



# HIGH LEVEL PANEL

## OUTCOMES OF THE GLOBAL WATER POLICY REPORT 2021: LISTENING TO NATIONAL WATER LEADERS AND LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA WATER POLICY REPORT



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The Global Water Policy Report 2021 is a world-first comprehensive survey revealing the water management challenges of Ministers, top officials and other national water leaders in 88 countries, representing a combined population of over 6 billion people.



During this session, a panel of Ministers and high-level officials will discuss the outcomes of the Global Water Policy Report 2021 and its relevance to their work, topics for the 2023 report and how to maximise participation and value in the next Water Leaders Survey.

The session will also include a brief overview of the report findings and a presentation by a senior United Nations official on how the report will support implementation of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework.

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# PANEL DISCUSSION

The panel will be unique in the Forum, and in any global water event, in being about the perspective and experience of national water leaders. This is the first time the collective experience of national water leaders of 88 countries has been the subject of in depth discussion.

## REPORT INSIGHTS

- The highest water-related risks their countries face are from climate change and associated pressures on water supplies and worsening floods and droughts.
- The greatest challenges many face are with integration and prioritisation of water issues within governments. Administrative problems of fragmented water institutions are of as much, if not greater, concern than factors such as public resistance to reforms.
  - COVID-19 has not much affected the priority of water and sanitation services.
  - Sustainable Development Goals on water are 'challenging' or 'impossible' for many, with governance problems and lack of financing the main reasons for this.
- While groundwater is considered by many national water leaders to be essential to their country's future water supply, far fewer consider their groundwater is being used sustainably.

*The launch of the 2022 Africa Water Policy Report, prepared by Water Policy Group in collaboration with AMCOW will also take place during the Panel.*

## VIDEO MESSAGES FROM

**Ms. Kelly Ann Naylor**, Vice Chair, UN-Water, and Associate Director for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF

**Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque**, Chief Executive Officer, Sanitation and Water for All Partnership, formerly UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Hon. Carl Hermann Gustav Schlettwein**, President of African Union's African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW), and Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia

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- **Hon. Carl Hermann Gustav Schlettwein**, President of African Union's African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW), and Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- **Hon. Suleiman Hussein Adamu**, Federal Minister for Water Resources, Federal Republic of Nigeria (TBC)
- **Hon. Mohammed Abdel Atty**, Minister for Water Resources and Irrigation, Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC)
- **Hon. Serigne Mbaye Thiam**, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal (TBC)
- **Mr. Henk Ovink**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands
- **Mr. Oswald Chanda**, Head of Water and Sanitation, African Development Bank (TBC)

Moderator and presenter:

**Dr. Olcay Ünver**, Arizona State University, United States, member of Water Policy Group

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