Leaving No One Behind

Launch of the UN World Water Development Report and commemoration of World Water Day

On behalf of UN-Water, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, together with seventeen UN entities and international organizations have the pleasure of inviting you to the launch of the UN World Water Development Report and commemoration of World Water Day.

Invitation

Palais des Nations, Geneva
Tuesday 19 March 2019 - 16:00-17:30

Room XVI Room XVI is on the 5th floor of building A (Assembly Hall)
Followed by a reception at Le Hall des Pas Perdus from 17:30-19:00
featuring a live interpretation of the Symphony of Water and Peace

World Water Day is an international day observed by the United Nations. It has been celebrated globally every year for more than 20 years following the United Nations General Assembly’s designation of 22 March as ‘World Water Day’ in 1993.

In 2019, OHCHR and UNHCR lead the coordination of World Water Day under the theme of “Leaving no one behind”.

Please find attached the agenda of the meeting.

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Welcome

• Mr Olcay Ünver, Vice-Chair, UN-Water

Opening remarks

• Ms Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
• Mr Xing Qu, Deputy Director General, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization of the United Nations
• Mr George Okoth-Obbo, Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
• Ms Emanuela Del Re, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Keynote speech

• Ms Maya Ghazal, advocate for refugee rights

Launch of the UN World Water Development Report

• Mr Stefan Uhlenbrook, Coordinator, UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme

Panel discussion

• Mr Leo Heller, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation
• Ms Vanessa Godat Fakhry, Responsible of "Solidarité Internationale Eau" at the City of Lausanne
• Mr Loïc Voisin, Senior Executive Vice President, Suez

Announcement of the winner of the Stockholm Water Prize

• Mr Torgny Holmgren, Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute

Closing remarks

• H.E. Ambassador Michael Freiherr von Ungern-Sternberg, Germany