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**UN 2023 Water
Conference**
briefing for cities

24 February 2023
13:00 - 14:30 CET

Villa Rigot
Av. de la Paix 9
& Online

The growing population density makes cities particularly vulnerable to the consequences of poor sanitation. Failing water & sanitation services create the constant threat of a disease outbreak in vulnerable neighborhoods. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of local authorities, water shortages are increasingly recurrent incidents.

The UN 2023 Water Conference will take place 22-24 March 2023. It is the midterm review of implementation of the UN Decade for Action on Water and Sanitation (2018-2028). Water is vitally important for sustainable development from social, health and economic perspectives. As localization of the SDGs becomes crucial, cities must be equipped to follow the Conference.

The aim of this briefing is to give participants the key elements to understand the outcome of the Conference. Geneva Cities Hub, UN-Habitat, UN-Water, Geneva Environment Network and Member States representatives will present the aspects of the Conference that are most important for local leaders.

Participants are invited to ask questions and make recommendations to the panelists.

Speakers

- **Johannes Cullmann**, Vice-Chair, UN-Water, Director, WMO
- **Graham Alabaster**, Head of Geneva Office, UN-Habitat
- **Diana Rizzolio**, Coordinator, Geneva Environment Network
- **Marie-Pierre Meganck**, Head of project for the UN 2023 Water Conference, French Ministry of Ecological Transition
- **Nathalie Olijslager-Jaarsma**, Program Director, UN 2023 Water Conference (Netherlands)

Moderated by: **Andras Szorenyi**, Senior Policy Advisor, Geneva Cities Hub

English - French interpretation available online via Zoom. Bring your phone or laptop and earphone to listen to the translation in the room.



***Snacks will
be served
at 12:30***