United Nations | United Nations Water Conference
United Arab Emirates, 2026

GLOBAL YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR WATER

SESSION 7

Major Group for Children and Youth
A space for children and youth in the United Nations

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Water in Multilateral Processes: Strengthening Youth Engagement in International Water Governance

Session co-lead : UN Major Group for Children and Youth SDG6

Water Youth Network
CONNECTING YOU(TH) ON WATER ISSUES

SIE-ISW-SIA

WAVEMAKERS UNITED
Tshirt for water and energy

AGENDA

- Opening & Introductions
- Multilateral Processes: an overview from the Youth Perspective
- Youth in Multilateral Processes: The AWA Project
- Q&A
- About the Capacity Development Online Series



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MULTILATERALISM

Describes international politics and diplomacy, where many countries with different views and goals come together to work together.

THE INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

(a) Water for people: the human rights to water and sanitation, including for those in vulnerable situations, for healthy societies and economies;

(b) Water for prosperity: valuing water, water-energy-food nexus, advancing integrated and sustainable water resource management, wastewater and water-use efficiency across sectors, and economic and social development;

(c) Water for planet: climate, biodiversity, desertification, environment, source to sea, resilience and disaster risk reduction;

(d) Water for cooperation: transboundary and international water cooperation, including scientific cooperation, and inclusive governance;

(e) Water in multilateral processes: Sustainable Development Goal 6, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and beyond, and global water initiatives;

(f) Investments for water: financing, technology and innovation, and capacity-building.

Source: Modalities Resolution:A/RES/78/327

UNDERSTANDING (SOME OF) THE ACTORS

Stakeholders

Contributes knowledge, experience, and solutions; often restricted to observing

UN DESA

Facilitates the process as the Conference Secretariat

UN-Water

Coordinates the work of UN Entities within the UN System on water and sanitation

Member States

Intergovernmental decision makers

UN Special Envoy on Water

Elevates water on the political agenda and encourages coherent action

Note: There is no single UN agency, fund, or programme dedicated exclusively to water issues

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION


Accountability
Integrated
Collaboration
Aligning
Inclusive
Global
Governance
Synergy
Cooperation
Targets
Ethics
Solidarity
Privatization
Sustainable
Strategy
Mobilise
Resources
Water-smart
Lifeline
SDG
Together
Convergence
Openness
Waste
Beyond
Integrated
Embellishment
Coordination
Participation
Safe
Connection
Sustainable
Conservation
Progress
Recycling
Stewardship
Society
SDG
Equity
Aligning
Visibility
Science-informed
Conventions
Continuity
Coordination
Moving
Reform
Partnership
Implementation
Sharing
Protection
Cooperation
Coherence
Holders
Meaningful
Ambition
Bettertogether
Enabler
Beyond
Rewards
Solidarity
Synegies
NDC
Groundwater
Global
Thirst
Stewardship
Clean
Progress
Wetlands
Ambition
Knowledge
Aligment
Lifeline
Essential
Peace
Friendships
Targets
Collaboration
Right
Mainstreaming
Interculturality
Coherence
Representation
Inclusive
Life
Life
Shaping
Sharing
Groundwater
Partnership
Alignment
Recognition
Standardisation
Alignment
Importance
Prioritization
Prioritization
Corruption
Governance
Boundaryless
Participation
Local
Action
Program
Program
Boundaryless
Collaboration
Convergence
Lifelong
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Catalyze
Digitalization
Decarbonisation
Decarbonisation
Compromises
Accessible
Inclusive
Rights
Ownership
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Innovation
Transparency
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Partnership
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HIGH-LEVEL PREPARATORY MEETING IN DAKAR, SENEGAL



ID(e) Stakeholder Recommendations

1. Recommit and follow through on existing commitments, roadmaps, and strategies to enhance the role of water in multilateral processes.

2. Embed water as a core, cross-cutting priority across international agendas.

3. Co-create a shared pathway to a water-secure future beyond the 2030 Agenda by setting deliberate, long-term milestones anchored in a clear global vision.

Source: Enhancing Action Through Collaboration

THE STATE OF PLAY REPORT

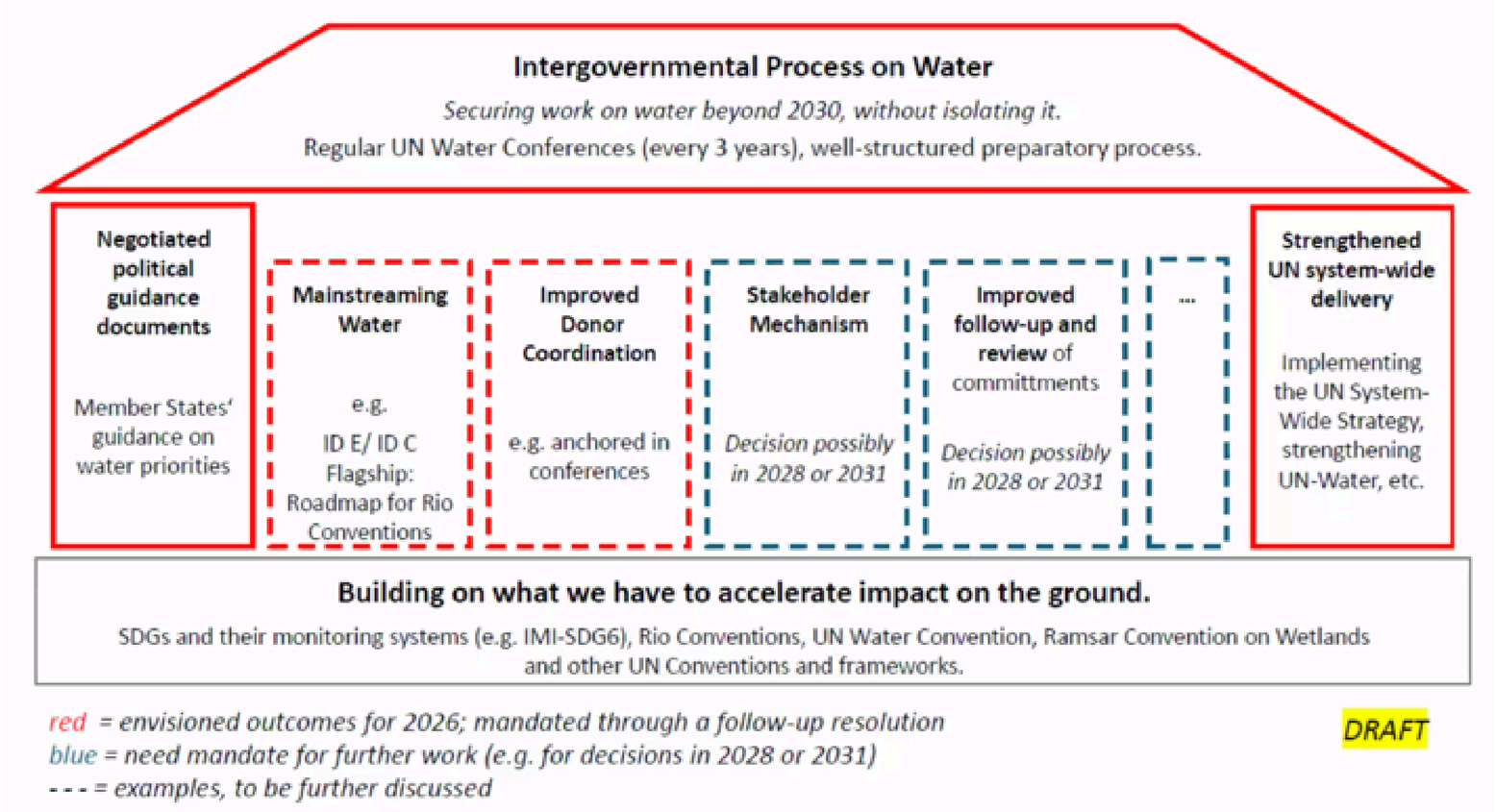


Points to Takeaway

1. Recurring intergovernmental process for water within the UN system beyond 2030.
2. A coherent overarching intergovernmental dialogue on water (e.g., UN Entity for Water).
3. Need for greater political attention and coordination as well as strengthened cooperation across multilateral processes.
4. Building a 'House for Water'?

Source: State of Play Report

THE HOUSE FOR WATER



2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE

MODALITIES RESOLUTION A/RES/78/327

(e) The Secretary-General of the Conference will prepare concept papers on each of the themes of the interactive dialogues;

3. *Further decides* that the Conference will result in a summary of the proceedings of the Conference, to be prepared by the Presidents of the Conference, to reflect the diversity of Member States' perspectives and present a balanced approach, as its outcome document, focusing on areas of accelerated and collective action to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6;

Source: Modalities Resolution: A/RES/78/327

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MODALITIES RESOLUTION A/RES/80/304

5. *Decides* that the Conference shall adopt by consensus a non-binding, action-oriented and intergovernmentally negotiated sole outcome document, to be agreed in advance, that serves as the "Dushanbe Water Framework" and provides a basis for advancing water action;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint two co-facilitators, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, reflecting different views and perspectives on water, to conduct the intergovernmental consultations, through an open, transparent and Member State-driven process, on the "Dushanbe Water Framework" outcome document, to be concluded by April 2028;

Source: Modalities Resolution: A/RES/80/304

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EVERY FUTURE FLOWS FROM WATER
2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE
CO-HOSTED BY THE UAE & SENEGAL

Enabling Partners

CIFF CHILDREN'S INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION

WaterAid

GAYO
GREEN AFRICA YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Implementation Partner

BON Bon Education

YOUTH POSITION STATEMENT

ADVICE FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Understand the process

Look beyond a single conference

Build a pathway for our participation

THANKS FOR LISTENING

He mahi kai takata, he mahi kai hōaka

It is work that consumes people, as greenstone consumes sandstone

Anything worthwhile requires considerable effort

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THE AWA PROJECT

YOUTH-LED

- **We believe that water has the potential to promote equality, resilience, and shared prosperity.**
- **By fostering inclusive approaches to water management, we seek to create a future where no one is left behind.**
- **We advocate for the equitable distribution of water resources, especially among marginalized communities.**

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Since 2024

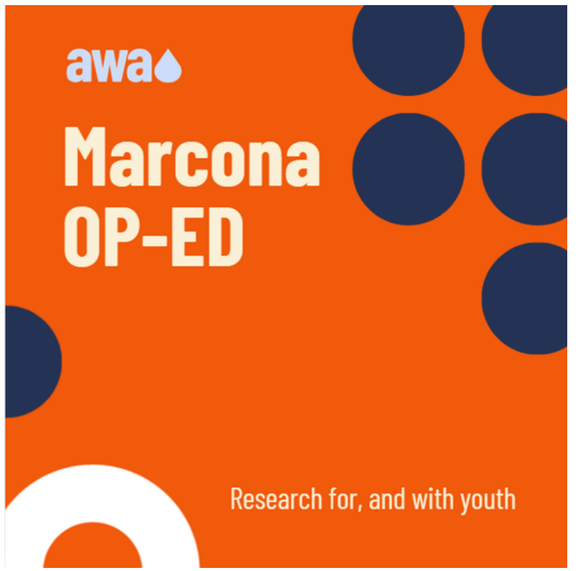


Since 2022



2025

In-person community research



Discover our

Initiatives

Where it started



APEC Youth Leaders Forum



Water Ministerial Summit, LAC

WE KEPT SHOWING UP

1. APEC

Youth Leaders Forum, alongside other youth organisations

2. Ministerial

Water ministerial summit for Latin America and the Caribbean

3. Bonn

Climate meetings, June 2026: the technical work behind COP

4. UN Water 2026

Special accreditation, Youth Organizing Committee, and drafting lead for the Stakeholder Declaration

THE BONN CLIMATE MEETINGS





Bonn, June 2026

NOW, WE ARE DRAFTING

STAKEHOLDER DECLARATION

AWA is drafting lead for the chapter on the Value and Role of Stakeholders

“Our presence remains uneven and often tokenistic”

Founded in 2020 · 6 years of work
Youth voices are essential, not a complement

Inside the Youth Organizing Committee

ID E: Multilateralism theme

Supporting the thematic draft and the Youth Position Paper

Capacity building leads

Helping young people prepare for the Conference, including this series

LATAM roundtable

29 October: AWA's Executive Director spoke at a Latin America-focused roundtable

What's next

Virtual event application submitted, and more activities for the Conference

GOOD PRACTICE IN THE OCEAN OF POSITION PAPERS

Stakeholders declaration

GERMAN WASH NETWORK

STAKEHOLDER DECLARATION
FOR THE 2026 UN WATER CONFERENCE AND BEYOND

Other actors' declarations

Youth consolidated declarations

YOC Position Paper

Youth Organizing Committee (YOC)

- 60+ youth-led and youth-supporting organizations
  - Grassroots organizations
  - Wider youth networks
- Global consultation form (public)

YOC

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Youth Water Statement

Global Youth Water Envoys

- 100 Youth Water Envoys

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Water voices
around the world

LET'S CONNECT!

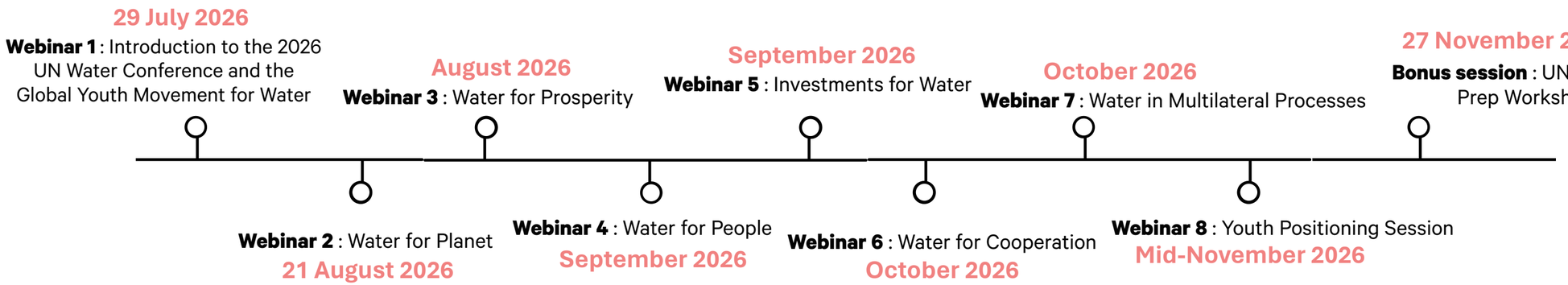
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ABOUT THE WEBINAR SERIES

OVERVIEW

8 Webinars between July and November 2026, every 2-3 weeks.

- 1 Introductory Session
- 6 Thematic Sessions (aligned with the Conference's Interactive Dialogues)
- 1 Youth Positioning Session + 1 Session on Practical skills to engage effectively



THANK YOU !

SAVE! THE DATE

BONUS SESSION :
27 NOVEMBER
26UNWC YOUTH
PREP SESSION

FILL OUT THE YOC GLOBAL CONSULTATION FORM

YOC YOUTH POSITION PAPER



OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 4TH

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Q&A