



## 3<sup>rd</sup> HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR ACTION“WATER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT” 2018-2028

10-13 June 2024, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

### INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE 5 - Water Action Decade

#### *Concept Paper*

<b>Title</b> Event Following up on Interactive Dialogue-5. Water Action Decade: Accelerating the Implementation of the Objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General’s Action Plan
<b>Co-organizers</b> United States of America Singapore
<b>Background information and rationale</b> Co-hosted by USA and Singapore, this event at the Dushanbe Water Process Conference will continue conversations during the 2023 UN Water Conference’s fifth Interactive Dialogue by discussing progress made during the Water Action Decade, considerations for future international efforts on water (including the mandated 2026 UN Water Conference and the 2028 UN Water Conference) which will contribute towards the review of the Water Action Decade.
<b>Cross-cutting issues</b> This event will consider previous and current efforts in the Water Action Decade and will consider future events such as the upcoming UN Water Conferences and other related water events including how to best follow up after the 2028 Decade is over. Speakers and audience members will contribute perspectives from a cross-sectoral and cross-stakeholder approach.
<b>Link with the results and recommendations of the UN 2023 Water Conference</b> This event will continue conversations during the 2023 UN Water conference’s fifth Interactive Dialogues and the ideas and recommendations brought forward during that discussion.
<b>Main questions for discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● How have the four workstreams of the UN Secretary General’s Action Plan for the Water Action Decade been effective in making progress towards SDG6 ?</li><li>● What are lessons learned from the Water Action Decade ? How could efforts around action-oriented decades be improved ?</li><li>● What role should the upcoming UN Water Conferences play in the broader landscape ? How could existing conferences, such as the Dunshanbe Water Process, contribute to the broader narrative on the international conversations on water ?</li><li>● How can the youth help to galvanize action on the international water agenda before 2030 ?</li></ul>
<b>Key messages</b>

This event will reflect on the many options and ways forward for the international water agenda. Key messages will touch on the effectiveness of the Water Action Decade, the role of the upcoming UN Water Conferences, and the ways to collaborate between and through other water-related events.

### **Follow-up actions and commitments**

Follow-up actions and commitments will come in the form of continued conversations on the margins of upcoming water-related events throughout the year, including:

- Continued active implementation of the Secretary-General's UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation (SWS), including the appointment of a UN Special Envoy for Water.
- Member States and stakeholders to reaffirm the need for water to remain high on the international environmental agenda, including through sharing progress of Water Action Agenda commitments and participation at the 2026 and 2028 UN Water Conferences
- Increased multi-stakeholder cooperation on the ground, across diverse groups of stakeholders

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