



Transformative Climate Finance Day

11 December 2023
Water Pavilion

Draft Agenda

Context & Objective

Water continues to be the first adaptation area prioritized in national updated NDCs. Measures for enhancing availability, efficiency and quality of water supplies including enhancing or building water infrastructure and water resource plans, strategies and systems are listed in 87% of the NDC adaptation components¹. However, most of these measures are not prepared to be packaged into bankable investments and ready for financing and implementation.

At the same time, the first synthesis report of the Global Stocktake slated to conclude during COP28 revealed that collective progress on adaptation is not yet sufficient to protect communities and ecosystems from increasingly frequent and intense impacts and must undergo a step change in fulfilling the ambition laid out in the Paris Agreement. The synthesis report calls for a rapid adaptation finance scaling up from expanded and innovative sources

The “Transforming Climate Finance Day” aims to bring together stakeholders from different sectors and with different responsibilities to discuss investment opportunities and needs, explore the different sources of financing and conceive required technical and capacity enhancement support. The Day events will offer also a platform to showcase innovative solutions and success stories to inspire stakeholders towards increasing the amount and effectiveness of funds for water climate resilience and share recommendations that can be brought to the attention of decision-makers and the formal processes of UNFCCC negotiations.

¹ UNFCCC (2022), Nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement - Synthesis report by the secretariat

Agenda of the Day

08h30 -09h00

Opening Ceremony

Moderated by: Bapon Fakhruddin – Green Climate Fund

Keynote: Ms. Meike van Ginneken, Dutch Special Envoy for International Water Affairs

- Marie-Laure Vercambre, Director General, French Water Partnership
- Mr. Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary - GWPSA, GWP Global Head – Climate Resilience

09h00 –10h15

*Convened by
GWP, FWP &
GCF*

Session 1: Water climate resilient investment needs and opportunities

Moderated by Dr. Sarra Touzi, Senior Water and Climate Resilience Specialist, Global Water Partnership

Panel Speakers:

- Ms. Yogita Mumssen, Manager, Global Team for Water, World Bank
- Ms. Jessica Laguardia, Head of the Climate Change Unit, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, El Salvador
- Ms. Gayane Hovsepyan, Head of Water Resources Management Department of the Ministry of Environment, Armenia
- Mr. Kenneth Nyundu, Director General for the Water Resources Management Authority, Zambia
- Eng. Mwajuma J. Waziri, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water, Tanzania
- Ms. Tahani Sileet, Head of Central Department for External Cooperation, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt (TBC)

10h45-12h30

*Convened by
CDP, Valuing
Water Initiative
(Dutch
Government),
OECD*

Session 2: Bridging the investment gap: Fetching financing sources & Influencing Investments

Sub-session 1: Water & climate finance talk (TED format)

- **Keynote:** Mainstreaming water in finance: Ms. Naoko Ishii, Executive Vice President and Director, Center for Global Commons, University of Tokyo and Commissioner of the Global Commission on the Economics of Water
- **Outcomes of Water Financing Roundtables:** Beth Dunford (TBC), Vice President of the Agriculture, Human and Social Development Complex at the African Development Bank Group
- **Youth perspectives on financing water :** Elizabeth Wathuti, (TBC) Green Climate Fund Youth Champion

- **Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) Financing Sources Pyramid:**
Mr. Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary - GWPSA, and GWP Global Head
– Climate Resilience

Sub-session 2: Facilitated discussions from the floor

Debate 1: Importance of mandatory disclosure and private sector involvement around the climate-water nexus.

Facilitated by Claire Elsdon, CDP Global Director Capital Markets,

Debate 2: Climate Risks and Opportunities in Water Management: Beyond Efficiency to Resilience.

Facilitated by John Matthews, AGWA

Debate 3: Water-Carbon Nexus: Leveraging Carbon Credits to Drive Sustainable Water Solutions for Smallholder Farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa

Facilitated by Sweeny Binsari, Solidaridad

13h00-14h00
Convened by GWP, K water, World Bank, AIP Continental Africa Water Investment Programme

Session 3: Celebration of the Water Change Makers Awards: Scaling-up innovative climate finance and technologies for a water secure world

High Level opening of the Water Changemakers

H.E. Kefentse Mzwinila, Botswana Minister of Lands Water and Water Affairs

Mr. Saroj Kumar, Global Water Director - World Bank

Mr. Seog-dae Yun, CEO of K-water, Honorary Chair- Changemakers Innovation Award

Showcasing the Water Changemakers Awards 2023 Winners

Awards: (a) Inclusion, (b) Innovation, (C) Scalability

Chair's Recognition:

Innovation, Diversity, and Inclusion

Youth Water Changemaker

Investment Match-making innovators with Investors

Venture partners: AgFunder; Waterplan and Wilo

Stories of Innovation by Water Changemakers-Video



15h00-16h00

*Convened by
GWP, GWF and
FWP*

Session 4: Boosting water resilience investments: Enhancing support for stakeholders

Market Place: stop & connect

- **Technical support:**
Dr. Markus Repnik, Director of the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) Secretariat
- **Countries readiness:**
Dr. Sarra Touzi, Senior Water and Climate Resilience Specialist
Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- **Capacity building /South-South cooperation**
Dr. Birguy Lamizana, Senior Programme Officer,
Global Mechanism, UNCCD
- **Disasters and Humanitarian Support:**
Marie-Sarra Bouloumou, Advocacy Officer (Water & Sanitation)
Islamic Relief France

16h30-18h00

Convened by International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa, GWP, GCF, FWP

Session 5: International High-Level Panel Ministerial: Accelerating Investments: linking opportunities, sources and partnerships

Moderator: Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary - GWPSA, and GWP Global Head – Climate Resilience



Welcome remarks.

- African Union Commission - DREA
- AUDA NEPAD CEO

Statements from Ministers from the Co-Chairs of the High-Level Panel

- Mohamed C.B.C Diatta, Sherpa Republic of Senegal

Accelerating climate resilient water investments: linking water and climate change opportunities, finance sources, and partnerships

Keynote Address - Mr. Henry Gonzalez, Deputy Executive Director, GCF

Ministerial discussion by water and climate change

- Hon. Prof. Hani Sewilam, AMCOW President, Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt
- Hon. Jumaa Aweso, Minister of Water – United Republic of Tanzania
- Hon. Malcolm Stufkens, Vice-Minister of Energy, Natural Resources, Environment and Mines - Republic of Honduras
- Hon. Sam Cheptoris, Minister of Water and Environment - Republic of Uganda
- Hon. Nizar Baraka, Minister of Equipment and Water – Kingdom of Morocco
- Hon. Lalya Aly Kamara, Minister of Environment - Islamic Republic of Mauritania

High Level Panel & Sessions Convenors:

