

Title: “Mainstreaming water into NDCs and NAPs for effective adaptation, mitigation and resilience”

Date: Friday, 20 June 2025

Time: 10:30-11:45 CET

Room: Bonn

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In person - not streamed online

Session Description

Mainstreaming water into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and global climate processes enhances climate change adaptation and mitigation measures. This event will showcase related tools and experiences of UN agencies and other organizations supporting countries in mainstreaming water and outlining future perspectives. Countries will share how they integrate water, ecosystems, water supply and sanitation, and transboundary aspects into their NDCs and NAPs. The event will also contribute to the implementation of the Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action and the UN System-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation.

This event is organized within the framework of the UN-Water Expert Group on Water and Climate Change, co-coordinated by UNESCO, WMO and UNECE, and in cooperation with Azerbaijan and UNEP as partners under the Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action, as well as with the Arizona State University, the Association of Sustainable Ecological Engineering Development, and India Water Foundation.

Desired Impact/Outcomes

The Event aims to:

- Serve as a platform to connect water and climate experts and to support countries in integrating and subsequently implementing water-related measures in NDCs and NAPs as one of the priorities of the UN System-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation;
- Contribute to the Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action by providing an opportunity for countries that have already endorsed the COP29 Declaration on Water for Climate Action to exchange experiences and to encourage other countries to endorse the declaration and to join the initiative.

Agenda (75 minute session)

Moderator: Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention, UNECE

Time:	Segment description:	Speaker(s):
10:30-10:35 (5 min)	Opening and welcome	Ms. Sonja Koeppel , Secretary of the Water Convention, UNECE
High-level Session: Approaches and Tools for Mainstreaming Water into National and Global Climate Processes (max 4 min per intervention)		
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10:35-11:05 (30 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory presentation: Linkages between Water and Climate Change• Mainstreaming Water into Climate Policy in India	Mr. Martin Krause , Director of the Climate Change Division, UNEP Sh. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary , Minister of State, Ministry of Jalshakti (Water Resources), Government of India, <i>video-message</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action • UN System-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation: Priority Collaborative Action 3 • Action-oriented Document on Mainstreaming Water Supply, Sanitation and Transboundary Water Management and Cooperation into NDCs and NAPs 	Ms. Kamala Huseynli-Abishova , COP 29 Presidency, Azerbaijan Mr. Nicolas Franke , Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere Division, WMO on behalf of UN-Water Ms. Hanna Plotnykova , Water Convention secretariat, UNECE
<p align="center">Technical Panel Discussion: Practical Experience with Mainstreaming</p> <p align="center">Conversation based on the questions asked to each speaker rather than separate presentations <i>(3-4 min per intervention)</i></p> <p align="center">Moderator: Mr. Jay Famiglietti, Hydrologist and Global Futures Professor, Arizona State University</p>		
11:05-11:30 (25 min)	<p><i>Experiences in mainstreaming water into new and revised NDCs and NAPs as well as other national climate policies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yousif Mauayad Yousif, Director of the Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Iraq • Ms. Annette Nantongo, Principal Water Officer, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda • Mr. Rustam Nassirkhan, Director, Department of Modelling, Analysis and Forecasting, Zhasyl Damu joint-stock company, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan • Mr. Chen Jui Wen, Association of Sustainable Ecological Engineering Development • Mr. Arvind Kumar, India Water Foundation (<i>video-message</i>) 	
11:30-11:40	Q&A	
Conclusions		
11:40-11.45 (5 min)	Closing remarks and way forward	Ms. Karin Zaunberger , European Commission
End of session		