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**The UN 2023 Water Conference:
Perspectives for Cooperation,
Peace and Development**

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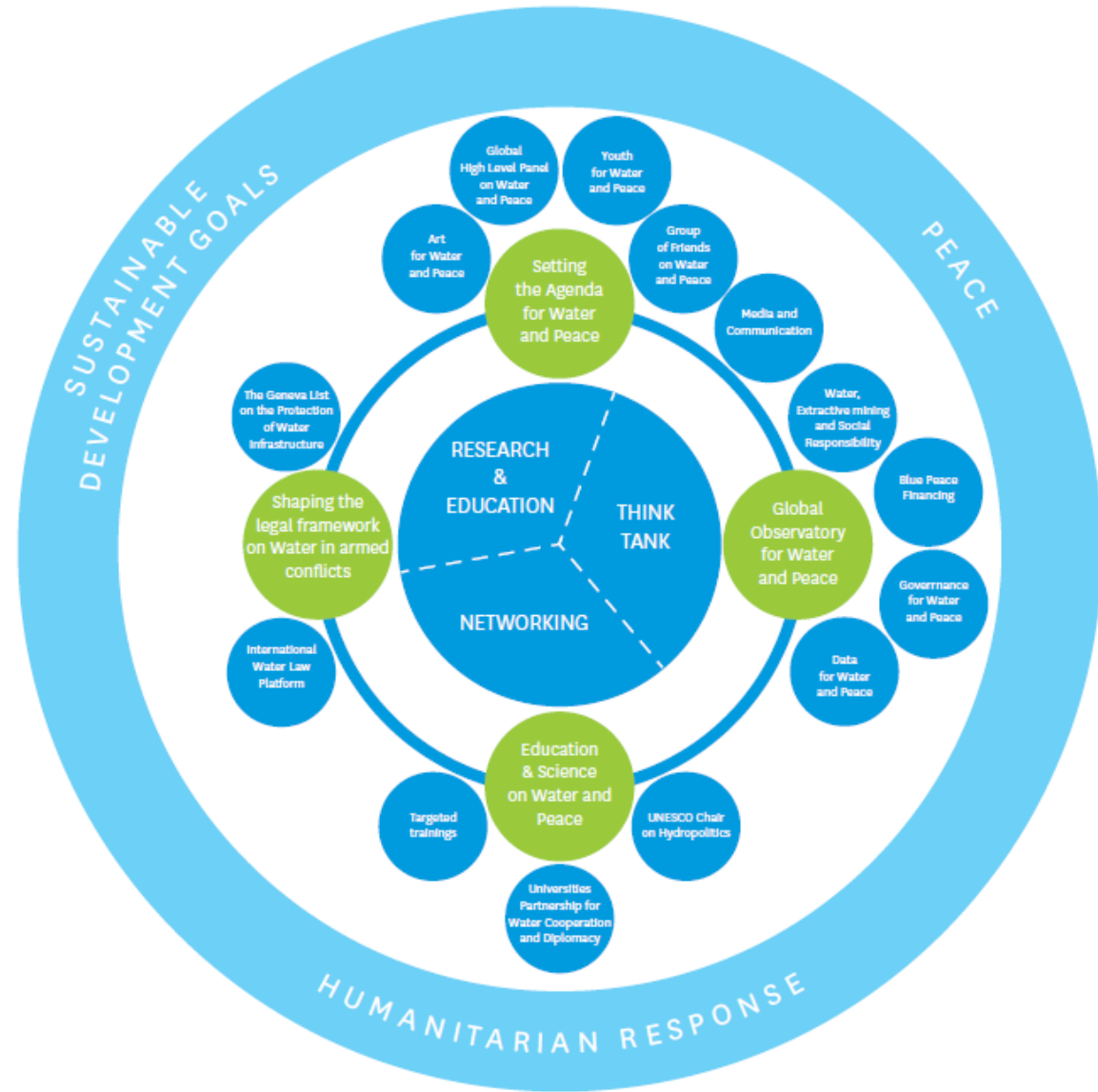
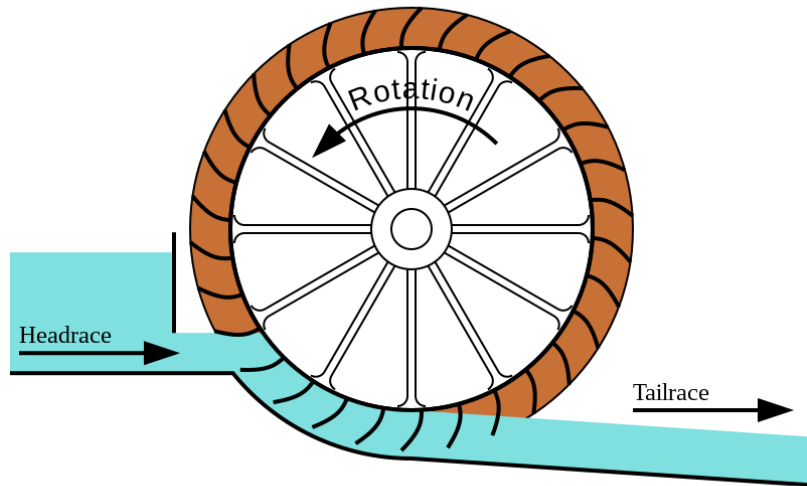
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In two words...

*A Science-Diplomacy
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Water for Peace
Anchored at the
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We contribute to A
World where Water
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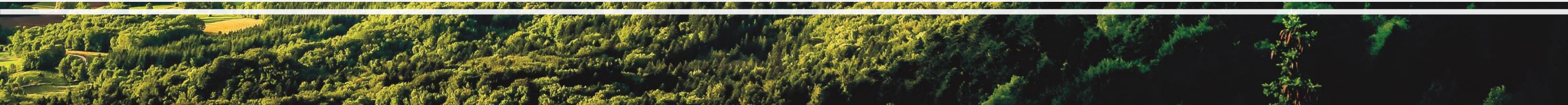
- Launched in 2014 ((Phase 1 : 2014-2017, Phase 2 : 2017-2020, Phase 3 : 2020-2023, Phase 4: 2023 - 2026)
- A partnership between UNIGE and SDC, and currently being anchored at the Graduate Institute

How we work





Perspective from Geneva



Our objective and ideal vision for the UN 2023 Water Conference

Ensure that water as a driver for peace is included in the outcomes of the UN 2023 Water Conference, with an emphasis on the transboundary aspects and protection of water.

Making the link between the local & global approaches

Discrepancy between A/RES/75/212 and expectations after 46 years.



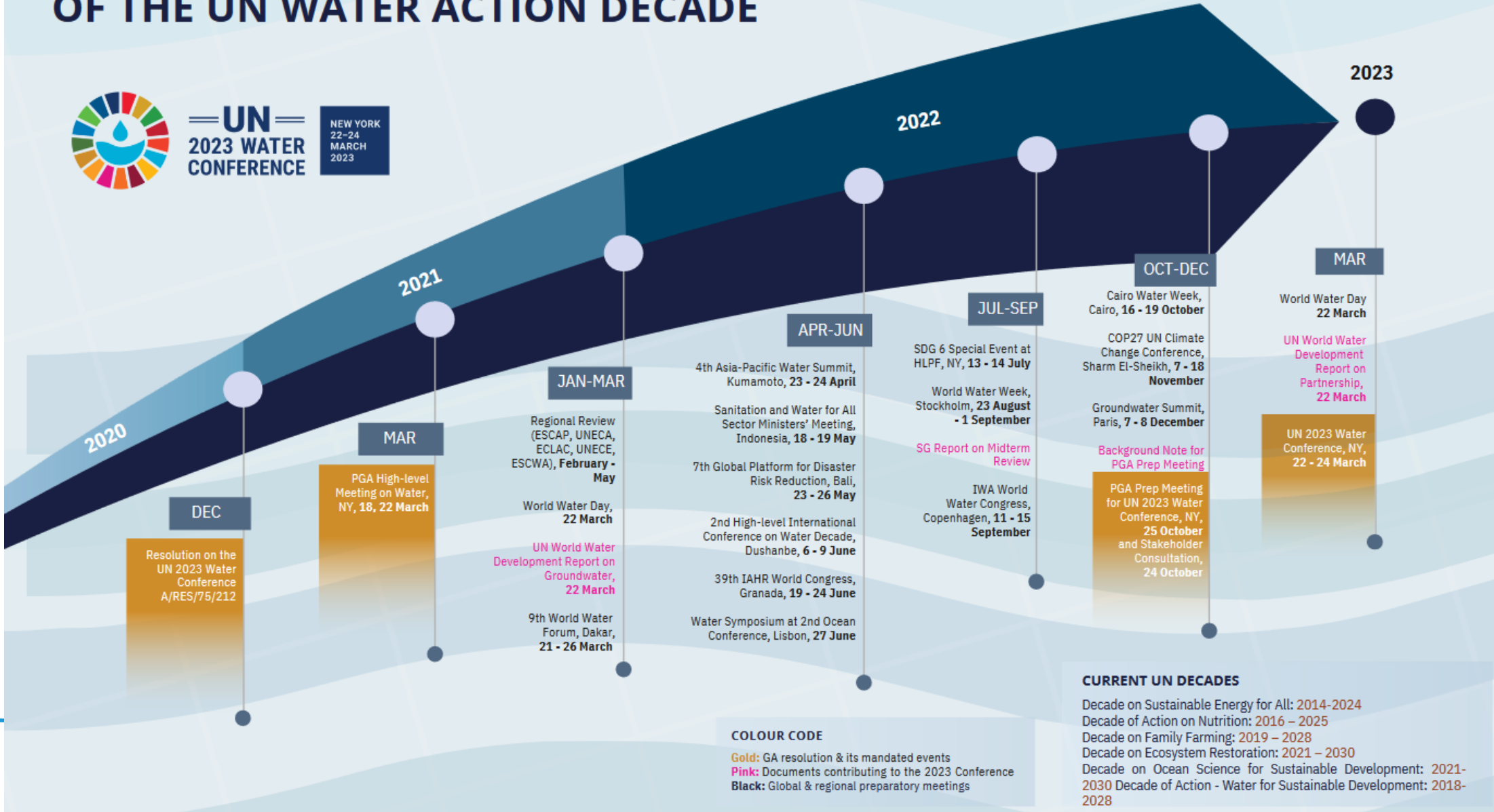
A watershed moment for the SDGs

ROADMAP TO THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN WATER ACTION DECADE



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2020

DEC

Resolution on the UN 2023 Water Conference A/RES/75/212

MAR

PGA High-level Meeting on Water, NY, 18, 22 March

2021

JAN-MAR

Regional Review (ESCAP, UNECA, ECLAC, UNECE, ESCWA), February - May
World Water Day, 22 March
UN World Water Development Report on Groundwater, 22 March
9th World Water Forum, Dakar, 21 - 26 March

APR-JUN

4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Kumamoto, 23 - 24 April
Sanitation and Water for All Sector Ministers' Meeting, Indonesia, 18 - 19 May
7th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Bali, 23 - 26 May
2nd High-level International Conference on Water Decade, Dushanbe, 6 - 9 June
39th IAHR World Congress, Granada, 19 - 24 June
Water Symposium at 2nd Ocean Conference, Lisbon, 27 June

2022

JUL-SEP

SDG 6 Special Event at HLPF, NY, 13 - 14 July
World Water Week, Stockholm, 23 August - 1 September
SG Report on Midterm Review
IWA World Water Congress, Copenhagen, 11 - 15 September

OCT-DEC

Cairo Water Week, Cairo, 16 - 19 October
COP27 UN Climate Change Conference, Sharm El-Sheikh, 7 - 18 November
Groundwater Summit, Paris, 7 - 8 December
Background Note for PGA Prep Meeting
PGA Prep Meeting for UN 2023 Water Conference, NY, 25 October and Stakeholder Consultation, 24 October

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UN World Water Development Report on Partnership, 22 March
UN 2023 Water Conference, NY, 22 - 24 March

2023

CURRENT UN DECADES

- Decade on Sustainable Energy for All: 2014-2024
- Decade of Action on Nutrition: 2016 - 2025
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- Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021 - 2030
- Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: 2021-2030
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COLOUR CODE

- Gold: GA resolution & its mandated events
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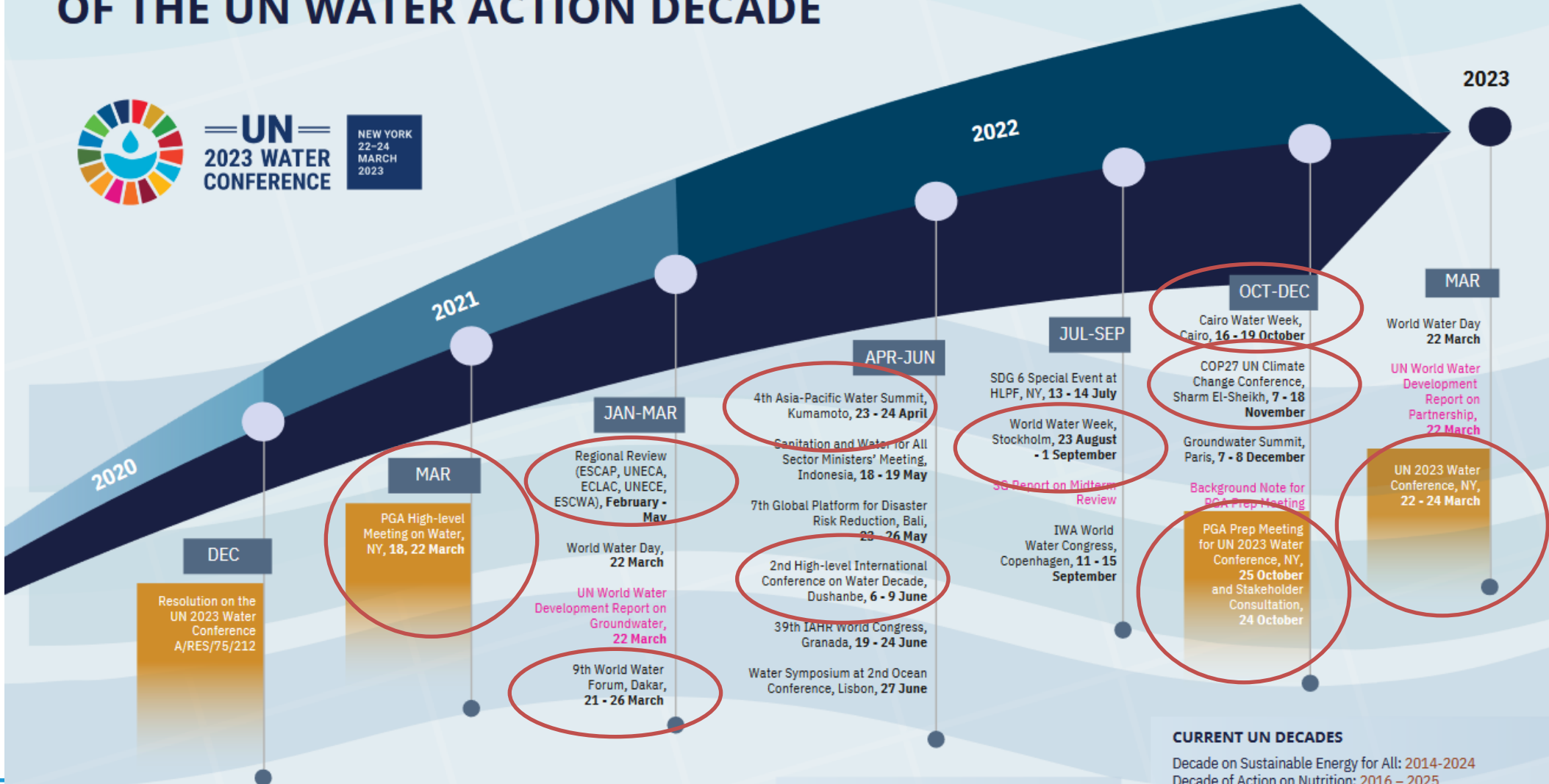


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Evolution of narrative



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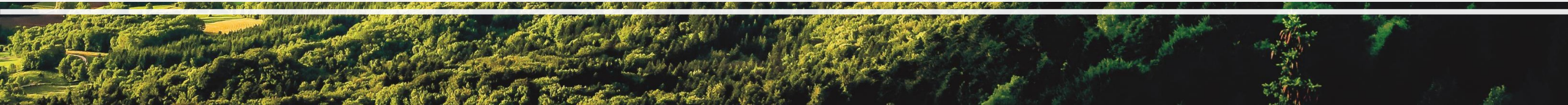
"Water security for peace and development."



Sharing Water and
Sparing Water – for
Peace.



Perspective from Geneva





Our action at the UN 2023 Water Conference

Sharing Water & Sparing Water – for Peace

Making the link between the local & global approaches

Acting as a *Hub*

Bringing in non-traditional Water Actors

Interactive Dialogues

"Interactive Dialogue 4 - Water for Cooperation"

Thursday 23 March, 15:00 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 4

Side Events

"Water, Peace, and Security in Africa"

Wednesday 22 March, 11:00-12:15 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, UN HQ, ECOSOC Chamber

"Sparing water systems in armed conflicts"

Wednesday 22 March, 11:00-12:15 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 6

"Leaving no one behind"

Thursday 23 March, 8:00-9:15 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 9

"Sharing Water in Fragile Contexts: Lessons from the Sahel"

Thursday 23 March, 9:30-10:45 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 7

"Water security and Peace building in Africa: challenges and opportunities for African basin organizations"

Thursday 23 March, 10:00-11:15 EST/GMT+5, UNEP/New York Office

"Committing to advance transboundary water cooperation worldwide for sustainable development, climate action, stability and peace"

Thursday 23 March, 18:30-19:45 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, UN HQ, ECOSOC Chamber

"Towards an inclusive, pre-emptive, and positive hydro-diplomacy"

Thursday 23 March, 18:30-19:45 EST/GMT+5, OUTSIDE UN HQ (Location TBD)

"Water Leadership: Uniting for a Sustainable World"

Friday 24 March, 10:00-13:40 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 2

"Water for Nature, Nature for Water: Integrated Policy Solutions and Commitments for Sustainable Development and the Conservation, Restoration and Management of Freshwater Biodiversity"

Friday 24 March, 11:00-12:15 EST/GMT+5, Conference Room C

"The Fouta Djallon Highlands : Visions & Actions to safeguard the Water Tower of West Africa"

Friday 24 March, 14:00-15:15 EST/GMT+5, UN HQ, Conference Room 8

Virtual Events

"Prevention and management of water conflicts in Mexico: novel approaches to the Land-Water- Human Rights - Health nexus"

Friday 24 March, 11:00-12:30 EST/GMT+5, 10:00-11:30 CDMX

Sharing Water & Sparing Water – for *Peace*

Bringing in non-traditional water actors & acting as a hub



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#ActionForWASH

CALL TO ACTION FOR SURVIVAL & RESILIENT WASH

IN THE COURSE OF THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

Aiming to strengthen the WASH sector via strong and inclusive actions, the **Advocacy for WASH initiative** of the WASH Road Map developed a Call To Action for survival and resilient Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) around the **United Nations 2023 Water Conference (UN23WC)**. The last edition of this high-level meeting took place over 45 years ago and not enough has been done since to offer the humanitarian WASH sector needed resources and



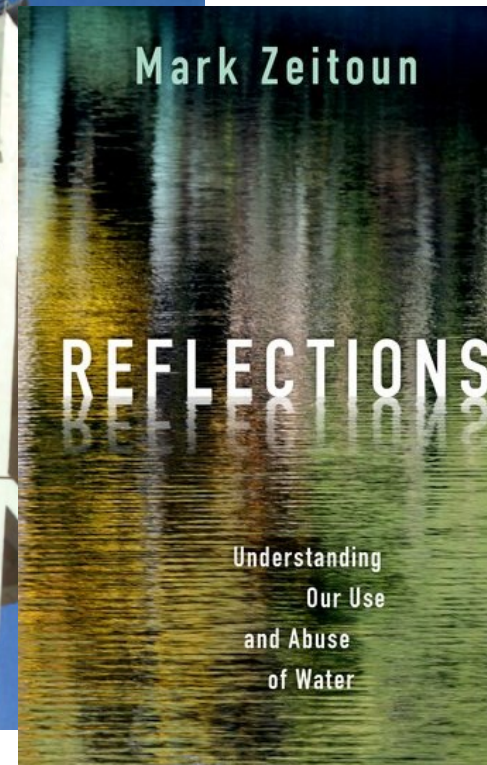
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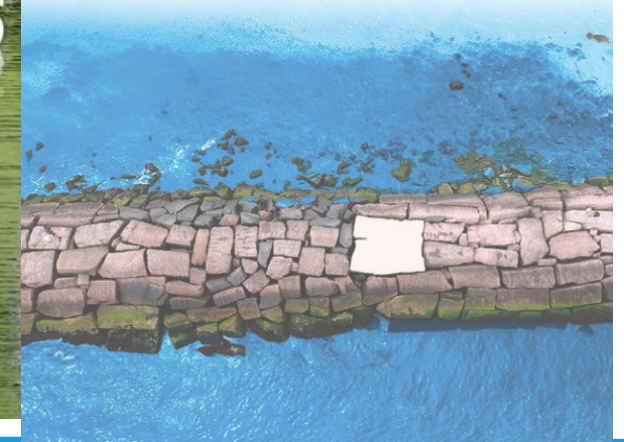
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Supported by key publications & reflections



Missing the "Peace" piece of the Water Puzzle

Global Observatory for Water and Peace Brief for the UN 2023 Water Conference

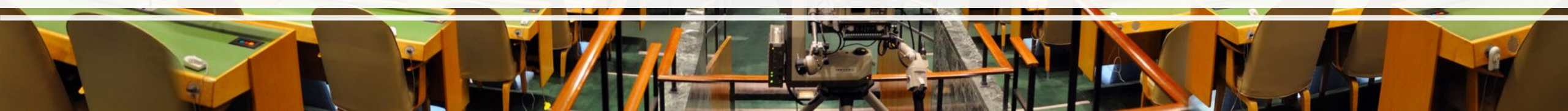




Our action at the UN 2023 Water Conference

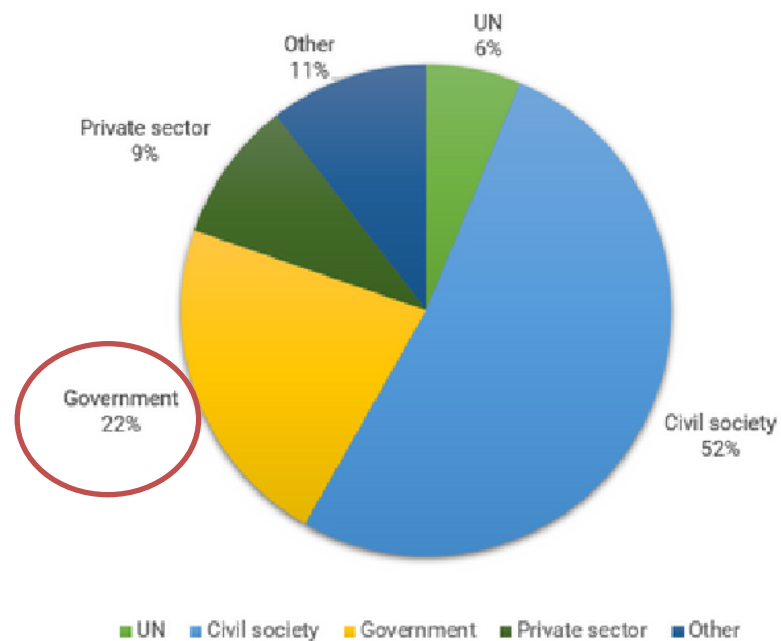


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Water Action Agenda

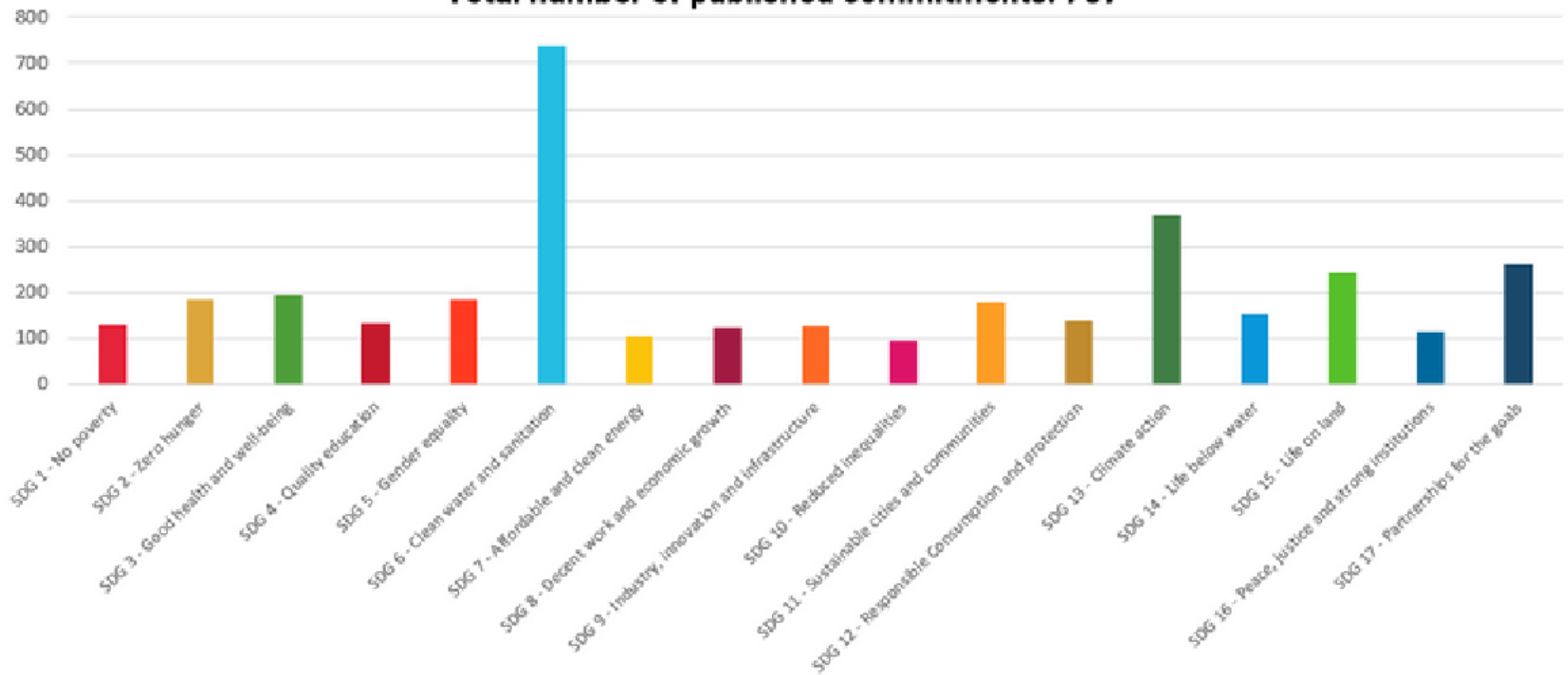
Commitments by entity



Note:
'Civil society' includes: NGOs, CSOs, Academic, Scientific community and IGOs.
'Other' includes: Partnerships, Philanthropic, Local government, Other

Commitments by thematic area

Total number of published commitments: 737



Water Action Agenda – 131 Commitments on SDG 16

National Water Program (PNH, 2020-2024) of Mexico



Strengthening evidence-based water assessments: A commitment to elevate the role of science in global water management



A Rising Tide of support for women in water diplomacy



Financial support for Capacity Building and sustainable resource management / Access to safe water and sanitation for all



Observatorios Ciudadanos del Agua



Promoting hydro-diplomacy, cooperative action, and multi-stakeholder engagement on transboundary water issues



Empowering First Nations Voice



Safe Drinking Water Act



Water and soil as guiding principles for landusepolicies.



Engagement citoyen dans la transition écologique et le développement urbain durable. (Cas de la Ville de Bizerte)



Team Europe Initiative on Transboundary Water Management in Africa



Valuing Water Initiative 2.0



Support to the promotion and strengthening of transboundary water cooperation globally, for the environment, development, health, peace and stability



Secours Islamique France commitments to overcome the water and sanitation crisis



Support and empower communities to hold governments accountable for provision of sustainable and inclusive water sanitation and hygiene services.



The European Water Sector driving the SDGs



Cooperation Fund for Water and Sanitation (Fondo de Cooperación para Agua y Saneamiento)



UN-Water SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative



Finalize accession to the UN Water Convention and implement the provisions of the Water Convention upon

Water for Climate Healing - A New Water Paradigm



international conference in the region about cooperation to prevent or reduce water pollution

Water Action Agenda

Eaux Transfrontières

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Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalitic

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Advancing Water for Peace

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Promoting transboundary water cooperation - Switzerland's contribution to the UNECE water convention

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Promoting transboundary water cooperation - the Blue Peace Initiative

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SIWI commits to support collective action on the Water Action Agenda, good governance, Water for Climate, Source-to-Sea and cooperation

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Political follow-up & growing constellation



What's next ?



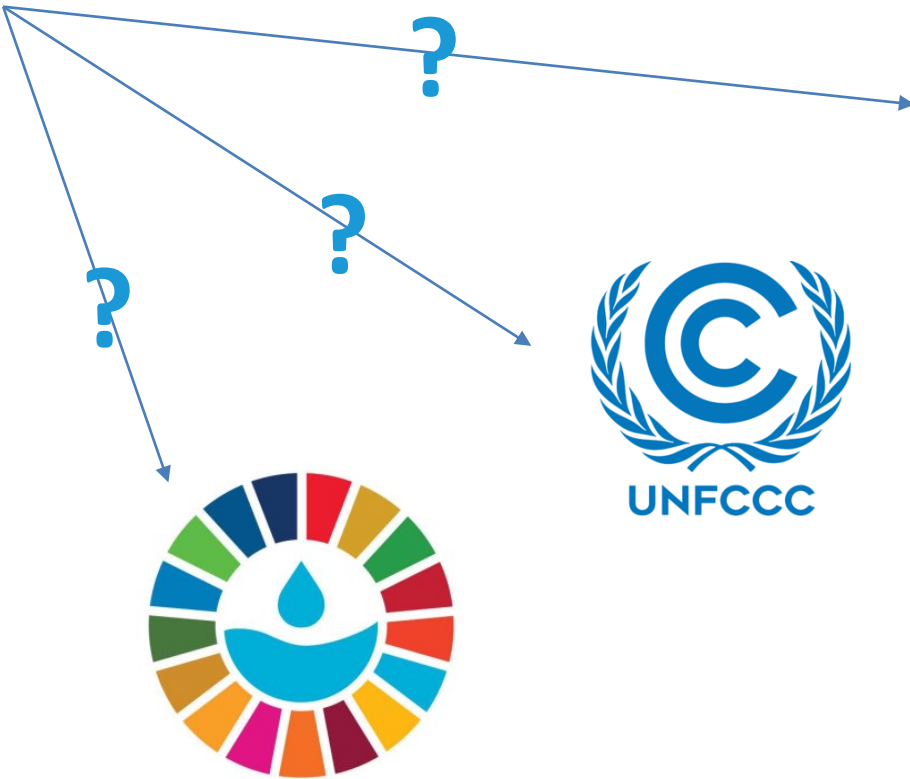
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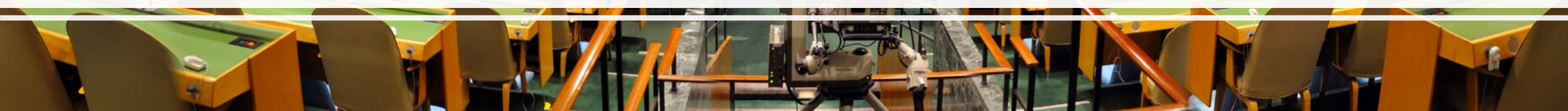


**Common
Agenda**





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Many thanks for
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