

# COP28UAE

## COP28 Water

- Water Thematic Events -  
Information Booklet



# Water at COP28

*COP28 is designing a program that gives unprecedented visibility for water and climate, mainstreaming water across the two-week thematic programming*

- This will start with the **World Climate Action Summit Presidency Session on Water**, continue with events on **Finance, Energy, and Multilevel Action** and **Urbanization** days, and culminate with the flagship programming on **Food, Agriculture and Water Day**.
- Through the events, COP28 will emphasize the importance of protecting and restoring **freshwater ecosystems** for climate action, building **urban water resilience**, and the **water-food nexus**, highlighting the need to plan for and manage both systems in an integrated manner, particularly in the context of climate change.
- COP28's **Food, Agriculture, and Water Day** will play a pivotal role in highlighting the significance of water and food as key levers in our response to the GST and focuses on fully activating both levers within the climate action agenda.
- Through this agenda, COP28 aims to deliver holistic outcomes on water, positioning it as a **critical enabler for climate action**.
- This agenda is anchored through **COP28's partnership with Tajikistan and the Netherlands**, as the co-hosts of the **UN 2023 Water Conference** to ensure that progress and commitments from the Conference are taken forward.

# Water at COP28: Presidency Events on Food, Agriculture and Water Day (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) (1/2)

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Event	Event Description	Time / Venue
<b>High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Building Water-Resilient Food Systems</b>	<p>Building on the COP28 Presidency's commitment to achieve net-zero, nature-positive, and resilient agrifood and water systems to support producing communities and consumers and the global momentum from the UN Food Systems Summit and the UN 2023 Water Conference, the United Arab Emirates and Brazil will co-host the UNFCCC COP's first-ever ministerial dialogue on water-resilient food systems.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, UAE Ministry of Climate Change &amp; Environment, Brazil Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Livestock</p>	<p>09:00 - 10:30  <a href="#">Al Saih Roundtable Room, Blue Zone</a></p>
<b>Accelerating Urban Resilience: Innovative Finance for Urban Water Utilities</b>	<p>Addressing the global water and sanitation crisis is one of the most impactful ways to build resilience to climate change, achieve global gender equality, and improve health and education outcomes. This high-level event will focus on innovative partnerships and solutions for financing climate-resilient water utilities, showcasing transformative initiatives to provide universal access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services in urban areas.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Bank/IFC, Water Equity and Water.org</p>	<p>Dec 10<sup>th</sup>            11:30 -13:00  <a href="#">Al Saih Roundtable Room, Blue Zone</a></p>
<b>Ministerial Roundtable on the Protection and Restoration of Freshwater Ecosystems</b>	<p>The ministerial roundtable will platform the Freshwater Challenge, championed by the COP28 Presidency, featuring the new member countries of the Challenge and their commitments to protecting and restoring freshwater ecosystems, which are essential to mitigating and adapting to climate change and are currently the most degraded type of ecosystem worldwide. The Freshwater Challenge, launched at the UN 2023 Water Conference, is the world's most ambitious freshwater restoration initiative to date, aiming to restore 30% of Earth's degraded freshwater ecosystems by 2030.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, WWF, IUCN, UNEP (with the support of The Nature Conservancy, Wetlands International, Conservation International and the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar))</p>	<p>Dec 10<sup>th</sup>            16:00 - 17:30  <a href="#">Blue Zone   Al Saih Roundtable Room</a></p>

# Water at COP28: Presidency Events on Food, Agriculture and Water Day (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) (2/2)

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Event	Event Description	Time / Venue
<b>Launch of the Partnership on Water-Resilient Food Systems</b>	<p>The CO28 Ministerial Dialogue on Building Water-Resilient Food Systems will launch a two-year partnership, hosted by the UNFCCC's Climate-Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance, that will support countries and non-state actors to better integrate water and food systems management – for both adaptation and mitigation – in national climate plans. This event will build on the ministerial to present the Partnership's objectives and envisioned outcomes over the next two years.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, FAO, IWMI (with the support of GRP, WEF, WFO, GRP, NDC Partnership, IFAD, World Bank, UNFCCC)</p>	<p>13:00 - 14:30 Water Pavilion, Blue Zone</p>
<b>Water for Peace and Security: From Risk to Resilience</b>	<p>Under the changing climate conditions, the escalating issue of water insecurity is emerging as a fundamental threat to human health, peace, and security. The event highlights ways of turning water risk into resilience both domestically by ensuring good water governance involving inclusive and informed processes, as well as transboundary, building on the Transboundary Water Cooperation Coalition.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, IFRC, Water, Peace and Security (WPS) Partnership, the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, UNCCD, and UNECE</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Green Zone   Connect Conference Multipurpose Hall</p>

# Water at COP28: Presidency Events across the two-week thematic programming (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

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Event	Event Description	Time / Venue
<b>Spotlight: Accelerating Water and Climate Action</b>  <i>(Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, World Climate Action Summit)</i>	<p>Recognizing that climate change is taking an undue toll on our water resources and services, and that managing water security is central to climate adaptation and mitigation solutions, this event will put a spotlight on building resilient water systems as a critical lever for climate action. Representing the first high-level event after the landmark UN 2023 Water Conference, this session will convene Heads of State, MDB Presidents, and other senior officials to follow up with concrete commitments.</p> <p><b>Organizer:</b> COP28</p>	<p>14:00-14:30 Al Waha Theatre, Blue Zone</p>
<b>Nature and Water Finance for Climate Action</b>  <i>(Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Finance/ Trade/ Gender/ Accountability)</i>	<p>This high-level event will bring together public and private, as well as conventional and innovative financiers to spotlight key efforts to mobilize finance at scale for water and nature. The COP28 Presidency will platform related announcements - on impactful policies, funds, and initiatives - that are working to build a more robust global financial architecture.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, UN Climate Change High-level Champions, World Bank, OECD</p>	<p>8:30 -10:30 Action Arena 2 (Al Wakri), Blue Zone</p>
<b>Watering the Clean Energy Transition</b>  <i>(Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Energy and Industry / Just Transition/ Indigenous Peoples)</i>	<p>Water plays an important role in the global energy transition required to achieve the 1.5-degree temperature goal. This event will highlight how clean energy policies and planning can consider water availability to reduce water and energy risks as well as promote synergistic solutions, with a focus on national climate planning. As part of the event, the Water and Climate Leaders will launch a call to action on water, energy, and climate by countries and non-state actors willing to work together on these issues.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, WMO, UNESCO, AGWA, Water and Climate Leaders</p>	<p>17:00 -18:00 UNFCCC, Meeting Room 2, Blue Zone</p>

# Water at COP28: Presidency Events across the two-week thematic programming (Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>)

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Event	Event Description	Time / Venue
<b>Multilevel Roundtable on Urban Water Resilience</b>  <i>(Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment/ Transport)</i>	<p>More than half of humanity lives in urban areas while cities globally face escalating water risks due to rapid urbanization and climate change. Urban resilience cannot be achieved and sustained without water resilience. Cities are leading efforts to develop innovative, transformative, and locally-led solutions. At the same time, improved multi-level coordination is essential for accelerating climate action for people, economy, and the environment. Convened by the COP28 Presidency, this high-level roundtable gathers cities representatives, national government representatives and cities' networks to catalyze multilevel action towards urban water resilience. This roundtable will launch a working group on urban water resilience under the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, UNFCCC Climate Champions, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Deltares, Resilient Cities Network</p>	<p>15:30 -16:30  <a href="#">Al Saih Roundtable Room, Blue Zone</a></p>
<b>Launch of the Sharm El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda Working Group on Urban Water Resilience</b>  <i>(Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment/ Transport)</i>	<p>The event, convened by the UNFCCC Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA) and the COP28 Presidency, will launch a new working group on urban water resilience. This technical working group aims to integrate non-state urban water sector actors into global climate actions, setting shared 2030 targets. It further seeks to enhance collaboration among city stakeholders and bridge city networks with national Parties. Participants will share their experiences, demonstrating how their initiatives collectively support the achievement of urban water-related 2030 targets outlined in the SSA agenda and how they can contribute to the overarching SSA outcomes.</p> <p><b>Organizers:</b> COP28, UNFCCC Climate Champions Team <i>(with the support of the new Working Group members of the Sharm El-Sheik Adaptation Agenda on Urban Water Resilience)</i></p>	<p>17:30 - 18:30  <a href="#">Global Climate Action (Lab 2, Al Jeer), Blue Zone</a></p>



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## Annex



# [WCAS Water Session] Spotlight: Accelerating Water and Climate Action






## Event description

Recognizing that climate change is taking an undue toll on our water resources and services, and that managing water security is central to climate adaptation and mitigation solutions, this event will put a spotlight on building resilient water systems as a critical lever for climate action. Representing the first high-level event after the landmark UN 2023 Water Conference, this session will convene Heads of State, MDB Presidents, and other senior officials to follow up on the Conference with concrete commitments, particularly to enable innovation across the water value chain and bridge the water and climate finance gap.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	1300
 <b>Time</b>	13:45 – 14:15, 30 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Theater (ticketed)
 <b>Zone</b>	Al Waha Theater		





# Nature and Water Finance for Climate Action






## Event description

This high-level event will bring together public and private, as well as conventional and innovative financiers to spotlight key efforts to mobilize finance at scale for water and nature, and to contribute to the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The COP28 Presidency will platform related announcements - on impactful policies, funds, and initiatives - that are working to build a more robust global financial architecture and advance the implementation of the Sharm-el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda and the 2030 Breakthroughs.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, UN Climate Change High-level Champions, World Bank, OECD

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 4 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	150
 <b>Time</b>	8:30 - 10:30, 120 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Panel
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Action Arena 2 (Al Wakri)		



# Watering the Clean Energy Transition






## Event description

Water plays an important role in the global energy transition required to achieve the 1.5 degree temperature goal. This event will highlight how clean energy policies and planning can consider water availability to reduce water and energy risks as well as promote synergistic solutions, with a focus on national climate planning. As part of the event, the Water and Climate Leaders will launch a call to action on water, energy, and climate by countries and non-state actors willing to work together on these issues.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, WMO, UNESCO, AGWA, Water and Climate Leaders

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 5 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	250
 <b>Time</b>	17:00 - 18:00, 60 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Panel/Presentation
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, UNFCCC, Meeting Room 2		



# Multilevel Roundtable on Urban Water Resilience






## Event description

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## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, UNFCCC Climate Champions, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Deltares, Resilient Cities Network

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	100
 <b>Time</b>	15:30 -16:30, 60 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Roundtable by invitation
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Al Saih Roundtable Room		





# Launch of the Sharm El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda Working Group on Urban Water Resilience






## Event description

The event, convened by the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA) and the COP28 Presidency, will launch a new working group on urban water resilience under the Sharm el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA), to better incorporate non-state actors from the water sector in the global climate agenda and develop a workplan, including a timeline, for the proposed actions. This technical working group aims to integrate non-state urban water sector actors into global climate actions, setting shared 2030 targets

## Organizers

**COP28, UNFCCC Climate Champions** (with the support of the new Working Group members of the Sharm El-Sheik Adaptation Agenda on Urban Water Resilience)

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	100
 <b>Time</b>	17:30 - 18:30, 60 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Announcement/ Launch
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Global Climate Action (Lab 2, Al Jeer)		



# High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Building Water-Resilient Food Systems






## Event description

Building on the COP28 Presidency's commitment to achieve net-zero, nature-positive, and resilient agrifood and water systems to support producing communities and consumers and the global momentum from the UN Food Systems Summit and the UN 2023 Water Conference, the United Arab Emirates and Brazil will co-host the UNFCCC COP's first-ever ministerial dialogue on water-resilient food systems. The dialogue will bring together agriculture and water ministers, the private sector, and international organizations to showcase innovative policy, finance, technology, and research and development solutions addressing the interlinked food, water, and climate crises.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, and Brazil Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	100
 <b>Time</b>	09:00 - 10:30, 60 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Roundtable by invitation
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Al Saih Roundtable Room		



# Launch of the Partnership on Water-Resilient Food Systems






## Event description

The CO28 Ministerial Dialogue on Building Water-Resilient Food Systems will launch a two-year partnership, hosted by the UNFCCC's Climate-Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance, that will support countries and non-state actors to better integrate water and food systems management – for both adaptation and mitigation – in national climate plans. This event will build on the ministerial to present the Partnership's objectives and envisioned outcomes over the next two years. Consisting of a group of international organizations, the Partnership aims to leverage existing initiatives, projects and resources to support developing countries and non-state actors in delivering on their commitments.

## Organizers

**COP28 Presidency, FAO, IWMI** (with the support of GRP, WEF, WFO, GRP, NDC Partnership, IFAD, World Bank, UNFCCC)

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	50-100
 <b>Time</b>	13:00 - 14:30, 60 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Panel
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Water Pavilion		





# Accelerating Urban Resilience: Innovative Finance for Urban Water Utilities






## Event description

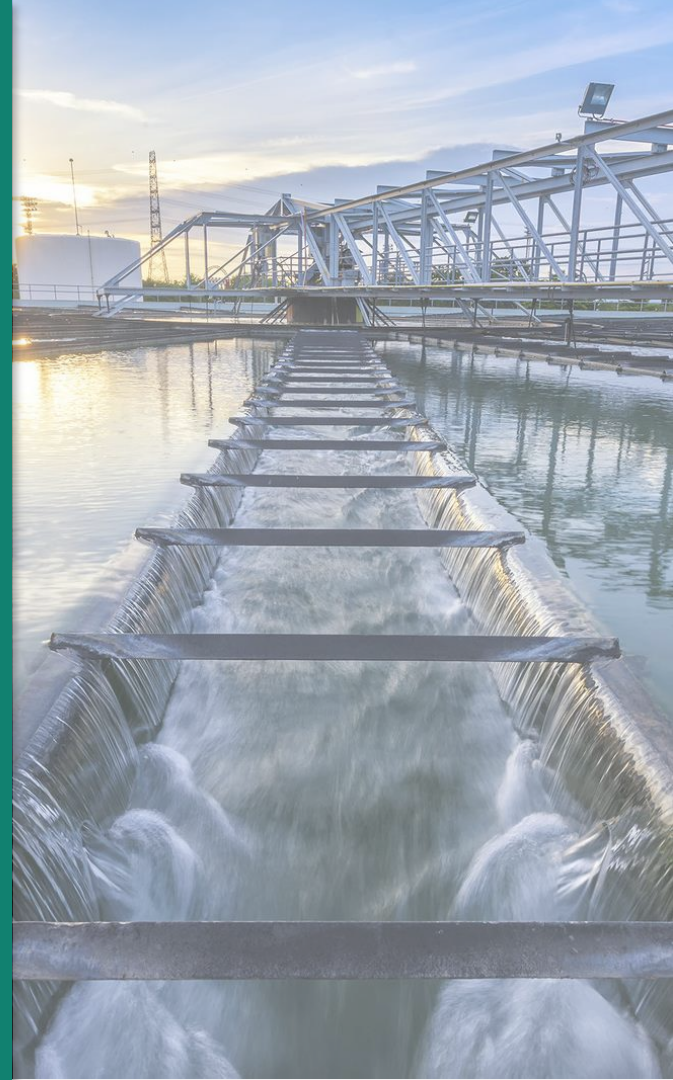
Addressing the global water and sanitation crisis is one of the most impactful ways to build resilience to climate change, achieve global gender equality, and improve health and education outcomes. This high-level event will focus on innovative partnerships and solutions for financing climate-resilient water utilities, showcasing transformative initiatives to provide universal access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services in urban areas, including WaterEquity's Water and Climate Resilience Infrastructure Investment Strategy, the IFC's Utilities for Climate Initiative, and the launch of the pilot phase of the Urban Water Catalyst Initiative.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Bank/IFC, Water Equity and Water.org

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	100
 <b>Time</b>	11:30 - 13:00 , 90 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Keynote/ panel
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Al Saih Roundtable Room		



# Ministerial Roundtable on the Protection and Restoration of Freshwater Ecosystems






## Event description

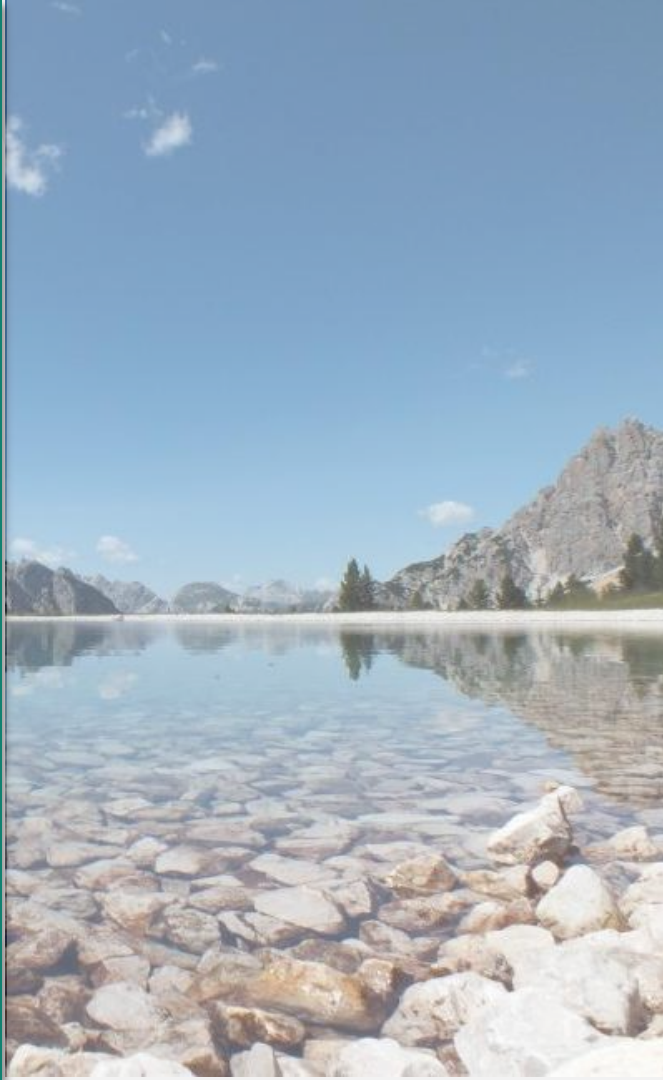
The ministerial roundtable will platform the Freshwater Challenge, championed by the COP28 Presidency, featuring the new member countries of the Challenge and their commitments to protecting and restoring freshwater ecosystems, which are essential to mitigating and adapting to climate change and are currently the most degraded type of ecosystem worldwide. This event will also consist of a multistakeholder facilitated discussion on ways to implement and deliver on commitments, countries will announce and showcase relevant commitments as part of the Freshwater Challenge, including the integration of targets to protect and restore freshwater ecosystems in their NDCs, NAPs, and other related strategies.

## Organizers

**COP28 Presidency, WWF, IUCN, UNEP** (with the support of TNC, Wetlands International, Conservation International and the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar))

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	100
 <b>Time</b>	16:00 - 17:30 , 90 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Roundtable by invitation
 <b>Zone</b>	Blue Zone, Al Saih Roundtable Room		



# Water for Peace and Security: From Risk to Resilience






## Event description

Under the changing climate conditions, the escalating issue of water insecurity is emerging as a fundamental threat to human health, peace, and security. Absent decisive global action, the cascading effects of increasing water instability will affect all countries and regions. This COP28 Presidency event brings together, the world's largest humanitarian network, leading UN agencies, and countries to showcase how cooperative, equitable, and sustainable water management practices enable peace and security in fragile and conflict-affected regions. The event highlights ways of turning water risk into resilience both domestically by ensuring good water governance involving inclusive and informed processes, as well as transboundary.

## Organizers

COP28 Presidency, IFRC, Water, Peace and Security (WPS) Partnership, the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, UNCCD, and UNECE

## Event details

 <b>Date</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> 2023	 <b>Capacity</b>	350
 <b>Time</b>	10:00-11:30, 90 mins	 <b>Format</b>	Panel
 <b>Zone</b>	Green Zone, Connect Conference Multipurpose		





# Venue Map

