



**G20 Special Event on Water
“Fostering a New Culture of Water for
People, Planet and Prosperity”**

**Organized by
Water Academy SRD Foundation
in collaboration with the
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.**

**Date: 21 October 2021 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (Venue: hybrid format;
Rome, MAECI-DGCS, Sala Onofri (speakers))**

Building on the Geneva Water Initiative, the organizers aim to promote a science-based multi-stakeholder alliance to raise awareness on the importance and urgency of a multi-dimensional approach to address the challenge of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water for all. The scarcity of water is undermining human security and all living forms on our planet. As the Earth Carrying Capacity - the maximum number of species the environment can support indefinitely - reached its limits, water even more than other natural resources is under permanent threat. Water resources have been in peril for decades, but now more than ever as they are severely hit by the combined impact of climate change and unsustainable anthropic activities. Better water policies, targeted actions and more resources are needed at the national, regional and global levels to conserve and responsibly use water and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 6 – also at the core of a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from the Covid-19 crisis. Water-related crises and stresses are to be addressed as global priorities, so as to help secure social justice, women and youth empowerment, inclusive growth, and protect life on land and below water, while leaving no one behind. Because of its scale and complexity, water-related issues require a multi-dimensional approach and a policy coherence to be addressed effectively. Amid other strategic investments, the organizers strongly believe in the pivotal role of quality education, training and capacity building in shaping strategies, policies and programs to improve access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, and make sustainable the use of water resources in the agricultural, industrial and energy sectors. The objective of this event is to gather representatives from academia, international organizations and the private sector to discuss the possible elements of a New Culture of Water based on the values of Sustainable and Responsible Development, scientific evidence, dialogue between all different sources of knowledge, and exchange of experiences and best practices. Water is key to help meet fundamental human needs, ensure the conservation of nature and promote empowerment at all levels, for people, planet and prosperity. By focusing on these three priorities, the Italian Presidency of the G20 represents a unique framework in which to hold a special event on fostering a New Culture of Water for People, Planet and Prosperity.

Participants at highest representative level from: CERN, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Universities, Research Centers, Diplomacy, NGO's, Multilateral Organizations, Private Sectors Cultural Foundations