



# **PRESS KIT:** 2023 UN WATER CONFERENCE, NEW YORK

# CATALYSING PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR WATER & SANITATION: ACCELERATING CHANGE

**Event at the UN Water Conference, 24 March 2023, organised by Aqua for All and the Clinton Global initiative, hosted by ING New York**

To accelerate access to safe drinking water and sanitation solutions, bridging the finance gap is a prerequisite that cannot be achieved without private investments. Aqua for All, a long-term partner of the Government of the Netherlands, plays an important role in catalysing private capital. Financial Inclusion will allow sustainable water enterprises, that play a vital role in complementing government efforts, to have access to investments and working capital.

The Governments of Kenya, Senegal, and Ethiopia, the National Bank of Kenya, La Banque Agricole, Aqua for All, and many other partners will showcase their efforts to build up investment portfolios. They will elaborate on how they contribute to the national water agendas and share their commitments to achieve SDG 6.

Specifically, the aim is to elaborate on the role of governments in creating an enabling environment for the water sector to thrive, and attract private investments. And ultimately inspire participants to replicate and accelerate innovative finance solutions for water and sanitation.

The participating banks, asset managers, and catalytic capital providers (de-risking) have committed to reaching over USD 860 million in allocations (portfolio build-up or investments) through blended finance solutions.

## OUR PARTNERS

### *Africa:*

- African Guarantee Fund
- National Bank of Kenya
- Sidian Bank, Kenya
- La Banque Agricole (LBA), Senegal

### *Europe:*

- UN Sanitation and Hygiene Fund Switzerland
- Incofin, Belgium
- Danone Communities Impact Investment Fund, France
- Actiam, The Netherlands
- Oikocredit International, the Netherlands

### *USA:*

- U.S. International Development Finance Corporation
- WaterEquity

# LIST OF SPEAKERS

## *Main Speakers:*

- H.E Minister of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation of Kenya
- H.E Minister of Water and Sanitation of Senegal
- Ms. Josien Sluijs, Managing Director, Aqua for All, the Netherlands

## *Guest Speakers:*

- Mr. Jules Ngankam, CEO, African Guarantee Fund (AGF), Kenya
- Mr. George Odhiambo, CEO, National Bank of Kenya (NBK), Kenya
- Ms. Loise Mwangi, Director Branch Network, Sidian Bank, Kenya
- Mr. Cheikh Ndiaye, Director General, La Banque Agricole (LBA), Senegal
- Mr. Dominic O'Neill, CEO, UN Sanitation and Hygiene Fund (SHF), Switzerland
- Ms. Dina Pons, Managing Partner, Incofin Investment Management Belgium
- Ms. Valérie Mazon, General Manager Danone Communities, France
- Mr. Anthony Randazzo, Director of Investments U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), USA
- Mr. Vincent van Dugteren, Head Innovation and Fintech, Oikocredit International, the Netherlands
- Mr. Theo Brouwers, CEO, Actiam, the Netherlands
- Ms. Shabana Abbas, Sr Innovative Finance Manager, Aqua for All

## *Moderators*

- Mr. Aarno Keijzer, Innovative Finance Manager, Aqua for All, the Netherlands
- Ms. Mayuri Ghosh, Director, Climate Resilience, Clinton Global Initiative, USA

# OVERVIEW OF EVENTS



## Meet Aqua for All at the UN Water Conference in New York March 22 - 24, 2023

### Thursday 23 March 2023

#### 'The Imperative to Expand the Funding Pipeline for SDG 6'

8.45 - 10.45 EST, Ford Foundation Centre for Social Justice, 320 E 43rd St, New York, NY 10017

**Speakers:** The Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN), together with Aqua for All, the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Actiam, and Water.org

Investment managers, asset owners and stakeholders increasingly show interest in investing in water and sanitation. Innovative financing vehicles and investing in private companies offering solutions in the water and sanitation sector will be discussed.

#### 'Catalysing Private Capital for Water & Sanitation: Accelerating Change'

11.00 - 12.15 EST, UN Building ECOSOC Room, 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY

**Speakers:** the Minister of Water and Sanitation of Kenya, Senegal and Ethiopia, African Banks, Impact Investors and a Guarantee provider

The Governments of Kenya, Senegal and Ethiopia acknowledge the need for private funding to reach universal access to drinking water and sanitation. With the organisations in the panel we committed to reach over USD 860 million in investments and will discuss examples to facilitate investing in WASH.

**Highlight:** the **Water Access Acceleration Fund (W2AF)** will be launched by Incofin, with Danone (anchor investor) and Aqua for All (first loss provider).

*Open to all accredited participants of the UN Water Conference, the session is organised in a different format again on 24 March at the Office of ING (registration required). More information below.*

### Friday 24 March 2023



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#### 'Catalysing Private Capital for Water & Sanitation: Accelerating Change'

9.00 - 11.30 EST, Office of ING, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10036

**Speakers:** As mentioned above, organised together with the Clinton Global Initiative

A more in-depth exploration with a targeted audience and focus on the private sector, compared to the session on Thursday. Building portfolios in the field of water and sanitation; the need for risk reduction and capacity building combined with a deep understanding of the sector, enabled a combined commitment of USD 860 million.

**Highlights:**

- Signing of the **partnership** between the **African Guarantee Fund (AGF)** and Aqua for All
- Signing of the **contract** between Aqua for All, **La Banque Agricole (Senegal)** and **Swiss Capacity Building Society (SCBF)**

*Registration for this session is required by 21st March.*

#### Bridges Close Gaps! Moving the Blended Finance Needle to Generate Financeable Water Plans.

8.00 - 9.15 EST, Side event Room B, UN HQ.

**Speakers:** WaterEquity, Climate Fund Managers, Convergence Blended Finance, FMO, Green Climate Fund, Invest International, WASTE, Aqua for All

[For more information visit https://aquaforall.org/aqua-for-all-at-un-2023-water-conference/](https://aquaforall.org/aqua-for-all-at-un-2023-water-conference/)

### Our speakers



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Innovative Finance  
Manager



**Josien Sluijs**  
Managing Director



**Shabana Abbas**  
Sr Manager Innovative  
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Aqua for All at the UN 2023 Conference webpage: <https://aquaforall.org/aqua-for-all-at-un-2023-water-conference/> (Short link: <https://bit.ly/3n61Kfm>)
- Conference website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/water2023> (Short link: <https://bit.ly/Water2023> )
- SDG 6 webpage: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation/> (Short link: [bit.ly/sdggoal6](https://bit.ly/sdggoal6))
- WaterAction webpage: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/un-2023-water-conference-engagement-5-water-actions-you-can-take/>
- Webcast: [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org)

## ABOUT AQUA FOR ALL

Aqua for All is an international foundation operating primarily in Africa and Asia. For over two decades, we have worked towards catalysing an innovative, sustainable and inclusive water and sanitation economy worldwide.

We believe that innovation, scalable solutions, and public and private capital are needed to bridge the service and financial gap to achieve SDG 6 – Water and sanitation for all.

We use grants to accelerate providing access to water and sanitation to low-income households. We do this by supporting innovations and scaling up enterprises until they are investment ready. In addition, we use our funds to mobilise private capital to increase investments in water and sanitation. We are Making Water Count!

For more information please refer to: [www.aquaforall.org](http://www.aquaforall.org)

## MATERIALS AND MEDIA INQUIRIES

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# HASHTAGS

*Conference hashtags:* #WaterAction

*Secondary hashtags:* #GlobalGoals, #SDGLive (SDG Media Zone only), #sdg6; #UN2023WaterConference

*Additional hashtags:* #safedrinkingwater, #socialimpact, #impactinvesting, #financialinclusion #WASH financing

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