



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 March 2017

Excellency,

Pursuant to paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 71/222 of 22 December 2016 entitled “International Decade for Action: Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028”, and to my previous letters, I have the honour to share with you the provisional programme for the working level dialogue to discuss improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, prepared in collaboration with H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary and Mr. Lukmon Isomatov, Head of the Department of External Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, Co-Moderators of the dialogue.

This first water dialogue will consist of a high level opening segment as well as two multi-stakeholders interactive Panel discussions, dedicated respectively to:

- The implementation of water-related SDGs: addressing challenges and seizing opportunities through strengthening cooperation and partnerships.
- Role of the United Nations system: improving the integration and coordination to support the Member States and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation and follow-up of water related SDGs.

Member States are invited to engage in interactive Panel discussions and are highly encouraged to keep their interventions to less than 3 minutes per speaker. There will be no prior list of speakers for this meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations
New York

Improving the integration and coordination of the work of the United Nations on the water-related goals and targets under its sustainable development pillar, with particular emphasis on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, 22 March 2017

Provisional Programme

<p>10:00-10:30</p>	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of United Nations General Assembly • Co Moderators of the dialogue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Aslov Sirodjidin Muhridinovich, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations • H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations • H.E. Dr. Han Seung-soo, UN Special Envoy on Disaster Risk Reduction and Water, and Chair of the High-level Experts and Leaders Panel on Water and Disasters (HELP)
<p>10:30-10:50</p> <p>10:50-13:00</p>	<p>Panel 1: The implementation of water related SDGs: addressing challenges and seizing opportunities through strengthening cooperation and partnerships</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lesha Witmert, Women for Water Partnership • Mr. Roberto Lenton, Daugherty Distinguished Fellow, Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at University of Nebraska • Mr. Zafar Adeel, Executive Director, Pacific Water Research Centre <p>Interactive discussion (Member States and other relevant stakeholders)</p>
<p>15:00-15:20</p> <p>15:20-17:50</p>	<p>Panel 2: Role of the United Nations system: improving the integration and coordination to support the Member States and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation and follow-up of water related SDGs</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bai-Mass Taal, Former Executive Secretary of the African Minister Council on Water • Ms. Sanjaasuren Oyuun, Chair of the Global Water Partnership • Mr. Olcay Ünver, Deputy Director of the FAO Land and Water Division <p>Interactive discussion (Member States and other relevant stakeholders)</p>
<p>17:50</p>	<p>Closing remarks by co-moderators</p>