Opportunities for Local Governments on the Global Stage

- United Nations Ocean Conference (Lisbon, 27 June-1 July 2022)

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United Nations Ocean Conference

- **Title**: Scaling up Ocean Action Based on Science and Innovation for the Implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions
- **Co-host**: Governments of Kenya and Portugal
- **Leadership**:
  - Liu Zhenmin (USG/UN DESA), Secretary-General of the Conference
  - Miguel de Serpa Soares (USG/OLA), Special Adviser to the Presidents of the Conference on ocean and legal matters
  - Amb. Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean
United Nations Ocean Conference (cont.)

- **Date**: 27 June – 1 July 2022
- **Venue**: Lisbon, Portugal
- **Programme (available on website)**:
  - Plenary
  - Eight Interactive Dialogues
- **Format**: In-person
- **Participation**: Members States, Specialized Agencies and Parties to the UNCLOS, IGOs, associate members of regional commissions; UN entities, NGOs, CSOs, academic institutions, scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations
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2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE
LISBON, PORTUGAL, 27 JUNE - 1 JULY 2022

SPECIAL ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Only organizations accredited by the United Nations can participate in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. Apply for Special Accreditation by 28 February 2022. Learn more: bit.ly/AccredOceanConference

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Opportunities for Local Governments

- Mobilization of Coastal Cities
- Register Voluntary Commitment and join the Communities of Ocean Action (https://sdgs.un.org/topics/oceans-and-seas/coas)
- Join the stakeholder online consultation (To open soon)
- Register to attend the Conference and join the discussion at the 8 Interactive Dialogues, special events, and side events (registration to open soon)
- Propose a side-event (to be announced)
2023 UN Water Conference

First Conference from 14 to 25 March 1977 in Mar del Plata, Argentina

Upcoming Conference from 22 to 24 March 2023 in New York, USA

For more information, please check here: https://sdgs.un.org/un-2023-conference-water-action-decade
2023 UN Water Conference

• Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands will co-host the Conference and have drafted the “Vision of the Conference”. Call for an inclusive preparatory process and Conference.

• UN PGA to host one-day preparatory meeting, by November 2022, at UNHQ in New York.

• Conference: Six plenary meetings, and five interactive dialogues. Interactive dialogues will be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature.
2023 UN Water Conference and Stakeholder Engagement

• Stakeholder engagement activities are proposed to be organized around two key tracks:

a) Awareness-raising and information sharing to all stakeholders about the Conference and its preparatory process through multiple channels.

b) Creating space and providing opportunities for stakeholders to meaningfully engage in, and contribute to, the preparatory process and the Conference itself.
2023 UN Water Conference and Stakeholder Engagement – Awareness Raising

- **Water information e-mail list** to share periodic updates about the Conference

- “**Information Newsletters**” to be broadly shared

- Periodic **informational virtual briefings and seminars** for stakeholders.

- Dedicated page on stakeholder engagement on the Conference website.

- Regular outreach through UN DESA’s and partners’ **social medial channels**.
2023 UN Water Conference and Stakeholder Engagement – Creating Space

• **Substantive online consultations** whenever specific substantive inputs are needed. First consultation to open soon – themes of Interactive Dialogues

• Call for **new water-related commitments** by all stakeholders

• **Special Accreditation process**

• Providing space for **side events** and others

• **Facilitating stakeholder participation at the Preparatory Meeting and 2023 Conference** – including opportunities to speak.
ROAD MAP TO MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UN WATER ACTION DECADE—MARCH 2023

WATER ACTION DECADE 2018-2028

2020
- Regional Forum for Sustainable Development, and associated preparatory meetings, Geneva
- SWA Financing Ministerial Meetings, Washington
- LA Forum, World Water Week, Stockholm
- UN General Assembly, New York
- GA Adoption Resolution A/RES/75/212

2021
- High Level Meeting of the President of the General Assembly to Promote Water Action Decade
- Regional Forums for Sustainable Development and associated preparatory meetings
- Global Partners for Disaster Risk Reduction, IBC
- Conference of the Parties COP/15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Kunming
- UN Ocean Conference, Lisbon (TBC)

2022
- World Water Week, Stockholm
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Jeddah
- High Level Symposium on Water to be held in conjunction with the UN Ocean Conference, Portugal
- High Level International Conference, Tokyo
- High Level International Conference, Addis Ababa
- Global Water Week, Copenhagen
- World Water Week, Stockholm
- SWA Report (SWA)
- Background Note Conference (Advance Unedited Version) (TBC)

2023
- Launch of the UN World Water Development Report
- 35th International Conference for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAH/World Congress, Vienna)

COLOUR CODE
- Gold: Start and End of the process
- Green: Mandated events
- Pink: Documents contributing to the conference
- Blue: Supporting events mentioned in the resolution
- Black: Other

CURRENT UN DECADES
- Decade on Sustainable Energy for All: 2014-2024
- Decade of Action on Nutrition: 2016 – 2025
- Decade on Family Farming: 2019 – 2024
- Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021 – 2030
- Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: 2021-2030
- Decade of Action - Water for Sustainable Development: 2018-2028

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