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**United Nations Conference on the Midterm
Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the
Objectives of the International Decade for Action,
“Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028**

New York, 22–24 March 2023

Draft report

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I. Organization of work and other organizational matters

A. Date and venue

1. The United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 was held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 March 2023, pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/212](#) and decision 77/552. During that period, six plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues were held.

B. Attendance

2. The list of participants is contained in document [A/CONF.240/2023/INF.2](#).

C. Opening of the Conference

3. The Conference was opened on 22 March by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as temporary President, in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

4. At the opening of the Conference, during the 1st plenary meeting, on 22 March, statements were made by the Presidents of the Conference, Emomali Rahmon and King Willem-Alexander; the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; the President of the General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi; the President of the Economic and Social Council, Lachezara Stoeva; and the Secretary-General of the Conference, Li Junhua.



D. Election of the two Presidents and other officers of the Conference

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 22 March, the Conference elected its officers.

Presidents

6. King Willem-Alexander of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Emomali Rahmon, President of Tajikistan, were elected by acclamation as the two Presidents of the Conference.

Vice-Presidents

7. The following Vice-Presidents were elected by acclamation:

African States: Burundi, Egypt and Ethiopia

Asia-Pacific States: Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia

Eastern European States: Poland, Romania and Russian Federation

Latin American and Caribbean States: Belize, Chile and Colombia

Western European and other States: Denmark and Iceland

8. The following ex-officio Vice-Presidents were elected by acclamation: Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and Tajikistan.

Rapporteur-General

9. Catalina Velasco Campuzano (Colombia) was designated as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

E. Adoption of the rules of procedure

10. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 22 March, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure ([A/CONF.240/2023/2](#)).

F. Adoption of the agenda of the Conference

11. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the agenda ([A/CONF.240/2023/1](#)):

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the two Presidents.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda of the Conference.
5. Election of officers other than the Presidents.
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary organs, and other organizational matters.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General debate.

9. Interactive dialogues.
10. Outcome of the Conference.
11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
12. Closure of the Conference.

G. Organization of work

12. Also at the same plenary meeting, the Conference approved the organization of work as contained in document [A/CONF.240/2023/3/Rev.1](#).

H. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

13. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

14. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee, on the basis of the composition of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session: Angola, Austria, China, Guyana, Maldives, Russian Federation, United States of America, Uruguay and Zambia.

I. Documentation

15. The list of documents before the Conference is contained in the annex to the present report.

II. General debate

16. *[To be completed]*

III. Interactive dialogues

Water for health: access to water, sanitation and hygiene, including the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

17. *[To be completed]*

Water for sustainable development: valuing water, water-energy-food nexus and sustainable economic and urban development

18. *[To be completed]*

Water for climate, resilience and environment: source to sea, biodiversity, climate, resilience and disaster risk reduction

19. *[To be completed]*

Water for cooperation: transboundary and international water cooperation, cross-sectoral cooperation, including scientific cooperation, and water across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

20. *[To be completed]*

Water Action Decade: accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the United Nations Secretary-General's Plan: Water Action Decade 2018–2028

21. *[To be completed]*

IV. Report of the Credentials Committee

22. At its 6th plenary meeting, on 24 March, the Conference considered the report of the Credentials Committee ([A/CONF.240/2023/9](#)).

23. *[To be completed]*

V. Outcome of the Conference

24. At the 6th plenary meeting, on 24 March, the Co-Chairs of the interactive dialogues presented the summaries of the interactive dialogues. At the same meeting, the Presidents presented the summary of the discussions of the Conference.

[To be completed]

VI. Adoption of the report of the Conference

25. At the 6th plenary meeting, on 24 March, the Rapporteur-General introduced the draft report of the Conference ([A/CONF.240/2023/L.1](#)).

VII. Closure of the Conference

26. *[To be completed]*

Annex

List of documents

[To be completed]
