

Water is LIFE: Angel of Waters Ceremony

Water and Heritage: Connecting Past, Present and Future

Official Side Event UN 2023 Water Conference

On the afternoon of March 21, 2023, the eve of World Water Day and the opening of the Mid Term Review of the United Nation's (UN) Decade of Action, an inspirational ceremony will take place at the Angel of the Waters Fountain in Central Park. The ceremony will aim to celebrate the tangible and intangible value and enduring significance of water related cultural heritage around the world to assist in meeting asset management and living heritage stewardship challenges of today and tomorrow. The ceremony will also recognize New York City's 180+ year history of managing water and water related heritage, stretching from 1842 when the Old Croton Aqueduct was inaugurated until today.



The ceremony is hosted by the Central Park Conservancy. The Angel of Waters Fountain at Bethesda Terrace in Central Park will be marked as a heritage site for water inspiration, and the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Water & Heritage will award the shield to representatives from the City of New York to raise public awareness of the significance of water related heritage.

TIME
21 March 14:00 -15:00

LOCATION
Bethesda Fountain Central
Park New York, NY 10024
United States



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Program

Welcome, Openings and Significance of Water, the Keystone of the 2030 SDGs

Importance of Historic Central Park and Its Water Related Heritage

Presentation of Water & Heritage Shield
Awarding of the shield to New York City

Unveiling of the Shield

Water Related Challenges and the Call for Action to the UN to Act Decisively

NOAA's Science and Technology Priorities for Water

Water is Life

- Living with Water and the Rights to Water
- Connecting through Water
- Justice through Water
- Water for Peace
- Conclusion of the Session
- Ceremony to Send a Message of HOPE to the UN Water Conference

Speakers

Moderator: Ms. Jan C. K. Anderson, Fellow US/ICOMOS

Christopher Nolan, former Chief Landscape Architect of the Central Park Conservancy New York

Sir Diederik Six, VP ICOMOS ISC on Water & Heritage

Representative from the City of New York (invited)

HRH Prince Jaime de Bourbon de Parme, Climate Envoy for the Netherlands

Sarah Kapnick, Ph.D., Chief Scientist for NOAA

Dwayne Perry, Chief of the Ramapough Lunaape Nation

Li An Phoa, Connector, Drinkable Rivers, Netherlands

Endashaw Debrework, S.J., Deputy Director, Jesuit Hakimani Center

Deepika Singh, Associate Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

Ms. Jan C. K. Anderson, Fellow US/ICOMOS

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