



UN 2023 Water Conference
22 -24 March, New York

OECD events on financing water and other water policy issues

Tuesday 21 March

- ***Sustainable Water Engineering bringing together the Global Community***
08:00 – 09:30 EST (virtual event)
Convened by the International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- ***Innovation Lab***
08:30 – 13:00 EST (Columbia University; 601 W 125th Street)
Brainstorming event convened by Columbia University and Water as Leverage
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (panellist)
- ***Sixth UN Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters, Special Session on Water, DRR and Climate Change***
16:45-17:45 EST (Trusteeship Council)
Special event co-convened by WMO and UN-Water
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- ***Evening of Inspiration and Recognition on Water Security***
19:00 – 20:30 EST (1 Columbus Circle, NY; by invitation only)
Informal dinner convened by the Carbon Disclosure Project
OECD participation:
 - Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate
 - Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
 - Anna Dupont, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Team, Environment Directorate

Wednesday 22 March

- ***The Business Case for Better Water Management***
11:00 – 12:00 EST (New York Marriott Marquis; by invitation only)
Side event convened by CERES
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- ***Partnerships and Cooperation for Water: The main findings of the WWDR 2023***
11:00 - 12:15 EST (Side event Room 5)
Side event convened by Italy and UNESCO
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- ***Launch of the International High-Level Panel Report on Water Investments in Africa***
12:30 - 13:45 EST (Side Event Room 5)
Side event convened by the African Union Commission
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate



- **Turning the Tide: A Call to Collective Action**
Time: 13:15 – 14:30 EST (Conference Room 4)
Side event convened by the Global Commission on the Economics of Water
OECD participation:
 - Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate
 - Anna Dupont, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Team, Environment Directorate
 - Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **Water as Leverage (celebration ceremony)**
15:00 – 16:30 EST (730 3rd Avenue)
Special event convened by the Netherlands – Water as Leverage
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- **Signing of the Sahel Alliance declaration**
16:00 – 17:00 EST (Delegates lounge – 4th floor)
Event co-convened by WHO, SWA and the French Development Agency
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **Catalysing a Water Action Agenda for Finance**
17:00 – 18:15 EST (Side event Room 9)
Side event convened by the Carbon Disclosure Project
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (moderator)
- **The Hidden Wealth of Nations: Groundwater in Times of Climate Change**
17:00 – 18:15 EST (Side event Room 6)
Side event convened by the World Bank
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **Water & Finance**
19:00 – 22:00 EST (Restaurant Daniel, 60 E 65th Street; by invitation only)
Diner co-convened by the OECD
OECD participation:
 - Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate
 - Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
 - Anna Dupont, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Team, Environment Directorate

Thursday 23 March

- **Designing a global PPP on water and food systems and financing**
08:00 – 09:15 EST (257 Park Avenue South; by invitation only)
Chatham House breakfast co-convened by GWP and Environmental Defense Fund
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate
- **Strengthening Climate Resilience through Expansion of Investment in the Water Sector**
11:00 – 12:15 EST (Side event Room 9)
Side event convened by the Asia Water Council
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)



- **Urban Water Catalyst Initiative - Changing the game for financing a water-secure and climate-resilient future**
14:00 – 15:15 EST (Room C)
Side event co-convened by Germany and the Netherlands
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **The Economics of Water: transforming governance to secure a sustainable, just and prosperous future**
15:00 – 18:00 EST (Conference Room 2)
Special event co-convened by the OECD and the Global Commission on the Economics of Water
OECD participation:
 - Anna Dupont, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Team, Environment Directorate
 - Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **Water Finance in the Mediterranean**
15:30 – 16:45 EST (Side event Room 6)
Side event convened by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- **Delivering on Africa's Water Sector Challenges**
19:00 – 21:00 EST (Millennium Hilton New York, One UN Plaza)
Evening reception convened by the African Development Bank (Africa Water Facility)
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate

Friday 24 March

- **Bridges Close Gaps! Moving the Blended Finance Needle to Generate Financeable Water Plans**
08:00 – 09:15 EST (Side event Room B)
Side event convened by Water Equity
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- **The Water Decade**
08:30 – 10:30 EST (Conference Room 4)
Interactive Dialogue co-convened by US government and the government of Singapore
OECD participation:
 - Anna Dupont, Senior Policy Advisor, Water Team, Environment Directorate
 - Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate
- **Water as Leverage - Factory**
09:00 – 10:30 EST
Roundtable co-convened by Alliance for Global Water Adaptation and Water as Leverage
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate
- **SDG6 Inter-governmental Seminar**
10:00 – 12:00 EST (Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza)
High-level panel convened by the Korean Ministry of Environment
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)



- ***Water for Sustainable Development: The Saudi Experience***
11:00 – 12:15 EST ([Trusteeship Council Chamber](#))
Side event convened by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- ***RETHINKING collective action***
12:30 – 13:45 EST ([Side event Room 5](#))
Side event convened by Water Equity and Danone
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- ***Economic Resilience Through Water Resilience: Managing Economies for Uncertainty and Change***
12:30 – 13:45 EST ([Side event Room 8](#))
Side event convened by Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)
OECD participation: Aude Farnault, Policy Analyst, Water Team, Environment Directorate (speaker)
- ***Launch of the International High-Level Panel Campaign on Water Investments for Africa and Global Change Makers Awards***
15:30 - 16:45 EST ([Side event Room 5](#))
Side event convened by Global Water Partnership Southern Africa
OECD participation: Xavier Leflaive, Water Team Lead, Environment Directorate (speaker)