



# SECTION 1

2022 Calendar of Events

## January

- **January 14-16** – 12<sup>th</sup> IRENA Assembly, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **January 17-19** – World future energy summit 2022, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **January 19** – Online roundtable “Major aspects of sound water use and glacier preservation in Central Asia”
- **January 25** – WWT wastewater 2022, conference & exhibition, Birmingham, UK

## February

- **February 2** – World Wetlands Day
- **February 8-10** – E-World Energy & Water, international conference and exhibition, Essen, Germany
- **February 11** – International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- **February 23-25** – [International Online Conference](#) “The Silk Road of Knowledge: Science meets Green Policy”, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- **February 24-25** – 14<sup>th</sup> [meeting](#) of the Implementation Committee of the Water Convention, Geneva, Switzerland

## March

- **March 3** – World Wildlife Day
- **March 3** – CAREC Women in Energy Summit, online
- **March 14** – World Rivers Day
- **March 13-16** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia International Water Week, Labuan Bajo, Indonesia
- **March 21** – International Day of Forests
- **March 21-26** – 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Dakar, Senegal
- **March 22** – World Water Day
- **March 22-23** – International exhibition of equipment and technologies for waste management and wastewater treatment, Wasma 2022, Moscow, Russia
- **March 23** – World Meteorological Day
- **March 26** – Day of the Aral Sea
- **March 27-April 2** – 17<sup>th</sup> IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technologies, Reno, Nevada, USA
- **March 30-31** – Conference “Environmental Education for Sustainable Development: State, Challenges and Prospects”, Almaty, Kazakhstan, online

## April

- **April 17-21** – Singapore International Water Week (SIWW 2022)
- **April 19-23** – Global Soil Week
- **April 20-24** – IE Expo China 2022, Shanghai, China
- **April 22** – International Mother Earth Day
- **April 23-24** – 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Water Summit, Kumamoto, Japan
- **April 26-27** – International Central Asian Science-to-Practice Conference “30-years of Water Cooperation among the Central Asian States: Facing the Future”, Turkistan, Kazakhstan
- **April 27** – 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of ICWC Central Asia, Turkistan, Kazakhstan
- **April 27** – [Dialogue II: Sustainable Water Governance in Central Asia amid Climate Vulnerabilities](#), online

## May

- **May 6-8** – Scientific Forum “The Force of Nature N+1” as part of the Stihia Festival, Muynak
- **May 16-18** – Global Water Summit, Madrid, Spain
- **May 22** – International Day for Biological Diversity
- **May 23-27** – 2022 Living Planet Symposium, Bonn, Germany
- **May 25-27** – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress and Exhibition: Hydropower Central Asia and Caspian, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

## June

- **June 2-4** – Regional Conference “Prospects of Renewables Development in the Central Asia Countries”, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **June 4** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Water and Climate Leaders, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **June 5** – [World Environment Day](#)
- **June 6-9** – 2<sup>nd</sup> International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **June 8** – World Oceans Day
- **June 8-10** – Aquatech China 2022, Shanghai, China
- **June 10** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Syr Darya River Basin Youth Dialogue, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **June 17** – Desertification and Drought Day
- **June 21-23** – VI All-Russian Water Congress, St. Petersburg, Russia
- **June 28-30** – Special event dedicated to the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Water Convention, and Fourth Joint Meeting of the UNECE Working Groups on Integrated Water Resources Management and on Monitoring and Assessment, Tallinn, Estonia

## July

- **July 1** – Geneva Water Dialogue, Switzerland
- **July 4-5** – 6<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Business Forum “Green Energy & Waste Recycling Forum 2022”, Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan
- **July 5-15** – High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, USA

## August

- **August 8-11** – Asia Water Forum 2022, online
- **August 8-12** – Virtual Conference on Rural and Agricultural Development in the Digital Age, online
- **August 12** – Day of the Caspian Sea
- **August 23-September 1** – World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden

## September

- **September 6-8** – The Green Expo 2022: 28<sup>th</sup> International Environmental Technology Expo and Conference, Mexico City, Mexico
- **September 11-15** – IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition, Copenhagen, Denmark
- **September 13-15** – ECWATECH 2022, Moscow, Russia
- **September 19** – World Cleanup Day
- **September 27** – First Steering Committee Meeting of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **September 27-29** – WETEX&DSS 2022: 24<sup>th</sup> exhibition on water, energy technology and environment, Dubai, UAE
- **September 29** – World Maritime Day

## October

- **October 3-10** – 24<sup>th</sup> ICID International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage and 73<sup>rd</sup> International Executive Council Meeting, Adelaide, Australia
- **October 5-6** – International Scientific-Practical Conference “Water Security – the Basis for Sustainable Development”, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- **October 5-7** – The Ninth “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus
- **October 6-7** – Sixth North and Central Asia Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- **October 9-13** – IDA 2022 World Congress, Sydney, Australia

- **October 11-12** – 4<sup>th</sup> Berlin Climate and Security Conference, online
- **October 15** – International Day of Rural Women
- **October 16-19** – Cairo Water Week, Cairo, Egypt
- **October 17-18** – Global Workshop on Water, Agriculture and Climate Change, Geneva, Switzerland
- **October 17-21** – International Week of Innovative Ideas 2022 “Green innovations for sustainable development” (InnoWeek.Uz-2022), Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **October 19** – 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate, Geneva, Switzerland, hybrid format
- **October 24-27** – Youth for Future: Regional Conference of Youth on Climate Change in Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- **October 26-27** – [Conference](#) on Water Resource Management for Achieving Food Security in Asia under Climate Change, online

## November

- **November 2-3** – International Conference “Hydrodiplomacy: Building and Strengthening Transboundary Water Governance Institutions, Brussels, Belgium
- **November 7-9** – Strengthening Collaboration among Science Networks in Asia and the Pacific Meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia
- **November 7-13** – International Week of Science and Peace
- **November 7-18** – Climate Change Conference – COP27, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
- **November 10** – World Science Day for Peace and Development
- **November 16-17** – SPECA 2022 Economic Forum “Greener and safer future”, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- **November 17** – International Conference “Impact of Global Warming on Central Asia: Country Assessments and Approaches and Regional Cooperation Prospects”, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **November 17-18** – 11<sup>th</sup> All-Russian Scientific-Practical Conference “Rivers of Siberia and the Far East: Preservation of River Ecosystems in Global Change Age”, Khabarovsk, Russia
- **November 22** – 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of ICWC Central Asia, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- **November 22-24** – Korean International Water Week “Sustainable Water Management for Human and Nature”, Daegu, South Korea

## December

- **December 2** – High-Level Central Asian Dialogue on Climate Change and Resilience, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **December 5** – World Soil Day
- **December 6-12** – [UN-Water Summit on Groundwater 2022](#), Paris, France

- **December 7-19** – Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada
- **December 10-11** – 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the WWC, Paris, France
- **December 11** – International Mountain Day
- **December 12-13** – 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus, Geneva, Switzerland, hybrid format
- **December 13** – Central Asian Youth Session “Youth for Youth: Sustainable Development and Innovation”, Almaty, Kazakhstan, online
- **December 16** – International Young Scientist Forum “A way to the green Aral Sea: innovation and cooperation”, Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan
- **December 21-22** – Central Asian Regional Dialogue under the Transformative Futures for Water Security Initiative, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, hybrid format

## Major Events in Central Asia

### International Central Asian Science-to-Practice Conference “30-years of Water Cooperation among the Central Asian States: Facing the Future”, April 26-27, Turkistan, Kazakhstan



The aim of the Conference was to sum up 30 years of ICWC activity in water resources management and related development of interstate cooperation in Central Asia. The Conference brought together about 120 representatives of concerned ministries and departments from the five Central Asian states, executive bodies of ICWC, EC IFAS, as well as water professionals and experts, academia, researchers, students, as well as representatives of international organizations.

The Conference agenda consisted of a plenary session and 4 roundtables: (1) transboundary water

cooperation among the Central Asian countries: lessons and next steps, (2) water saving and sound water use in the context of climate change. Aquatic ecosystems: the current state and needs, (3) science and innovations for water security (dedicated to the memory of Prof. V. Dukhovniy), and (4) water future in Central Asia: diversity of opinions.

The Conference adopted the Joint Statement by the heads of water agencies of the Central Asian countries and the final Resolution.



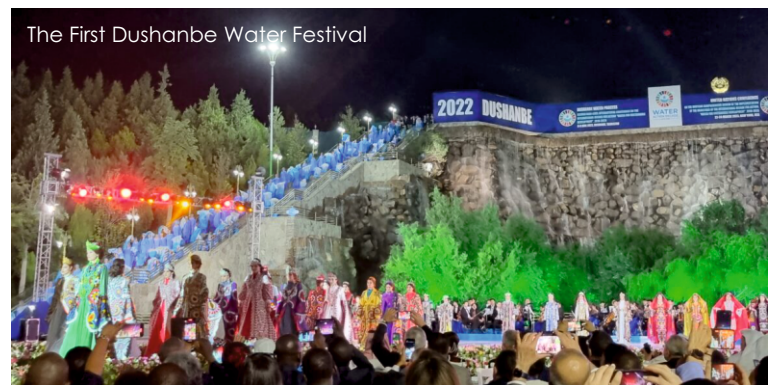
## Second International High-Level Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028<sup>1</sup>, June 6-9, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The Conference entitled “Catalyzing water action and partnership at the local, national, regional and global levels” was held as part of the *Dushanbe Water Process*. 75 country delegations and more than 100 regional and international organizations, including UN agencies, financing institutions, basin organizations, academia, civil society and the private sector took part in the event.

The Conference agenda was comprised of the plenary session and 12 thematic panels: (1) Increasing water-health nexus to respond to the challenges of the post-COVID world; (2) Promoting IWRM, water efficiency and valuing water; (3) Promoting nature-based water solutions, water quality and ecosystems; (4) Accelerating access to safe WASH conditions, leaving no-one behind; (5) Transboundary water cooperation for economic growth and sustainability; (6) Resilient infrastructure and disaster risk reduction; (7) Advancing water sustainability in urban and rural areas; (8) Accelerating the water-energy-food nexus in post-COVID recovery; (9) Water resources and climate: reinforcing the interlinkages; (10) Improving knowledge, education and communication; (11) Moving out of the water box and promoting cooperation at all levels; (12) Promoting science-based water solutions, tools and technology. The outcomes of the panels were presented at the final session and in a Final Declaration “From Dushanbe 2022 to New York 2023”.

Five forums were convened during the Conference: (1) Regional Forum on Water Cooperation in Central Asia co-organized by the EC IFAS and WB in partnership with CAWEP, EU, Switzerland, USAID, GIZ and RECCA; (2) Women Water Forum: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Water Unites Us organized by Royal Academy of Sciences for International Trust (RASIT) in cooperation with OSCE, based on the outcomes of

the 7<sup>th</sup> International Women and Girls in Science Day<sup>2</sup>; (3) Youth and Children’s Water Forum organized by UNICEF together with EC IFAS, MEWR, WMO, CYS, WYN, WYPW, CAY4W to mobilize children and youth in discussions of possible solutions on water and equal access to it; (4) Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Forum co-organized by UNDP and UNESCO; (5) Forum on Water and Mountains: Towards Sustainable Development co-organized by UNESCO and UNRCCA (June 6). The outcomes of the Forums were presented at the plenary session.



The Conference also offered: (1) the international exhibition “Water for Sustainable Development”; (2) the *Water Festival* aimed to increase public awareness about the value of water as a vital resource, the careful attitude to water and its conservation for future generations; (3) International marathon with the motto “Water for Sustainable Development”<sup>3</sup>, which was to draw attention of the world community to emerging and existential water challenges, motivate and call for action, mobilize efforts to achieve real change on the ground, as well as promote the Water Decade and the UN 2023 Water Conference.



<sup>1</sup> First International High-Level Conference was held in Dushanbe on June 20-21, 2018

<sup>2</sup> UNGA declared February 11 as the International Women and Girls in Science Day ([A/RES/70/212](#))

<sup>3</sup> As part of the Global water marathons #RUN BLUE which started on March 22, 2022 on the World Water Day in Australia. 200 marathons involve over 200 million people. The campaign will end on March 22, 2023 on the eve of the UN Water Conference in New York, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0p99\\_yHJ4w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0p99_yHJ4w)

## Youth for Future: Regional Conference of Youth on Climate Change in Central Asia, October 24-27, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



The Conference<sup>4</sup> aimed to raise awareness on challenges caused by climate change in Central Asia, including its security implications. The Conference brought together over 50 participants from Central Asia, Afghanistan and Germany.

The agenda included thematic sessions, discussions in plenary and working groups, simulation games, scenario-setting activities, and field visits.

At the conclusion of the conference, participants agreed on a youth statement that reveals the readiness and enthusiasm of young people to act together in combating climate change and adapting to it.

## High-Level Central Asian Dialogue on Climate Change and Resilience, December 2, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

The High-Level Central Asian Dialogue entitled “From global knowledge to local solutions: climate resilient institutions in Central Asia” was organized by UNDP jointly with GIZ and in cooperation with Uzhydromet, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Water Management.

More than 120 delegates from five CA countries were engaged in the dialogue.

The Agenda included four sessions on actions to build resilience to climate change and natural disasters in CA, water-energy-food and health nexus approach to achieve SDGs, regional cooperation, and discussion and summary.

The dialogue demonstrated climate policies of the CA states in the context of climate risks and addressed changes in the long-term vision of resilience to climate change and natural disasters through comprehensive climate actions.



Фото: UNDP Uzbekistan

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=556066016325542>



## Fifth Central Asian Expert Forum “Current aspects of regional cooperation on climate change, water use, food security and information and communication technologies in the Central Asian region”, December 10, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

The Forum<sup>5</sup> was organized by the Scientific Center for Strategic Studies at the Institute of International Relations (IIR) MFA of Turkmenistan with the assistance of UNRCCA.

The event was attended by heads and experts of the Institutes for Strategic Studies of the CA states, heads and representatives of diplomatic missions, UNRCCA, faculty and students of the IIR MFA, and media.

The goal was to discuss topical issues of regional cooperation, development of common strategic

approaches, practical proposals and recommendations for the regional governments in agreed areas.

The Forum consisted of three sessions on cooperation in combating climate change in Central Asia in the light of the decisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and water cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin, food security in the Central Asian region, and problems of ensuring ICT security.



<sup>5</sup> The Forum, initiated together with UNRCCA in 2018, serves as a platform for leading CA think-tanks to discuss the most pressing issues on the regional agenda to widen regional cooperation in key areas

