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## WEBINAR

### The UN 2023 Water Conference: What progress for the humanitarian sector?

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Organised in the framework of the online course on "International Water Law", this webinar focuses on the protection of freshwater systems in times of armed conflict in the light of the UN 2023 Water Conference.

The following questions will be addressed during the webinar: What are the impacts of attacks or damage on freshwater systems and on the civilian population? What precautionary measures can be adopted by parties to an armed conflict to prevent these impacts? Does International Humanitarian Law (IHL) provide sufficient protection to water systems in the conduct of hostilities? Did the UN Water Conference advance the protection of water systems in times of armed conflict, particularly in light of the informal debate held in the Security Council on 22 March 2023 at the initiative of Switzerland and Mozambique?

#### AGENDA

Moderator: **Dr Mara Tignino** - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Institute of Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva; Lead Legal Specialist, Platform for International Water Law, Geneva Water Hub.

- Introductory remarks – **Affo Bôni Adjama** – Director of the Cabinet of the Ministry of Water and Hydraulic of the Republic of Togo.
- The role of International Humanitarian Law in protecting water systems during armed conflicts – **Zakaria Daboné**, Professor, University Nazi Boni (Burkina Faso).
- Operational approaches to the protection of water systems during armed conflicts – **Dr Caroline Pellaton**, Operational Director, Geneva Water Hub.
- The call to action for survival and resilient water, sanitation and health (WASH) responses for the UN 2023 Water Conference - **Marc-André Bünzli**, WASH Advisor, Humanitarian Aid, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).
- The ICRC at the UN Water Conference: what results? – **David Kaelin**, Urban Services and Policy Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Exchanges with participants