

Invitation

March 22nd 2023 1:15–2:30 p.m. (EST) UNHQ, Special Event Room (CR2)

Germany, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Niger Basin Authority cordially invite you to the joint high-level side event at the UN 2023 Water Conference

“Too much and too little – Accelerating IWRM for climate-resilient water management and ecosystem conservation”

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) as well as holistic approaches considering the **Nexus between water, energy, food security and ecology** are critical to manage the available water resources sustainably while protecting and conserving the **water-related ecosystems** that hold the potential for **climate change mitigation and adaptation**. This side event showcases how water-related challenges can be tackled both at **national and transboundary level** by strengthening the interlinkage between water and climate.

In 2023, the **German Environmental Ministry** joins forces with the **Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development of the Democratic Republic of Congo** (bilateral cooperation) and the **Niger Basin Authority** (basin-wide trans-boundary cooperation) to launch two new projects as part of the German government’s International Climate Initiative (IKI): (1) “Water-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus in the Democratic Republic of Congo” and (2) “Integrated Water Resources Management in the Niger Basin”.

Both projects have been submitted as joint commitments under the **Water Action Agenda** of the UN 2023 Water Conference and contribute to tackling the specific water- and climate-related challenges of DRC and the Niger basin.

High-level representatives from both regions will highlight how IWRM and cross-sectoral Nexus approaches can function as **catalyzers for the achievement of the Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development, the **Paris Agreement** and the **UN Convention for Biological Diversity**, amongst others.

Join us at the UN Headquarters, Special Event Room (CR2)!



Agenda



1:15 p.m Moderation: **Abou Amani**, Director, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO

Welcome

- 1:20 p.m**
- **H.E. Ms Steffi Lemke**, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Federal Republic of Germany
 - **H.E. Ms Ève Bazaïba Masudi**, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of Congo
 - **H.E. Mr Aly Seydouba SOUMAH**, Minister for Energy, Water and Petroleum, Republic of Guinea
 - **H.E. Ms Garama Saratou RABIOU INOUSSA**, Minister for Environment and Desertification Control, Niger Republic
 - **H.E. Mr Suleiman Hussein ADAMU**, Federal Minister of Water Resources, Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - **H.E. Mr Abderahim Bireme Hamid**, Executive Secretary Niger Basin Authority

High-level Segment

1:50 p.m Moderation: **Ms Miriam Haritz**, Deputy Director General, German Environmental Ministry

Panel

Panelists:

- **Mr Rashid Mbaziira**, Executive Secretary, AMCOW
- **Ms Kelsey Harpham**, Project Manager Water Tracker, AGWA
- **Mr James Dalton**, Director, IUCN
- **Ms Vidhisha Samarasekara**, Strategic Program Director, IWMI
- **Mr Pablo Vieira**, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit

Questions from the floor

2:25 p.m (tbc)

Outlook and Closing