

The United Nations of Rivers, Deltas and Estuaries

Official Side event UN 2023 Water Conference

DAY 4: Conversations with Activists and Artists

Strategies and methodologies aimed at the sustainable management of water and water ecosystems need to go beyond technical and economic driven approaches. The event aims to gather the perspective of artists, activists, and indigenous representatives. Speakers will be asked to share their experience and strategies in working with water and fighting against water socio-ecological injustices.



The gathered insights can guide us towards a different engagement with water, taking into consideration values often left aside by mainstream water management programs that can lead towards more holistic and just programs. This will represent the first step for building long-lasting interdisciplinary partnerships for a constantly-growing international network of artists, activists, academics, policy makers, and experts.

TIME

20 March 18:00 - 20:30

LOCATION

The New School, New York

ZOOM

<https://tudelft.zoom.us/j/8829167337>

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River Sisters pouring water into the Sztola's dry riverbed (Source: Stan Barański, Courtesy of Cecylia Malik, CC BY 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons).

Program

Welcome and Introduction

Round Table: Action-Oriented Perspectives on Rivers, Deltas and Estuaries

Reflections and Takeaway Points

Speakers

- **Mary R. Watson**, *Dean of Schools of Public Engagement, The New School*;
- **Joseph Heathcott**, *The New School*.

- **Merth Kumru**, *World's Youth for Climate Justice*;
- **Laura de Vries**, *Dutch Young Climate Movement, European Climate Pact Ambassador in the Netherlands*;
- **Maud van den Beuken**, *Artist*;
- **Charlotte Qin**, *Artist, QinTheory Studio*;
- **Li An Phoa**, *Drinkable Rivers Foundation*;
- **Beau Morton**, *Director of Education at WE ACT*;
- **Pratik Ragu**, *The New School*;
- **Jurgen Bey**, *Studio Makkink & Bey*;
- **Betsy Damon**, *Keepers of the Water*;
- **Sukrit Sen**, *Living Waters Museum*.

Moderators: Carola Hein and Matteo D'Agostino, *UNESCO Chair Water, Ports, and Historic Cities*

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