EVENT SUMMARY

Side Event
UN 2023 Water Conference

Water and Energy for Sustainable Development:
Integrated solutions supporting regional cooperation,
climate resilience and biodiversity

23 March 2023
United Nations Headquarters, New York

On the margins of the 2023 UN Water Conference, UN DESA in collaboration with the Global Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network convened a Side Event "Water and Energy for Sustainable Development: Integrated solutions supporting regional cooperation, climate resilience and biodiversity". Held on 23 March 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York in Conference Room 5. The event brought together multi-stakeholders to discuss and showcase initiatives that address the water-energy nexus as well as to share knowledge on replicable and scalable effective solutions.

The Side Event consisted of Introductory and Technical sessions attended by about 60 participants. The Introductory session included remarks from: Mr. Emerson Coraiola Yinde Kloss, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, Brazil; Ms. Maria Antonia Gwynn, Governing Council Member, Itaipu Binacional, Paraguay; Mr. Juan Sánchez, Director, Innovation and Engineering, Canal de Isabel II, Comunidad de Madrid, Spain. The Technical session was moderated by Mr. Minoru Takada, Sustainable Energy Team Leader, UNDESA and included a panel of 9 experts from Spain, Finland, Guatemala, The Netherlands, Mexico, Ethiopia, Brazil, Paraguay, and Switzerland. Panelists shared about their spanning across sectors, including: the application of best practices in irrigation in the agroindustry; transboundary water basins and international cooperation; hydropower and ecosystem restoration; measurement and benchmarking of water services; solar water pumps, and much more.

The event concluded with a call of encouragement for stakeholders across all sectors, industries, and interests to help deliver on effective water-energy nexus actions supporting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Event Photos