Mobilizing parliamentary action on water for shared prosperity

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, 19 May 2024

- Arrival of delegates
- Registration

18:30–21:00 Gala dinner hosted by Ms. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia

Monday, 20 May 2024

08:30–10:00 World Water Forum opening ceremony
10:30–11:00 Opening of the Parliamentary Meeting

Photo session

11:00–12:30 **Plenary I: Access to water and sanitation: A deal-breaker for achieving sustainable development**

Water scarcity affects more than 40% of the global population. At the same time, 4.2 billion people lack sanitation, while the majority of wastewater is released in the environment untreated. Women and girls are disproportionately affected, including for cultural factors. This session will provide an overview of the status of universal access to clean water and sanitation globally. It will show how Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) on clean water and sanitation can drive sustainable development by contributing to health and well-being, livelihoods and education, as well as the protection of natural resources and the creation of healthy environments.

12:30–13:45 Lunch

13:45–15:15 **Plenary II: Innovative practices for inclusive and equitable access to water**

Local communities are key stakeholders in water management and in understanding the needs and perspectives of populations facing socioeconomic disparities in access to water and suffering the most from environmental degradation, including women and girls, indigenous people and rural populations. The session will promote a dialogue between parliamentarians, water advocates and innovators to share insights on effective community engagement and legislative practices to address inequities in access to clean water and water management. The session aims to inspire more inclusive decision-making processes and partnerships between parliaments and local stakeholders to co-create sustainable water management solutions.
Plenary III: Water at the heart of climate action

Water and climate change are inextricably linked. Climate change is exacerbating water scarcity, with over two billion people already living in countries where water supply is inadequate. Climate change is also making water more unpredictable and polluted. Pressure on the supply of fresh water affects the production of food and energy, jeopardizing progress across the SDGs. The session will provide an overview of climate change as the main cause of water scarcity. It will discuss parliamentary efforts to promote water efficiency, reduce water pollution and preserve water ecosystems, and foster integrated action across the water-food-energy nexus.

Tuesday, 21 May 2024

09:00–11:00  Plenary IV: Water diplomacy, cooperation and science for peace

Water insecurity can be a source of conflict and poses a threat to peace and security. Cooperative water management and the use of science can foster dialogue in search of common solutions for equitable access to water. The session will present initiatives at the interface of water management, science and peace. It will also take a forward-looking perspective on the need to invest on water security for the future through technology, infrastructure, innovation and financing.

11:00–12:00  Closing: Shared commitments on the global water agenda

12:00–13:30  Lunch

14:00–16:00  Field visit

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

Departure of delegates