



SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Session Description 2 is for the specified program of the side event. Please complete this form no later than 22nd of April 2024.

**The session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

Session Code and Title:

SE38 Global Processes and Initiatives for a Water-Secure World

Side Event Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number):

Session coordinator and moderator:

Coordinator - Nina Raasakka, WWQA Coordinator, UNEP, nina.raasakka@un.org
Moderator -TBC

Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

The **purpose** of this session is to elucidate how global water-related processes, initiatives and upcoming events such as the UN 2026 Water Conference connect to recently adopted United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) water-related resolutions to help member states enhance their water resource management in alignment with SDG6.

The following **focus areas** are suggested to achieve this purpose:

- Overview of global water-related events and initiatives including the forthcoming UN Water Conference in 2026, the One Water Summit, Freshwater Challenge, UN System-Wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation.
- Introduction to recently adopted UNEA6 Resolution 13 on “Effective and inclusive solutions for strengthening water policies to achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution” and other water-related UNEA resolutions and their implementation;
- Sharing an update on the preliminary findings on forth coming progress report on SDG 6 indicators for which UNEP is a custodian (6.3.2, 6.6.1 and 6.5.1);
- Discussion on issues such as the importance of governance, integrated water resources management, stakeholder engagement (especially in a transboundary context), and circular economy are vital to addressing the water crisis.
- Promotion of actions addressing water resilience and security, particularly within the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems and Health (WEFE+H) nexus and in the context of water-related national strategies and plans;

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness on the issues to be addressed to achieve global water resilience including why global action on this is so urgently needed and how UNEP, through its partnerships, can help overcome some of the current water-related challenges the world is facing.

- Increased awareness of global programmes, platforms and initiatives and need for alignment across multilateral agreements and frameworks; a whole-of-government approach and a whole-of-society contribution including active private sector engagement.
- Enhanced engagement from diverse sectors, including energy, agriculture, and finance, in addressing water-related challenges in the context of the WEFE+H nexus.
- Advocacy for effective and inclusive solutions for strengthening water policies to achieve sustainable development in the context of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, linking to recent UNEA resolutions and other pertinent initiatives.

The session targets a broad audience, particularly member states and stakeholders involved in freshwater conservation, management, monitoring also from non-governmental, private sectors and youth to foster intergenerational dialogue and collaboration.

The session will be held in a format with three high level keynote speeches, followed by a panel discussion.

Detailed Session plan : *F/M indicates Female or Male

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
1:00 PM - 1:05 PM	Settle down, seating, welcome, house keeping introduction to session, run of show and speakers and handover to Moderator for the rest of the session	Nina	OK
1:06 PM - 1:12 PM	Keynote message - EU contributions to Water Action Agenda, Global water-related processes, initiatives and upcoming events such as the UN 2026 Water Conference connect to recently adopted United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) water-related resolutions to help member states enhance their water resource management in alignment with SDG6. (EU and EC, global focus)	Ms. Henriette FAERGEMANN, First Counsellor, Environment, Climate Action & ICT at Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia	OK
1: 13 PM - 1:14 PM	Introduction to second keynote speaker and thanking the European Commission	Moderator	TBC
1:15 PM - 1:21 PM	Keynote message - global water-related processes, initiatives and upcoming events such as the UN 2026 Water Conference UNEA Sustainable Lake Management resolution achievements, perspective from Indonesia and global focus	Ms. Inge RETNOWATI, Director for Inland Waters and Mangrove Rehabilitation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry Indonesia	OK
1:22 PM - 1:23 PM	Introduction to final keynote speaker and thanking Indonesia	(moderator)	TBC

1:24 PM - 1:30 PM	Keynote on global water-related processes, initiatives and recently adopted United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) water resolution to help member states enhance their water resource management in alignment with SDG6. Ongoing work on UN System Wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation. UNEP priorities for water and solutions for how to support member states efforts and overcome challenges related to water resources management, monitoring, etc.	Susan Gardner, Ecosystems Division Director, UNEP	OK
1:31 PM - 1:35 PM	Thank the keynote speakers and introduce the incoming panel of speakers	(moderator)	TBC
1:36 PM - 2:10 PM	Panel - panel discussion - policy/sectors' actions and stakeholders' engagement	EURECAT - Richard Elelman, Eurecat - panel member World Youth Parliament for Water - Noemie Plumier - panel member	OK OK
2:11 PM - 2:24 PM	Question and Answer with Audience	(Moderator)	TBC
2:25 PM - 2:30 PM	Closing	(Moderator)	TBC

Additional information: