



March 2024
Wednesday

Keynote Speaker



Mr Suresh Prabhu
Member of Rajya Sabha,
Former Minister of
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(Virtual)

Moderator



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Water for Planet, People, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership

Let's Celebrate World Water Day
Development Alternatives HQ



WATER FOR PEACE World Water Day 2024

trialogue 2047: WATER FOR PLANET, PEOPLE, PROSPERITY, PEACE AND PARTNERSHIP

On 20th March 2024, from 3:30pm

at Development Alternatives HQ, B 32 Tara Crescent, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi

Water, the cradle of civilization, has been a cornerstone supporting agriculture, trade, and transport throughout history. In the face of accelerating global population growth and urbanization, the demand for water has surged exponentially. However, the convergence of climate change, depleting reservoirs, and unpredictable weather patterns intensifies challenges, manifesting in heightened floods and prolonged droughts that strain water access. This, compounded by escalating demands for food security and energy, underscores the urgency of effective water resource management.

Climatic shifts, aquifer depletion, and biodiversity loss further threaten ecological balance and aquatic ecosystems. The persistent pollution of rivers, ponds, and lakes exacerbates the challenge, making collaborative water management an imperative and formidable task. The ethos of collaboration and cooperation in water management symbolizes a shared responsibility for efficiently and effectively addressing the impending challenges. Water, inherently a connector, becomes a tool to craft a peaceful and prosperous global landscape. The urgency to unite in safeguarding and conserving this precious yet increasingly scarce resource cannot be overstated.

In light of the magnitude and vulnerability of our shared resource, water, the theme of World Water Day 2024, "Water for Peace," aptly aligns to foster partnerships and encourage collaboration on a shared agenda. This commemoration serves as a timely recommitment to prioritize the sustainable use of water resources.

The proposed agenda for World Water Day 2024 involves acknowledging the interconnectedness of water challenges and promoting collective action. Initiatives may include educational campaigns on responsible water use, community-based conservation efforts, and policy advocacy for sustainable water management. By engaging diverse panellists from different backgrounds including governments, NGOs, communities, and individuals, this celebration aims to highlight the critical role water plays in fostering peace and prosperity. It emphasizes the need for united efforts to address water-related issues, underscoring the imperative to view water not merely as a vital resource but as a catalyst for global collaboration towards a harmonious and sustainable future.

trialogue 2047 - Water for Planet, People, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnerships:

trialogue 2047, a dynamic series of discussions, focuses on building a consensus for India's transition to a sustainable future. With a triple-bottom-line approach—balancing economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability—this initiative centers around "Water for Planet, People, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnerships." This underscores the interconnectedness of water management with broader sustainable development goals, fostering solutions aligned with India's unique socio-economic context. The initiative advocates for a collaborative pathway, emphasizing the importance of partnerships in achieving comprehensive and lasting sustainability.

AGENDA

20 March 2024, at Development Alternative HQ, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi

| Time | Sessions |
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| 3:30 - 4:00 pm | Registration for the <i>trialogue</i> 2047 and Tea |
| 4:00 - 5:30 pm | <p><i>trialogue</i> 2047: WATER FOR PLANET, PEOPLE, PROSPERITY, PEACE AND PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Welcome address: Mr. Shrashtant Patara, CEO Development Alternatives Group</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament</p> <p>Esteemed Speaker:</p> <p>Mr. Yugal Kishore Joshi, Advisor, NITI Aayog</p> <p>Ms. Hyun Hee Ban, Chief, Social Policy, UNICEF India</p> <p>Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director, NIUA</p> <p>Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President, Global CSR, HCL Foundation</p> <p>Special Remarks: Dr. Ashok Khosla, Chairman, Development Alternatives Group</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Zeenat Niazi, Chief Knowledge Officer, Development Alternatives</p> <p>Launch of the e-book on “Water for peace: reflections” by the dignitaries</p> |
| 5:30 - 6:30 pm | <p>Water and Culture</p> <p>Introduction by Dr. Mansee Bal Bhargava, President, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry- Water Resource Council (WICCI-WRC)</p> <p>Dastan Goi on Water</p> <p>Ms. Swati Sharma, Mr. Sukrit Sen, Mr. Palash Chaturvedi</p> <p>Living Waters Museum in association with East India Dastangos</p> |
| 6:30 pm | Closing Remarks |