

## SEO8A: Water for life – Bridging the gap between the right to water and food

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### Description

UN Special Rapporteurs, Member States, Civil Society, and Indigenous Peoples will convene to discuss about bridging the gap between the right to water and the right to food. The discussion will be informed by the recent report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation "Water and Food Nexus: A Human Rights Perspective."

### Objectives:

- To discuss the report of the Special Rapporteur on the water and food nexus with governments representatives, experts, policymakers, civil society and rightsholders.
- To highlight the urgency of addressing the water-food nexus in the context of the water crisis.
- To explore better coordination opportunities between water and food sectors at national and international levels.
- To discuss opportunities for policy reforms that prioritize water use for human consumption, including sufficient and acceptable food systems, and promote gender equity and the fulfilment of human rights to food and water.
- To provide a platform for rightsholders to present their experiences and knowledge.