



Join Us:

UN 2023 Water Conference

Side Event:

Drought Resilience: Transforming Water Scarcity Into Prosperity Pathways

When:

23 March 2023 14:00 - 15:15

Where:

UN HQ, Conference Room 8

















Invited Speakers

Panel 1: Ministerial Panel

- H.E. Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Deputy Prime Minister for Ecological Transition, Spain
- H.E. Alioune Ndoye, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal
- · H.E. Layla Kamara, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development of Mauritania
- Kitty van der Heijden, Director General for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Special Envoy for Biodiversity and Water Resources, USA

Moderator: H.E. Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Deputy Prime Minister for Ecological Transition, Spain

Panel 2: Technical Panel

- Jennifer Morris, Chief Executive Officer, The Nature Conservancy
- · Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, USA
- · Johan Stander, Director of Services, World Meteorological Organization
- David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Karine Measson, Head of Water Management Division, European Investment Bank

Moderator: Ibrahim Thiaw, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary, UNCCD

This side event will feature the role of various actors to address drought proactively, across sectors and scales, putting a spotlight on options that are integrated and inclusive. The role of empowering vulnerable populations in reducing vulnerability, enhancing resilience and disaster risk reduction will be emphasized. Through a talk-show format, participants will make sense of the multi-faceted nature and interconnected approaches as well as the need for coordination, communication, and cooperation among countries, organisations, and platforms to accelerate the implementation of the water action agenda. The role of comprehensive proactive policies to identify solutions, minimizing cross-sectoral trade-offs and harnessing synergies will be highlighted.

The event is being jointly organized by the Governments of Spain, Senegal, Mauritania, the United States of America, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, and The Nature Conservancy.















