

# UNESCO INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE

Leveraging intersectorality for sustainable water security and peace

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Day 1 – Monday 13 May	
08:30-09:30	Registration of participants
09:30-11:00	<b>Opening Ceremony:</b> • Welcoming remarks – UNESCO Director-General • President of the 39th session of the UNESCO General Conference • High-level representatives
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	• Panel on Water and Technological Innovation • Panel on Water Education for Sustainable Development • Panel on Water and Youth-led Social Change
13:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00-16:30	• Panel on Water and Heritage • Panel on Data for Water-related Decision-Making • Panel on Water and Gender
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-18:30	• Panel on Global Change and the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus [TBC] • Panel on Sustainable Water and Energy [TBC]
19:00-21:30	• Performance of the “H2O – Sounds of the Earth” Orchestra • Launch of the Water Museums Exhibition and Reception
Day 2 – Tuesday 14 May	
09:30-11:00	• Panel on Water and Peace
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	<b>High level Closing Ceremony</b>
	• Closing remarks – UNESCO Director-General • Statements – President of the Republic of France [TBC] • Statements – President of the Republic of Senegal [TBC]
12:30-14:00	Lunch

## WHY AN INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE?

Looking from space, satellite imagery shows the abundant masses of water that characterize the Earth. Yet, less than 1% account for usable fresh water.

Almost all human activities depend on water, be it food production, energy generation, industry or even recreation. Water management and governance affect the health of humans and ecosystems, and reflect the conditions of gender equality, education and cultural diversity of a region. Water resources are critical to sustainable development and poverty reduction.

Once more, UNESCO brings together its actors and partners to share innovative solutions to contemporary challenges. Thanks to its experience and expertise in the fields of education, sciences (both natural, and social and human sciences), culture and communication, UNESCO offers holistic and sustainable approaches to resolve issues impacting the governance and management of water.

The UNESCO International Water Conference aims to advance sustainable water security and peace by leveraging intersectoral management of water resources.

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### WHAT WE AIM FOR

- Bring everyone around the table to discuss intersectoral approaches to the governance and management of water resources.
- Launch a Call for Action to foster, embrace, and adopt intersectoral water management.
- Share good practices enabling participation, transparency and information-sharing.
- Give evidence of the importance of interdisciplinarity and the integration of sciences to support Member States in reaching the goals of the water-related international agendas.

