



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 March 2018

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated on 8 March 2018 and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/222 of 22 December 2016, which proclaimed the period from 2018 to 2028 the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, I have the honour to share with you the updated provisional programme of the launch Event of the Decade, to be convened on 22 March 2018, at the United Nations Headquarters.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miroslav Lajčák

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

LAUNCH EVENT
International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028
22 March 2018
UN General Assembly, UN Headquarters

Provisional Programme

9:50-10:00	Presentation of a short video from the High-Level Panel on Water entitled “Water’s Promise: Making Every Drop Count”
10:00-11:00 General Assembly Hall	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Saikal, Vice-President of the General Assembly, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, H. E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák • H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations presenting the Action Plan of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028 • H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Initiator of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” 2018-2028 and presenting the report “Making Every Drop Count: An agenda on Water Action” on behalf of the members of the High-Level Panel on Water • Mr. Armando Perez aka Mr. WorldWide (tbc) • Miss Autumn Peltier, civil society representative
11:00-13:00 GA Hall	Plenary
15:00-16:30 Trusteeship Council	<u>Panel 1:</u> Contribution of the Water Decade to the implementation of water related SDGs: addressing challenges and seizing opportunities through strengthening cooperation and partnerships

Chamber	<p>Moderator: Mr. Sirodjidin Aslov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mrs. Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands • H.E. Mr. Ali Al-Ghezawi, Minister of Water and Irrigation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan • H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, Chairman of the Global High-Level Panel on Water and Peace and former President of the Republic of Slovenia (tbc) • Ms. Priscilla Achapka, Executive Director Women Environmental Programme • Sadhguru, Founder of the Isha Foundation <p>Interactive discussion</p>
16:30-17:55 Trusteeship Council Chamber	<p>Panel 2: Role of relevant stakeholders in mobilizing necessary resources for the implementation and follow-up of water related SDGs</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Gilbert Hougbo, Chair of UN-Water and President of IFAD</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Mohamed Asim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives • H.E. Mr. Andries Nel, Deputy Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of the Republic of South Africa • H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations • Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs • Ms. Mariet Verhoef-Cohen, President of Women for Water Partnership <p>Interactive discussion</p>
Friday, 23 March	<p>Closing remarks by the PGA will be delivered following the conclusion of the plenary segment.</p>