Following its launch during the UNFCCC’s COP 21 in Marrakech Morocco in November 2016, the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) has steadily received recognition and mandate to support countries in finding solutions to cope with climate change in agriculture in the face of climate change.

In April 2017, a meeting of Partners agreed to establish a WASAG partnership to be hosted by FAO to advance the mandate of the Framework.

Emerging from its foundational years, WASAG held its first international forum with the theme Leaving no one behind from 19 to 22 March 2019 in Praia, Cabo Verde, where the partners – under the leadership of the six WASAG working groups – developed and adopted the Praia Commitments.

With the contribution of its 70 partners, WASAG has since developed its strategy for 2021-2024. WASAG is set to further play a greater role in developing collaborative actions as solutions to the increasing challenges posed by climate change and the resulting water scarcity, in order to make agriculture more resilient.

The second WASAG international forum, which is again hosted by the Government of Cabo Verde provides the setting for this step.

Objectives of the forum

- To mobilize political commitment to accelerate strategic actions, including policies and investments for addressing water scarcity in agriculture.
- To formulate messages that will raise the profile of water scarcity in agriculture in the climate change dialogues at the forthcoming at the UN Water Conference in March 2023 and UNFCCC COP 28 in November 2023.
- To discuss ways of making the partnership more effective and impactful for the implementation of the new WASAG Strategy 2021-2024 and involving all Partners.
- To share relevant knowledge and information on key issues and to network and to foster collaboration among partners.
- To showcase latest technologies, practices and products in agriculture (through the fair)
The forum will aim to promote and position agriculture at the core of climate change discussions in view of the forthcoming events and beyond:

- **UNFCCC COP 28 (United Arab Emirates, 6-17 November 2023)** – Climate Change

The forum will also aim to define the actions and review the modus operandi of WASAG in order to accelerate the delivery of the Framework and its Partnership on its mandate.

### Focus areas

- Water and Nutrition
- Saline Agriculture
- Sustainable Agricultural Water Use
- Drought Preparedness
- Water and Migration
- Financing Mechanisms
- Natured-Based Solutions for Water Scarcity in Agriculture
- Innovation, Technology, Data and Science for water scarcity in agriculture
- Capacity building for smallholders on climate resilient practices
- Farmer-led Irrigation Development
- Dryland Agriculture

### Expected outcomes

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### Organizers

[Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](https://www.fao.org)

This forum will specifically contribute to these Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

1. **No poverty**
2. **Zero hunger**
3. **Gender equality**
4. **Clean water and sanitation**
5. **Responsible consumption and production**
6. **Climate action**
7. **Life on land**
8. **Partnerships for the goals**
## Programme

### Day 1 - Tuesday 7 February
- **08:00-08:30**
  - Registration & Welcome Coffee (Atrium)
- **08:30-09:00**
  - Opening Ceremony (Plenary)
- **09:00-10:30**
  - Photo Group (Plenary) and Press Conference (VIP room)
  - Special Session – CABO VERDE (Plenary)
  - LUNCH (Restaurant)
- **10:30-11:00**
  - Technical Session 1a: Water and Agriculture Room 101
  - Technical Session 1b: Saline Agriculture Room 102
  - Side Event 1
  - Room 201
- **11:00-12:30**
  - Coffee (Room 101)
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **12:30-13:30**
  - Special Session: Achieving SDG6 – Water Quality, Water and Agriculture Room 101
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **13:30-15:00**
  - Special Session: Achieving SDG6 – Water Quality, Water and Agriculture Room 101
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
  - Side Event 3
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **15:00-15:30**
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Poster Exhibition
  - Side Event 3
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **15:30-17:00**
  - Debriefing of the day (Plenary)
  - FOCUS on innovative approaches and Science (13:30-17:00)
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
  - Room 101
- **17:00-18:00**
  - Reception
  - Side Event 4
  - Room 101
- **18:00-18:30**
  - Coffee (Room 101)
  - Partners Meeting (closed door)
  - Room 102
- **18:30-20:00**
  - Closing Ceremony (Plenary)
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Visit of the technological and agriculture fair

### Day 2 - Wednesday 8 February
- **08:00-08:30**
  - Registration & Welcome Coffee (Atrium)
- **08:30-09:00**
  - Opening Ceremony (Plenary)
- **09:00-11:00**
  - Photo Group (Plenary) and Press Conference (VIP room)
  - Special Session – CABO VERDE (Plenary)
  - LUNCH (Restaurant)
- **11:00-13:30**
  - Technical Session 1a: Water and Agriculture Room 101
  - Technical Session 1b: Saline Agriculture Room 102
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 201
- **13:30-15:00**
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Poster Exhibition
  - Side Event 3
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **15:00-15:30**
  - Debriefing of the day (Plenary)
  - FOCUS on innovative approaches and Science (13:30-17:00)
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
  - Room 101
- **15:30-17:00**
  - Reception
  - Side Event 4
  - Room 101
- **17:00-18:00**
  - Closing Ceremony (Plenary)
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Visit of the technological and agriculture fair

### Day 3 - Thursday 9 February
- **08:00-08:30**
  - Registration & Welcome Coffee (Atrium)
- **08:30-09:00**
  - Opening Ceremony (Plenary)
- **09:00-11:00**
  - Photo Group (Plenary) and Press Conference (VIP room)
  - Special Session – CABO VERDE (Plenary)
  - LUNCH (Restaurant)
- **11:00-13:30**
  - Technical Session 1a: Water and Agriculture Room 101
  - Technical Session 1b: Saline Agriculture Room 102
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 201
- **13:30-15:00**
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Poster Exhibition
  - Side Event 3
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **15:00-15:30**
  - Debriefing of the day (Plenary)
  - FOCUS on innovative approaches and Science (13:30-17:00)
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
  - Room 101
- **15:30-17:00**
  - Reception
  - Side Event 4
  - Room 101
- **17:00-18:00**
  - Closing Ceremony (Plenary)
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Visit of the technological and agriculture fair

### Day 4 - Friday 10 February
- **08:00-08:30**
  - Registration & Welcome Coffee (Atrium)
- **08:30-10:30**
  - Opening Ceremony (Plenary)
- **10:30-11:00**
  - Photo Group (Plenary) and Press Conference (VIP room)
- **11:00-12:30**
  - Side Event 2
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **12:30-13:30**
  - Side Event 3
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **13:30-15:00**
  - Side Event 4
  - Room 101
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
- **15:00-15:30**
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Poster Exhibition
  - Side Event 5
  - Room 101
- **15:30-17:00**
  - Debriefing of the day (Plenary)
  - FOCUS on innovative approaches and Science (13:30-17:00)
  - Room 102
  - Room 201
  - Room 101
- **17:00-18:00**
  - Reception
  - Side Event 4
  - Room 101
- **18:00-19:00**
  - Closing Ceremony (Plenary)
  - Coffee (Plenary)
  - Visit of the technological and agriculture fair

### Meetings
- **For more information on the Forum, visit the website www.fao.org/wasag/news/2nd-wasag-forum**

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