



**2025
2034** | Decade of Action
for Cryospheric
Sciences



2025
International
Year of Glaciers'
Preservation



Agenda for the Main Event

Celebrations of the World Day for Glaciers and World Water Day 2026

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, Room I
18 March 2026

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| 8:30 - 09:30 | Registration and Welcome Coffee |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | "Music Sings for the World's Glaciers" Musical opening of the World Day for Glaciers by the laureates of the Gautier Capuçon Foundation |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | High-Level Opening Plenary of the World Day for Glaciers 2026 |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | High-Level Panel Session Closing of the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 2025 (IYGP) |
| 12:30-13:00 | Handover from the Year to the Decade |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30 - 15:30 | High-Level Panel Session Technical Launch of the Decade of Action for Cryospheric Sciences 2025-2034 |
| 15:30 - 15:50 | Coffee Break |
| 15:50 - 16:50 | Panel Session Cryosphere loss and its consequences for Water resources |
| 16:50 - 17:30 | World Water Day 2026 Celebrations Announcement of the United Nations World Water Development Report 2026 & the 2026 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate |
| 17:30 - 17:45 | Resonances: Music for a changing planet Pilar Peña Queralt, pianist supported by the Fundación Glaciares Chilenos |
| 18:15 - 20:15 | Reception organized by the Permanent Delegation of Canada to UNESCO At UNESCO Restaurant, 7th Floor (upon invitation only) |

Agenda for the Side Events

19 March 2026

| Room IX | Room VII | Room VI | Room XI | Room II | Cinema |
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| 09:00 - 10:30 Parallel Side-Events | | | | | |
| Side Event 1 Tears of the Glacier | Side Event 2 Cryosphere in Crisis: Pathways for a Safe and Just Future | Side Event 3 Third Pole Glacier Melt and Earth System Consequences | Side Event 4 Leveraging the Science Decade: Opportunities for Partnerships and Collective Action | Side Event 5 Towards int. governance for the protection of glaciers & postglacial ecosystems | Side Event 6 Stories from the Cryosphere: Glaciers on the Edge |
| 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break | | | | | |
| 11:00 - 12:30 Parallel Side-Events | | | | | |
| Side Event 7 Beyond Glacier Loss | Side Event 8 Tara Polaris Study & Protect the Arctic Ocean, Sentinel of the Climate. | Side Event 9 The Glaciers Fresk | Side Event 10 Indigenous and Indigenous Youth-led action for glaciers and mountains | Side Event 11 Inter-Polar dialogue on People, Glaciers, and Climate | Side Event 12 Documentary screening « After the Glaciers » |
| 12:30 - 13:25 Lunch Break | | | | | |
| 13:25 - 13:45 Global Water Ceremony Organized in UNESCO's garden | | | | | |
| 14:00 - 15:30 Parallel Side-Events | | | | | |
| Side Event 13 Science to Societies: Ethical & Action-Oriented Adaptation to Cryospheric Loss | Side Event 14 Understanding to act: PERSEVERANCE in Antarctic | Side Event 15 Immersive exhibition "Eau précieuse" | Side Event 16 Glaciers, Water and Mountain Ecosystems in the Andes | Side Event 17 Glacier Loss from Climate Change and New Risks to Sustainable Development (...) | Side Event 18 Documentary screening « Arctic Glaciers, State of Play » |
| 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break | | | | | |
| 16:00 - 17:30 Parallel Side-Events | | | | | |
| Side Event 19 Ice Memory, A world first: the legacy of mountain glaciers preserved in Antarctica | Side Event 20 Integrated Observation and Prediction Systems for the Cryosphere | Side Event 21 Dans la peau d'un jeune : un escape game pour comprendre la cryosphère | Side Event 22 Art for the Cryosphere | Special Event Presentation of the UN World Water Development Report 2026 | Side Event 24 Seeing and hearing Glaciers |
| 18:00 - 20:00 Reception organized by the Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO and Polar Hub At UNESCO Restaurant, 7th Floor (upon invitation only) | | | | | |

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