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“From UNEA to General Assembly: Taking action for Sustainable Lake Management - as a catalyst to accelerate global commitment in the Water Action Agenda“

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Side event ID No.: HQ44

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Time: 17.00 – 18.15 EST

Room: CR-8 UNHQ

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Title of side event: From UNEA to General Assembly: Taking Action for Sustainable Lake Management – as a catalyst to accelerate global commitment in the Water Action Agenda

To which topic of the thematic interactive dialogues aligns your proposed side event the most?

ID 3: Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR (SDGs 6.5, 6.6, 7, 11.5, 13, 14, 15)

Please write a short description of this side event (including thematic focus, speakers, voluntary commitments for the Water Action Agenda and cross-sectoral partnerships, if applicable)

Natural and artificial lakes contain more than 90 per cent of the freshwater on the surface of the Earth and are major contributors of freshwater for human and environmental needs, for food, energy and industrial needs for livelihoods and the advancement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. On the other hand, the state of lake environments, notably in terms of water quality and quantity, is severely deteriorating around the world, threatening human health, biodiversity and the environment. This needs to be urgently addressed in a sustainable manner.

The UNEA-5.2 Resolution No. 5/4 on Sustainable Lake Management, which was adopted in Nairobi, in March 2022 requests all States Members of the United Nations and relevant international organizations, to:

- a. to protect, conserve, restore and ensure the sustainable use of lakes;
- b. to integrate lakes into national and regional development plans;
- c. to take into account their local culture and knowledge, and to engage and build capacity of local communities;
- d. to involve all stakeholders;
- e. to take into account research and scientific guidance; and
- f. to develop international networking and collaboration);

The resolution also specifically requests the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to support the implementation of the Resolution by:

- a. supporting the advancement of sustainable lake management at all levels,
- b. facilitating collaboration between States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies in research, capacity-building and the sharing of knowledge, information and best practices, and
- c. advancing mainstreaming of sustainable lake management and raising awareness of sustainable lake management at the global level.

This event will highlight protection, conservation, restoration and sustainable use of lakes and other freshwater ecosystems, in an integrated management basin-wide approach, addressing several conditions: water pollution, degraded land, poverty, and others, and further highlighting the diverse value stemming from those efforts into several ecosystem services: food, health, energy, biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, disaster risk reduction, livelihood, and economic and social co-benefits.

The event aims to share knowledge, experiences and best practices and garner commitment towards sustainable lake management to advance the Water Action Agenda.

Duration: 75 minutes

Agenda:

	Participants are expected to join the event 15 minutes before it starts Short video: Sustainable Lake Management
17.00 – 17.02	Welcome Dr. Joakim Harlin, Head of Freshwater Unit, UNEP as facilitator
17.02 – 17.10	Opening Speech: Commitment and action on Sustainable Management of Lakes and other Inland Freshwater Ecosystems to the attainment of Global Water Agenda 1. Prof. Dr. Siti Nurbaya, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia (video message) 2. Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP (video message)
17.10 – 17.25	Experience Sharing and Commitment 1. Inge Retnowati, Director of Inland Waters and Mangrove Rehabilitation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia 2. Lou-Ellen Martin, Director of Urban Water and International Engagement, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia 3. Astrid Schomaker, Director for Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism, European Union
17.25 – 17.55	International organization’s support to the commitments 1. Dr. Musonda Mumba, Executive Director of Ramsar 2. Lis Mullin Bernhardt, Freshwater Unit, Marine and Freshwater Ecosystem, UNEP 3. Dr. Jo Puri, Associate Vice President for Strategy and Knowledge Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) 4. Nina Raasakka, Coordinator World Water Quality Alliance, Global Environment Monitoring Unit, UNEP

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Dr. Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, Program Specialist of Division of Water Sciences, International Hydrological Programme (IHP), UNESCO 6. Dr. Masahisa Nakamura, International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC)
17.55 – 18.03	Other parties' relevant commitment and support
18.03 – 18.09	Community's support <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wendy Omanga, Global Youth Movement for Water 2. Nadya Hutagalung, influencer (video message)
18.09 – 18.15	Closing Call to Action: The Way Forward from Commitments to Action <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystem Division, UNEP 2. Sigit Reliantoro, Director General of Environmental Pollution and Degradation Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Indonesia

Welcome for e-flyer and other e-publication share concerning:

1. Best practices of protection/restoration/sustainable use of several types of lakes, wetlands and other inland freshwater ecosystems.
2. Policy/Governance for sustainable management of lakes, wetlands and other inland freshwater ecosystems.

The way forward:

All commitments and actions would be implemented in the spirit of earnest, collaboration and sharing, in the Framework of Water Action Agenda. Strengthening of these efforts would be an important input for the High Level Political Forum on SDGs, under the auspices of UN General Assembly, in September 2023.

Further, within this framework, several upcoming water related global fora would be valuable opportunities, to share-and-learn to improve performance and collaboration, among others the 19th World Lake Conference in Balantofured, Hungary, October 2023, the 6th UNEA, in Nairobi, Kenya, February 2024, and the 10th World Water Forum in Bali, Indonesia, May 2024.

Co-Facilitators:

1. Dr. Joakim Harlin, Head of Freshwater Unit, UNEP as facilitators
2. Danny Rahdiansyah, Deputy Permanent Representative for UNEP and UN-Habitat, Indonesian Embassy in Nairobi