



8th Session of the

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION

10-12 OCTOBER 2018 | ASTANA | KAZAKHSTAN

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Programme of the High-Level Segment

Wednesday 10 October 2018

09:30–10:20 am

OPENING

Cultural programme

Opening by Mr. Peter Kovacs, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties

Video message of Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan

Speech by Mr. Umirzak Shukeyev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Address of Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

Speech by Ms. Olga Algayerova, United Nations Under Secretary-General, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Speech by Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Video message by Ms. Michelle Yeoh, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador

**10:40 am–1:00 pm
and 3:00–5:00 pm**

SPECIAL SESSION – TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION: SHARING WATER FOR PEOPLE, PLANET, PROSPERITY AND PEACE

An artist perception of transboundary water cooperation: introduction of the art installation by Ms. Carolina Caycedo, Artist

11:00 am–1:00 pm

Part 1 – Transboundary water cooperation and water allocation: preventing conflict and ensuring peace and stability

Moderator: Ms. Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

Panel discussion

Mr. Mansour Faye, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal

Mr. Shavkat Khamraev, Minister of Water Resources, Uzbekistan

Mr. Khan Mohammad Takal, Deputy Minister of Water, Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan

Mr. Danilo Türk, Chair of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace, former President of Slovenia, Lead Policy Advisor to the Geneva Water Hub

Mr. Mamman Nuhu, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission

Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Director for Global Sustainable Development, Directorate General for the Environment, European Commission

Mr. Pio Wennubst, Ambassador, Vice-Director General, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation

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1:00-3:00 pm

Lunch break – Side events

3:00–5:00 pm

Part 2 – Sharing waters in the context of growing water scarcity: how can transboundary water cooperation make a difference?

Moderator: Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Member of the Bureau of the Convention, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Panel discussion

Mr. Yerlan Nyssanbayev, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Kazakhstan

Mr. Mahamat Alifa Moussa, Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Water and Fisheries, Chad

Ms. Tatiana Bokova, Deputy Head, Federal Agency for Water Resources, Russian Federation

Mr. Nuno Lacasta, President of the Environment Agency, Portugal

Mr. Lansana Fofana, High Commissioner, Organization for Gambia Development

Mr. Grigory Mazmanians, Director for Central Asia, World Wide Fund for Nature

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