWP)

- Water financing and economic growth

Mr David Mahlobo, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa.

- Integrated Approaches for Sustainable Development Goals Planning: the ESCAP methodology piloted in Asia and the Pacific

Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Director, UN ESCAP

- Reducing inequalities through accelerated action on SDG6

Carlos Estévez Valencia, Legislative advisor, former Water Director General, Chile and WWAP consultant

- Water for peace, justice and inclusive institutions

Sigrun Rawit, Deputy Director of SIPRI, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (tbc)

4. Public dialogue and Q&A (20')

5. Closing remarks (5')

The event is followed by a reception

For further questions, please contact Verena Klinger-Dering (verena.klinger-dering@diplo.de)

We are looking forward to your participation!

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Friday 12 July

Deep dive: Climate change and water

Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York

The global climate crisis is inextricably linked to water. Climate change increases variability in the water cycle, inducing extreme weather events, reducing the predictability of water availability, affecting water quality and threatening sustainable development and biodiversity worldwide.

Growing demand for water increases the need for energy-intensive water pumping, transportation, and treatment, and has contributed to the degradation of critical water-dependent carbon sinks such as peatlands. And, some climate change mitigation measures, such as the expanded use of biofuels, are further exacerbating water scarcity.

In this side event, UN-Water will launch an update of its Policy Brief on Climate Change and Water. Participants will get a chance to discuss the significant co-benefits to managing climate and water in a more coordinated and sustainable manner and discover solutions that are being implemented by a growing number of countries.

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Introduction by moderator - Kali Taylor, Advisor, SDG Lab

1:15-1:20 pm Welcome remarks and summary from the 11 July event on interlinkages - David Mahlobo, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa.

1:20-1:25 pm Launch of the UN-Water Policy Brief on Climate Change and Water - Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

1:25-1:30 pm Water, climate change and the importance of education - Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO

1:30-1:40 pm Presentation of the UN-Water Policy Brief on Water and Climate - Ingrid Timboe, water and climate expert

1:40-1:45 pm Climate, water scarcity and solar energy for water supply - Kelly Ann Naylor, Associate Director, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Programme Division UNICEF

1:45-1:50 pm Mobilising for a Water Secure World - Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary & CEO, Global Water Partnership

1:50-1:55 pm Sustainable Development Goal 6 Data Portal - Nicolas Franke, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

1:55-2:05 pm Country Perspectives - H.E. Teburoro Tito, Permanent Representative of Kiribati to the United Nations in New York, Lise Gregoire-van Haaren, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York

2:05-2:30 pm Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks

For further questions, please contact [Leanne Burney, UN-Water Programme Officer \(leanne.burney@unwater.org\)](mailto:leanne.burney@unwater.org)

We are looking forward to your participation!
