

INVITATION

WATER IN THE 2030 AGENDA: HLPF 2019

Friday 12 July

Deep dive: Climate change and water

Time: 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York

The global climate crisis is inextricably linked to water. Climate change increases variability in the water cycle, inducing extreme weather events, reducing the predictability of water availability, affecting water quality and threatening sustainable development and biodiversity worldwide.

Growing demand for water increases the need for energy-intensive water pumping, transportation, and treatment, and has contributed to the degradation of critical water-dependent carbon sinks such as peatlands. And, some climate change mitigation measures, such as the expanded use of biofuels, are further exacerbating water scarcity.

In this side event, UN-Water will launch an update of its Policy Brief on Climate Change and Water. Participants will get a chance to discuss the significant co-benefits to managing climate and water in a more coordinated and sustainable manner and discover solutions that are being implemented by a growing number of countries.

AGENDA

Introduction by moderator - Kali Taylor, Advisor, SDG Lab

1:15-1:20 pm Welcome remarks and summary from the 11 July event on interlinkages - David Mahlobo, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa.

1:20-1:25 pm Launch of the UN-Water Policy Brief on Climate Change and Water - Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

1:25-1:30 pm Water, climate change and the importance of education - Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO

1:30-1:40 pm Presentation of the UN-Water Policy Brief on Water and Climate - Ingrid Timboe, water and climate expert

1:40-1:45 pm Climate, water scarcity and solar energy for water supply - Kelly Ann Naylor, Associate Director, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Programme Division UNICEF

1:45-1:50 pm Mobilising for a Water Secure World - Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary & CEO, Global Water Partnership

1:50-1:55 pm Sustainable Development Goal 6 Data Portal - Nicolas Franke, Sustainable Development Officer, UN DESA

1:55-2:05 pm Country Perspectives - H.E. Teburoro Tito, Permanent Representative of Kiribati to the United Nations in New York, Lise Gregoire-van Haaren, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York

2:05-2:30 pm Moderated Discussion and Closing Remarks

For further questions, please contact [Leanne Burney, UN-Water Programme Officer \(leanne.burney@unwater.org\)](mailto:leanne.burney@unwater.org)

We are looking forward to your participation!
