

# INVITATION

## WATER IN THE 2030 AGENDA: HLPF 2019

**Thursday 11 July**

**Water, crucial to achieve the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2019**

**Side event**

**Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Venue: Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, 871  
United Nations Plaza, New York, Auditorium**

SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation provides a unique opportunity to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda due to the central role of water in advancing human rights, reducing poverty and inequality and enabling peace, justice and sustainability in all its dimensions. The crosscutting importance of water and sanitation in achieving the SDGs is recognized in the UN-Water SDG 6 Synthesis Report 2018 and further explored in three regional policy papers in 2019 (Africa, Arab Region, Latin America and the Caribbean). Identifying and understanding the interlinkages between SDG 6 and other SDGs is critical for increasing policy coherence and effectiveness at regional and national scales, and for facilitating integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

This side event will focus on the critical role of water in the realization of the SDGs under review at the HLPF 2019.

### AGENDA

#### 1. Welcome and introductory remarks (10')

Ambassador Dr. Christoph Heusgen, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations  
Ms. Madhushree Chatterjee, UN-Water Secretary

#### 2. Water, crucial to realize the SDGs under review in HLPF 2019: findings and policy messages from Africa, Arab States and Latin America (10')

Dr. Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences

#### 3. Panel discussion: Accelerating integrated action at regional and country level (45')

Moderator: Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr, Global Water Partnership (GWP)

- Water financing and economic growth

Mr David Mahlobo, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa.

- Integrated Approaches for Sustainable Development Goals Planning: the ESCAP methodology piloted in Asia and the Pacific

Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Director, UN ESCAP

- Reducing inequalities through accelerated action on SDG6

Carlos Estévez Valencia, Legislative advisor, former Water Director General, Chile and WWAP consultant

- Water for peace, justice and inclusive institutions

Sigrun Rawit, Deputy Director of SIPRI, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (tbc)

#### 4. Public dialogue and Q&A (20')

#### 5. Closing remarks (5')

The event is followed by a reception

For further questions, please contact Verena Klinger-Dering ([verena.klinger-dering@diplo.de](mailto:verena.klinger-dering@diplo.de))

We are looking forward to your participation!