



UNFCCC COP 26 Glasgow, UK

Concept Note Action Event : Water

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

Friday 5 November 2021

Global Climate Action Room 1

Meet time: 11:10

Event run time: 11:30 - 14:15

Organised by: High Level Climate Champions, AGWA, CDP, IUCN and SIWI

Co-organised by: UNESCO, INBO, FWP, SIAAP and all other Water Content Group
Members

MP “Thematic”: Water

<p>Description</p>	<p>The event will highlight the demands of state and non-state actors for more ambitious water action and showcase how they are accelerating climate change mitigation and adaptation through concrete water action.</p> <p>The event will showcase how climate pledges in the water sector translate into concrete steps by the private sector, civil society, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, contributing to Race to Zero, Race to Resilience and country-led action under the Paris Agreement.</p>
<p>Headline</p>	<p>Thirsty for change: the goals of the Paris Agreement are within reach by tapping the potential of water.</p>
<p>Outcomes aligned to narrative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Country and regional representatives hear the calls for more ambitious water action from non-state actors and respond with tangible commitments to “water proofing” the NDCs, NAPs, and LTSS. ● Non-state actors are taking on bolder water leadership. Now it’s your turn to act - Identify the most pressing changes and innovations needed to protect and restore nature and build resilient ecosystems, economies, and societies in the face of climate change risks. ● Showcase that water security is climate resilience and that existing powerful climate initiatives on finance and food are beginning to consider how they can accelerate action on water for climate.
<p>Objectives</p>	<p><i>This event will secure support for the sector transformation pathway of decarbonisation and resilience and be a place to accelerate collective action to execute the pathways by celebrating the ambitious net zero leadership emerging across the water sector and its central role in delivering resilience for 1 billion people.</i></p> <p><i>The event will be a platform for new commitments that demonstrate the growing ambition and progress of non-Party stakeholders and a willingness to support more ambitious NDCs and NAPs to deliver the Paris Agreement objectives as soon as possible by launching the Fair Water Footprint Declaration, a coalition of State and Non-State actors at the heart of the trade of embedded water. This Declaration will commit all signatories to achieve equitable, resilient and sustainable water use across globalised food, fashion and metals supply chains by 2030.</i></p> <p><i>The event will achieve the HLC narrative and 4 overarching goals of COP, ie: increasing ambition, building resilience, mobilizing finance and driving systems change, by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>amplifying the Science of climate impacts on the water cycle and the need for urgent action.</i> - <i>showcasing the calls for more ambitious water action from 1,000 Youth Water and Wetland Ambassadors.</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>highlighting the financing gap and launching initiatives aiming to close it, including the Water and Climate Finance Initiative, and the Africa Urban Water Resilience initiative.</i> - <i>Showcasing the role of water for peace and the varied civil society and indigenous groups endeavouring to use and protect the resource for cooperation in a changing climate.e.g. Ecopeace for Middle East, Sacred Headwaters, and Global Alliance of Territorial Communities.</i> - <i>Demonstrating the game changing water solutions that are underway in the Production of Food and Energy.</i> - <i>Catalyzing the largest private finance initiatives, including The Investor Agenda, GFANZ and the NGFS, to explore how they will drive change on water.</i> - <i>Spotlighting those States and Cities that are taking leading action on water for climate.</i>
<p>*Participants</p>	<p>We cannot be effective without the robust participation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local actors, including women, girls, representatives from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and farmer organizations. ● Private sector companies, including water and wastewater utilities that are responsible for impacting or managing large volumes of water. ● Public and private financial institutions and donors (countries/organizations). ● Country and region representatives who are leading the integration of water in their national and subnational climate change policies. ● Civil society who is advocating for climate action in the finance, food, built environment and energy sectors ● Research institutions working on water, food and energy system transformations to achieve a sustainable and resilient 1.5°C world. ● Intergovernmental organizations and frameworks with a direct impact on water and water-related ecosystems. <p>Given that many of our stakeholders will not be in Glasgow, we will work to ensure that they are able to participate virtually.</p>
<p>Key messages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-state actors call for greater ambition on water for climate. 2. Water security is essential for building climate resilience and achieving net zero. 3. It can be done - Ambitious water-related climate solutions are available now, delivering significant GHG reductions and protecting the lives of billions. 4. The time is now - scale up the adoption of and finance for zero carbon water and wastewater solutions.

Programme

Date: 05 November 2021 Time: 11:30am Length: 2:45 hours / 165 mins		<i>Thirsty for change: harnessing water's potential for a resilient, net zero and nature-positive future</i>
23 mins		Opening - Ambition statement
2 mins	11:30-11:32	★ Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
5 mins	11:32-11:37	An appeal to our common humanity ★ SOS From The Planet: It's Time to Heal
8 mins	11:37- 11:45	High stakes at high altitudes: why we need to act on water for climate now: A Digital World Tour of Water and Climate Science ★ Video ★ Professor Alun Hubbard, The Arctic University of Norway
8 mins	11:45-11:53	<u>Non-State Actor opening statements: We are thirsty for change, it's time to tap the potential of water</u> ★ Mark Engel, CSO, Unilever ★ John Foley, CEO, M&G ★ Dolf van den Brink, CEO, Heineken
5 mins	11:53-11:58	Statements from the Future: Thirsty for change ★ Indigenous Young Wetland Ambassadors and World Youth Parliament for Water, Master Video - 720p - Updated CTA.mp4 - Google Drive
62 minutes		The art of the possible - Water-related solutions that are delivering climate outcomes at scale, now
2	11:58-12:00	Opening with a future vision of what a water secure, resilient, equitable, net zero future looks like, based on the vision statement from Water Action Pathway . ★ Jennifer Jun, Senior Manager, International Policy, SIWI
15	12:00-12:15	Climate leadership in action - the water and wastewater sector, miles ahead of the rest (Video, celebratory discussion and look ahead) ★ Heidi Mottram, CEO, Northumbrian Water ★ Christine McGourty, CEO, Water UK ★ Roch Cheroux, CEO, Sydney Water ★ Patrick Decker, CEO, Xylem

20	12:15-12:35	<p>Water for peace and resilience in a changing climate (This session will showcase how water is being used as a source of cooperation in times of scarcity and why we need to accelerate the adoption of transboundary water agreements and the role of NSA's to achieve this race to resilience)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Olga Algayerova, UNECE - Executive Secretary ★ Yana Boutali, Ecopeace Middle East ★ An Pich Hatda, CEO, Mekong River Commission
20	12:35-12:55	<p>Waterside chat: <i>Scaling access to climate finance for water and climate solutions</i> The objective for the segment would be to present the tools and methods that can be mobilized to accelerate the preparation of well-designed, bankable climate resilient water projects that will attract funding from the wide range of private and public donors of climate finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Ms. Judith Enaw, Secretary General, International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha river basin - CICOS ★ Mr. Stéphane Crouzat, French Ambassador for Climate Change Negotiations, Renewable Energies and Climate Risk Prevention
3	12:55-12:58	<p>Summary and inspirational take away messages Despite challenges, transformation is achievable and tools are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun, host
5 mins	12:58-13:03	<p>Statement for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Equator Prize Winners,
70 mins		<p>Segment 3 - <i>Seizing our future - Launch of initiatives to accelerate water-related solutions for climate and nature</i></p>
2	13:03-13:05	<p>Opening statement illustrating the need for transformational change and highlighting key interventions of the Water Action Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun, Senior Manager, International Policy, SIWI
10	13:05-13:15	<p>Announce: Catalytic Fund for Urban Water Resilience for Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Wanjira Mathai, WRI ★ Mayor Pudence Rubingisa, Kigali ★ Tim Wainright, Wateraid
15	13:15- 13:30	<p>Launch: 50 to 1 billion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Samuela Guida, IWA ★ Marta Colet Gonzalo, CEO, Aguas Andinas ★ Mayor Belinda Constant of Gretna, LA
18		<p>Launch: Glasgow fair water footprint declaration</p>



<p>18</p> <p>2</p>	<p>13:30-13:48</p> <p>13:48-14:06</p> <p>14:06-14:08</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Lord Goldsmith, Minister of State for Pacific and the Environment. ★ Minister Tembo, Malawi ★ Civil Society CEO, Sareen Malik ★ Corp CEO, Diageo ★ Dennis van der Putten, Actiam <p>Waterside chat: systems transformation, how do we make it happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Paul Simpson, CDP ★ Jean Boissinot, NGFS Secretariat and Deputy Director Banque de France, Banque de France ★ Cate Lamb, water lead, High Level Climate Champions <p>(This session will mark the beginning of a breakthrough dialogue on water that to date, has been nascent. The dialogue will explore how one systemic action included in the Water Action Pathway - changes in the rules that define the financial system - can result in systemic shifts that put the \$133 trillion global economy on a path to deliver significant water and climate outcomes.)</p> <p>Inspirational summary statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun, host
<p>3mins</p>	<p>14:08- 14:11</p>	<p>Statement for the future - The roar of water - a quiet moment of reflection accompanied by the sounds of water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Penelope Cruz and Conservation International Nature Is Speaking – Penélope Cruz is Water Conservation International (CI) - Bing video</i>
<p>4 Mins</p>	<p>14:11-14:15</p>	<p>Closing segment: Summary and inspirational take away messages (There has never been a better time to tap the potential of water. Global ambition is needed now more than ever, it's time to turn the water action pathway into reality)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun, Host ★ Gonzalo Munoz Agobir, High Level Climate Champion
<p>Contact person (only one person to be published on the UNFCCC online system):</p> <p>Name: Cate Lamb Organization: High Level Climate Champions and CDP Email address: catelamb@climatechampions.team Telephone number: 0789 693 8495</p>		

Logistical information for participants

1. The COP 26 venue

The 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) will take place from 31 October to 12 November 2021 in the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow, UK (Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW, UK). Information on the venue is available [here](#).

For more information on the UN Climate Change Conference, including an overview, schedules of negotiating bodies, code of conduct and list of side events and virtual participation, please see [here](#).

2. Accreditation and access to the venue

Only accredited participants can enter the conference premises and join the virtual COP Platform. This means all organizers, speakers, moderators, interpreters, technical support, etc. must have badges. Persons accredited through Parties, UN agencies, IGOs or NGOs will also be able to attend and participate in Marrakech Partnership events.

3. Registration

You should now have received an email entitled “Confirmation acknowledgement for UNFCCC session COP 26.” You are now required to use the email to:

- a. re-enter/re-confirm your most recent vaccination status through a link provided in the letter;
- b. agree to the recently introduced UNFCCC COP26 COVID-19 Code of Conduct via this link; and
- c. **DOWNLOAD the acknowledgement letter** to be provided at the registration counter

The **registration desk** in the conference premises will be open from:

Friday, 29 October to Friday, 12 November from 08:00 to 19:00.

Physical badges may be picked up at the registration counter, using a printed or mobile version of the acknowledgement/visa letter sent individually to confirmed nominees. Registered participants will **need to show the same photo ID used for Registration** and have a photograph taken if this is their first attendance at a climate change conference.

Early registration, before Friday 5th November, is highly recommended to avoid delays to the event. If this is not possible, please leave sufficient time for registration since queues are variable depending on day and time. If you find yourself in a line outside close to the time of the event, please speak to a security guard who have been advised to prioritised speakers.

In the extreme event that you are unable to access the Blue Zone, please be prepared to join us virtually as outlined below from an alternative location.

4. Virtual COP Platform ACCESS:

A virtual COP Platform has been created as an extension of the COP events. All registered participants will have access to this Platform, and will be required to perform **Virtual ID check using this link as soon as possible**: <https://cop26platform.unfccc.int/cop26/auth>



- To Access the COP Platform registered participants have to perform Virtual ID Check. Registered Participants will be invited to download COP26 ID Check application on their mobile phone.

Virtual ID check can be performed using the COP26 ID Check application in 3 simple steps:

- Scan UN approved Identification Document (Passport or ID card)
- Take a Selfie
- Verify FAQs about how to use COP26 Platform can be found here (this includes how to register, connect, features of the platform and how to access support):
<https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/glasgow-climate-change-conference/get-copready>

Please **carry out this ID check as soon as possible** as there may be delays in processing checks when demand is high. Please have a look at this video which contains very valuable information about how the Platform will work:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HpVFOgj8VkeUh21BHpeLykX4Bm9AZPJw/view?usp=sharing>

Most up-to date information will be available under 'Registration' on this official webpage.

5. Marrakech Partnership on Global Climate Action rooms

The room where the Marrakech Partnership events will be convened is in the Hydro Bowl, directly after registration and in close proximity to the Action Hub.

Action Room 1 is a Davos style room seating 75 persons on armless chairs, with 8 freestanding armchairs on the stage, 8 side coffee tables, and wireless microphones. There will also be a lectern.

The room will have:

- Audio visual equipment, including a computer and screen projector;
- WiFi;
- Three interpreter booths and headsets;
- A technician is available in the room at the beginning to assist and help prepare and will be on call during the event.

It is not permitted to:

- Change the layout of the rooms. However, there will be the opportunity to slightly adjust the positioning of the chairs, tables and podium in Davos-style rooms to suit the event;
- Bring in any additional equipment;
- Connect any personal computer to the presentation equipment;
- Bring any food or beverages inside the rooms;
- Set up any decoration other than roll-up banners next to and/or behind the podium.

Note that **admission in the room is on a first come first serve basis**. There will be local staff counting participants and they will ensure no one is standing or sitting on the floor. We will reserve seats for all speakers.

Virtual audience will be able to access the event through the virtual Platform or via webcast.

6. Webcast, Recording and virtual participation

The events will be webcasted and recorded. The virtual event rooms are accessible to all badged participants as it is considered a 'public' as opposed to a 'closed' meeting room. This means that taking photographs and making video and audio recordings in accordance with the established guidelines is in principle allowed in the rooms. You should therefore be aware that the event is on the record.

All virtual participants with an official COP26 registration will be able to chat, raise their hand and take the floor when the moderator gives them the floor. Virtual speakers in the events will have the same access but will always be able to speak and they do not need to claim the floor from the moderator.

There will be a technician in the meeting room that will give the access right to speakers.

Tips for virtual participants:

- If possible, please connect your device through a wired connection (ethernet) rather than using wi-fi.
- To test the speed of your internet connection. We recommend using the website www.speedtest.net to ensure that you have a minimum speed of 10 Mbps.
- Ensure that your internet browser is up-to-date.
- If possible, please use laptop or a desktop (PC or Mac) (iPads, tablets or Microsoft surfaces are not recommended).
- Please make sure that your device is plugged into a power outlet.
- Please ensure to have a headset available to limit background noise - find a quiet place to use during your recording.
- Choose a place that is well-lit but avoid lighting that falls directly on top of your head, or that is to the side of your face. The best solution is natural light coming from a window directly in front of you. Alternatively, a lamp can be placed on the other side of the computer screen to provide direct lighting.

Please send your presentations to Cate Lamb (catelamb@climatechampions.team) by close of business Tuesday 2nd November.

- Presentation format: Screens are 16:9 format
- Video files should be QuickTime or VLC format

7. In person participation

Cate Lamb, Jennifer Jun and James Dalton will meet all speakers outside Action Room 1 twenty minutes before our event is due to start to ensure you are ready to start your event on time.

A 15-minute mandatory sanitation break has been established due to strict COVID19 sanitation protocols. Please help the moderator to start and finish on time by keeping to the time allocated to you. We will be asked to leave the room to allow for sanitation promptly at 14:15 GMT. We must leave the room and continue conversations outside to avoid disturbing the preparation and delivery of the next event.

8. Event promotion

Please help us promote the event using the following twitter handles and hashtags:

- @TopNigel, @HLCChampions, @gmunozabogabir
- #RaceToZero, #RaceToResilience, #COP26

Information about the events including the schedule, concept notes, programmes and outcomes will be published in the UNFCCC web site under [Climate Action/Marrakech Partnership/COP 26](#), and in the [side events schedule and the Negotiator App](#)

9. Health and Safety:

Full vaccination is strongly encouraged for all those attending COP 26 in person, but vaccination is not mandatory. In order to facilitate an inclusive event for World Leaders Summit and COP26, any Covid-19 vaccine administered by any vaccination system will be accepted, participants with two different vaccines will also be qualified as fully vaccinated. This means that Sputnik V, Sinopharm, SinoVac, Astrazeneca produced outside the UK, Bharat Biotech and others are accepted vaccines.

All participants, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, travelling from outside the UK must be able to provide evidence of a negative PCR Covid-19 or Lateral Flow Device (LFD)/Antigen test taken in the 72 hours before departing to the UK.

Everyone must participate in the pre-departure testing, tests in the days following arrival and daily testing during the conference. Please visit the site for updated information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-for-people-travelling-to-england>

If you have not been in a red list country or territory you do not have to quarantine. Anyone who has been in a red-list country or territory in the 10 days immediately prior to arrival into England or Scotland must undergo Managed Quarantine at port of entry as follows:

- Delegates that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 must quarantine for 5 days.
- Unvaccinated delegates must quarantine for 10 days.

In the venue, participants are requested to maintain 1 meter of physical distancing (measured shoulder to shoulder) to ensure distancing is maintained. Participants with a negative COVID test will be issued with an armband which will allow them access to the premises. Hand Sanitizers will be available on site. Participants should follow sign-posting and instructions from staff and should not move furniture. Participants must wear a face mask (FFP quality) except when eating, drinking, speaking in a meeting, or those who are medically exempt.

It is recommended for the participants to bring a set of FFP2 masks. Further Information about COVID Tests, Quarantine and other health & safety can be found [here](#).

Information for participants



A comprehensive information guide to the COP may be found on the official conference site in the [Information for Participants](#). This includes information on accommodation, transportation, how to register, catering, consignment information and many other important pieces of information such as the Code of Conduct.

Specific guidelines are highlighted below:

- Code of conduct: <https://unfccc.int/about-us/code-of-conduct-for-unfcccconferences-meetings-and-events>
- Guidelines on the use of cameras and audio/video recording devices: <https://unfccc.int/documents/38827>
- UN Security Guidelines: https://unfccc.int/documents/39680_13.

Other:

- Please note that on Sunday 31 October the Daylight Saving Time ends and at 02:00:00 clocks will turn backward 1 hour to Sunday, 31 October 2021, 01:00:00 local standard time.
- Transport: All registered participants will be issued with a smart card at the information desk giving you free access to public transport to complete your journey from your accommodation to the venue. This will cover travel in Scotland, including Glasgow, Edinburgh and in between for the duration of the conference. When first travelling to the venue, you may need to purchase a ticket, before collecting your smart card at the registration desk.