

Clean Water is Our Human Right

Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 1pm - 3:30pm, EST

For In-person or virtual participation - [RSVP Here:](#)

The NGOCS-D-NY together with our Co-Host the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the UN and our partner organizations are proud to support the UN2023 Water Conference which will take place at UN Headquarters in New York, 22-24 March. During our hybrid session we will highlight the initiatives of experts and stakeholders from different sectors and regions who will share their innovative solutions and concepts ensuring this vital resource can continue to sustain healthy life on our planet. We are dedicated to working in partnership with our colleagues at the UN to support global and local communities in developing collaborations for the success of the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the UN2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to “Leave No One Behind.” The Water Conference serves as an important prelude to the 2023 UN High Level Political Forum which this year will feature SDGs #6 Clean Water & Sanitation, #7 Clean Energy, #9 Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, #11 on Sustainable Cities and #17 on Partnerships for the Goals as well as the SDG Summit taking place in September 2023 during the UN78th General Assembly. We continually strive to emphasize the connections among all of the SDGs. We will also share updates on UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’ “Our Common Agenda” and the Summit for the Future.

Welcome & Co-Moderators

- Margo LaZaro, President and Chair of the NGOCS-D-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family, Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster for the UN High Level Political Forum
- Daniel Perell, UN Representative of the Baha’i International Community & Co-Chair of the Coalition for the UN We Need

Opening Reflections

- H.E. Dr. Michal Mlynar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the UN

Keynote Reflections

- Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands, Sherpa for the UN 2023 Water Conference
- Sultan Rahimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to the High -Level Panel on Water and Climate Leaders
- Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner for Policy & Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff NYC Mayor’s Office for International Affairs
- Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer at the Outreach and Partnerships Branch Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs
- Gustavo Saltiel, Global Lead for Water Supply and Sanitation of the Water Global Practice at the World Bank

Concepts for Sustainable Water

- Jan W. Dash, PhD, Editor-in-Chief of the Climate Action, Research, and Policy of World Scientific, 2023
- Helen Holden Slottje, Esq., Slottje Law, and the 2014 Goldman Environmental Prize Winner for North America
- Susana Rojas Williams, Regional Coordinator of Sanitation & Water for All for Latin America & the Caribbean
- Adam Taylor, Founder and Executive Director. of MIGO Group
- Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, President of Women for Water Partnership
- David Michael Terungwa, PhD; Environmental Management, Executive Director of Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation in Nigeria
- Farwa Aamer, Research Analyst with the Stimson Center’s Energy, Water, & Sustainability Program
- Dr. Andrise Bass, BSCJ, MBA, Ph.D, President and Founder of Humanitarian Focus Foundation
- Amrita Gautam, Civil Engineer, Doctoral Researcher, Founder of drinkPani Nepal, President of SI Koeln Kolumba, Germany

Updates on UN Secretary-General’s “Our Common Agenda” and the Summit for the Future

- Jeffery Huffines, Senior Advisor of the Coalition for the UN We Need and Together First

Interactive Dialogue Exchange

Partners: The Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the UN, PVBLIC Foundation, Coalition for the UN We Need, Baha’i International Community, SDG Relief Fund, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet, Perkins Eastman, The Stimson Center, NGO/MG Urban Cluster, RecycleGO Inc, StartUpAfrica Inc, Global Family, Youth for a Better World-MMUN, Soroptimist International, Zonta International, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Global Urban Development, Huairou Commission, General Assembly of Partners, Global Family for Love & Peace, Debate for Peace, Together First, ICW, GNEC, CoNGO, and UNA-USA Council of Organization.

*****You are welcome to join our Hybrid meeting either virtually via Zoom or in-person at the Baha’i International Community UN Center, located at 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120 in NYC ***Registration is required as seating is limited. You must RSVP and bring your Government Issued Photo ID with proof of Covid vaccines and a mask.**

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