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PROGRAMME

Rome Water Dialogue 2023 Programme

Organizer: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Timing: 04 - 05 October 2023

Venue: Plenary Hall, FAO

Format: Hybrid

Time	Interventions
Day 1	
08.30 – 09.30	Welcome Coffee
09.30 – 10.00	<p>High-Level Opening Moderator: Ms Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by Dr QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General <p>Remarks by high-level guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Sulton Rakhimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan for Water and Climate Mr Mohamed Abdel Vetah, High commissioner of the Senegal River Basin Development Organization (OMVS) Ms Meike van Ginneken, Water Envoy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Ms Astrid Schomacker, Director, Green Diplomacy & Multilateralism, European Commission
10.00 – 10.15	Keynote Presentation: FAO's Water Journey, Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division (NSL), FAO
10.15 – 11.30	<p>Technical Session 1: Data, information, innovation, and technology</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Johannes Cullmann, UN-Water Vice Chair and Scientific advisor to the President of the UN General Assembly</p> <p>Setting the scene: Mr Jippe Hoogeveen, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Statement on behalf of UN-Water, Mr Johannes Cullmann, UN-Water Vice Chair</p> <p>Keynote presentation: <i>Launch of the Global System to Monitor Water Use in Agriculture through Remote Sensing</i>; Ms Livia Peiser, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder Panel moderated discussion:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Meike van Ginneken, Special Water Envoy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands - Mr Gustavo Eduardo Mostajo Ocola, Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, Peru - Mr Juan José Díaz Nigenda, Deputy Manager, National Information System of Mexico, CONAGUA (ONLINE) - Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (ONLINE) - Mr Bertrand Richaud, Project Manager, Danish Hydraulic Institute (DHI) (ONLINE) - Ms Patricia Mejias, AQUASTAT Coordinator, Land and Water Division, FAO <p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Wrap-up by moderator</p>
<p>11.30 – 12.30</p>	<p>Technical Session 2: Water scarcity, flood, drought, and climate change</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Maher Salman, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Setting the scene: Mr Rein Paulsen, Director of the Office of Emergencies and Resilience (OER), FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Perspectives on water scarcity for enhanced agriculture production and food security, Ms Raffaella Zucaro, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), Italy</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Integrated Drought management, Ms Louise Baker, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (ONLINE)</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Integrated Flood management, Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Renata Bueno Miranda, Secretary of Innovation, Sustainable Development, Irrigation and Cooperativism (SDI), Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) - Ms Nina P. Cainglet, Deputy Chief of Mission and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Philippines to FAO - Ms Elsa Barbosa de Oliveira Marcelino Simoes, Deputy Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to FAO - Mr Marco Arcieri, Vice President, International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID)

	<p>Building water-resilient food systems: COP28 outcomes, Ms Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Wrap-up by moderator</p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Technical Session 3: Water Infrastructure and financing</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Giovanni Munoz, Investment Centre, FAO</p> <p>Setting the scene: Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Keynote speakers: His Excellency Bassam Essam Rady Abdelhamid Rady, Permanent Representative of Egypt to FAO</p> <p>Video Message: Water Infrastructure and Financing; Mr Loic Fauchon, President, World Water Council (WWC)</p> <p>Presentation: Perspective of financial institutions; Mr IJsbrand de Jong, Water Resources Specialist, World Bank (ONLINE)</p> <p>Presentation: Innovative approaches for sustainable water infrastructure development; Mr Maher Salman, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Presentation: Strategies to make water infrastructure development sustainable; Mr Amgad ELmahdi, Water Sector Lead, Green Climate Fund (GCF) (ONLINE)</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Wrap-up by moderator</p>
15.00 – 16.00	<p>Technical Session 4: Water tenure and governance: Equitable and sustainable water access</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Sasha Koo-Oshima, Deputy Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Setting the scene: Ms Sasha Koo-Oshima, Deputy Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Equitable and sustainable water access in governance; Mr</p>

	<p>Dan Schuster-Beesley, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom</p> <p>Video Message: Integrating water in sustainable development; Mr Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, Special Rapporteur on Human Right to Water and Sanitation</p> <p>Stakeholders dialogue on water tenure and governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her Excellency Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, Permanent Representative of South Africa to FAO - His Excellency Mohamed Abdel Vetah, High commissioner of the Senegal River Basin Development Organization (OMVS) - Ms Birgit Vogel, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) - Ms Philine Wehling, Legal Officer, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) <p>Video Message: Mr Carlos Alberto Gaitán Rodríguez, National organization of indigenous peoples of the Colombian Amazon, OPIAC</p> <p>AQUALEX in support of water governance and tenure; Ms Valerie Johnston, Legal Office, FAO</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Wrap-up by Mr Benjamin Kiersch, Land and Water Division, FAO</p>
<p>16.00 –17.00</p>	<p>Technical Session 5: National Water Roadmaps and strategies</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: National Water Roadmaps to spearhead Global Acceleration Framework for Water and the Sustainable Development Goals; Mr Lifeng Li, Director, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Sulton Rakhimzoda, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan for Water and Climate - Ms Tracy Reid, Alternate Permanent Representative of Australia to FAO - Representative of Malawi (tbc) - Ms Sibylle Vermont, Deputy Head of Section, Global Affairs, Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland (ONLINE) - Mr Colin Herron, Senior Water Resources Management Specialist, Water Solutions for the SDGs Global Water Partnership (GWP) (ONLINE) <p>Q&A</p>

	Wrap-up by moderator
17:30-18:30	Welcome reception, FAO Terrace, 8 th floor, FAO headquarters

Day 2	
08.30 – 09.00	Welcome Coffee
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Technical Session 6: One Water, One Health, One Planet</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Keith Sumption, Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO</p> <p>Setting the scene: Mr Keith Sumption, Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: <i>Launch of the co-publication of FAO-IWMI, Water Quality in Agriculture: Risks and Risk Mitigation</i>; Ms Sasha Koo-Oshima, Deputy Director, Land and Water Division, FAO and Ms Rachael McDonnell, Deputy Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</p> <p>Lightening talks on Water Pollution Risks and Risk Mitigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Jesse Bell, Professor of Water, Climate and Health, University of Nebraska - Ms Sara Marjani Zadeh, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia - Ms Josefina Maestu, Former Advisor to the Secretary of State for Environment, Spain - Mr Kaveh Madani, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) <p>EU Response: Zero Pollution Action Plan; Ms Dagmar Behrend Kaljarikova, International Relations Officer from DG Environment of the European Commission</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Wrap-up by Sara Marjani Zadeh, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia</p>
10.00 –11.00	<p>Technical Session 7: Ecosystem-based solutions in Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Amani Alfarra, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Ecosystem-based solutions in the Global Biodiversity Framework; Mr. Maarten deGroot, Permanent Representative of Canada</p>
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	<p>Ecosystem-based solutions in agriculture – a global overview; Mr Nathaniel Newlands, Research Scientist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</p> <p>Panel discussion: Showcasing cross-sectoral technical cooperation within FAO on Ecosystem-based solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land & water; Ms Vera Boerger, Land and Water Division, FAO - Forest & water; Ms Sara Casallas Ramirez, Forestry Division, FAO - Fishery, aquaculture & water; Mr Felix Marttin, Fisheries and aquaculture Division, FAO - The Global Biodiversity Framework & water; Mr Frederic Castell, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO - Wetlands; Ms He Li, FAO Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), FAO - Oasis; Mr Abdourahman Maki, FAO Regional Office for Near East and North Africa (SNE), FAO <p>Mentimeter Q&A Session, Mr George Akoko, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Wrap-up by moderator</p>
11.00 –12.00	<p>Technical Session 8: Water stewardship of the private sector</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Adrian Sym, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Water Stewardship</p> <p>Opening remarks: Mr Alexander Jones, Director, Resource Mobilization and Private Sector Partnerships (PSR), FAO</p> <p>Keynote presentation: Private sector stewardship programmes; Mr Adrian Sym, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for Water Stewardship</p> <p>Video Message: Mr Manuel Augusto Olaechea, Sunfruits, Peru</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder Panel moderated discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Dan Schuster-Beesley, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom - Mr Fabrice Fretz, Deputy Head Water Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC (ONLINE) - Ms Maria Ana Borges, Water for Landscapes Manager, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) - Chiara Colombo, Policy, Engagement and Research Consultant, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) (tbc) - Ms Fanni Zentai, Sustainable Water Policy Advisor, GIZ (tbc, ONLINE) - Ms Giulia Fusco, Head, Merumalia

	<p>Q&A Session</p> <p>Wrap-up by moderator</p>
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 16.40	<p>JOINT PLENARY SESSION</p> <p>Rome Water Dialogue 2023 & Global Symposium on Soils and Water (The Plenary Hall, six languages)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Lifeng Li, Director of Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>The Rome Water Dialogue 2023: Reporting back by rapporteurs in a moderated panel format</p> <p>Session 1: Data, information, innovation and technology, Mr Jippe Hoogeveen, FAO Session 2: Water scarcity, drought, flood and climate change, Mr Maher Salman, FAO Session 3: Water Infrastructure and financing, Mr. Giovanni Munoz, FAO Session 4: Water tenure and governance, Mr Benjamin Kiersch, FAO Session 5: National Water Roadmaps and strategies, Ms Nathalie Dubler, FAO Session 6: One Water, One Health, One Planet, Ms Sara Marjani Zadeh, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia Session 7: Ecosystem-based solutions in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, Ms Amani Alfarra, FAO Session 8: Water stewardship of the private sector, Rosaida Dolce, FAO</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>The Global Symposium on Soils and Water: Reporting back by rapporteurs in a moderated panel format</p> <p>Theme 1: Soil and water management in dryland agriculture, Ms Rafla Sahli E. Attia, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia</p> <p>Theme 2: Soil and water management in irrigated agriculture, Mr Emilio Fuentes Universidad Nacional Agrícola (UNAG), Honduras</p> <p>Theme 3: Soil and water management under One Health framework, Mr Jacob Parnell, Land and Water Division, FAO</p> <p>Theme 4. Integrated soil and water management and effective governance, Symposium outcomes and way forward Mr Rafael Lopez, Ministry of Agriculture, Guatemala</p> <p>Symposium outcomes and way forward;</p> <p>Q&A</p>

16.40 – 17.00	<p>JOINT CLOSURE: Rome Water Dialogue 2023 & Global Symposium on Soils and Water</p> <p>High-Level Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by Her Excellency Alexandra Valkenburg, Ambassador of the European Union to the Holy See, Order of Malta, UN Agencies in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino• Remarks by Ms Lefianna Hartati Ferdinandus, Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia to FAO• Remarks by Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO
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