NEW YORK CITY WATER WEEK EVENT: THE SDG 6 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MARATHON RELAY

ABOUT
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals serve as the blueprint to advance human well-being while preserving the environment.

One of the main problems in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and its related SDGs is that although water crosses all aspects of life, its science, management and understanding is “stove-piped”, with freshwater policies and management uncoordinated and often ineffective. To overcome this, science, innovation and workforce development must actively enter into the global water security challenge.

This closing session of an international dialogue will take place immediately after working meetings that will have spanned the globe in 24 hours. Universities joined hands in a dialogue with governmental, civil society and business stakeholders. Together this alliance encompasses a large diversity of perspectives and uses knowledge from a broad set of scientific disciplines.

The upcoming World Water Day, which coincides with the UN 2023 Water Conference, is dedicated to “Partnerships”. What better moment to increase awareness of water and explore innovative ways that partnership can promote global water security?

HOW IT WORKS
The international dialogue will be staged as a relay marathon around the planet, with a focus on the research and innovations that are needed to improve the five pillars of the SDG 6 acceleration framework—what research is needed to accelerate, for example, the financing of the water sector, its governance, capacity development, its links to environmental stewardship, and more.

The marathon will start on March 20th at 12:00pm in New York at the ASRC, while broadcast via Zoom, and continue online around the world to the final session from 11:00am-1:00pm, March 21st.

All participating institutes will be organized into region and time zone groupings. In these groups a central hub will lead the debate. The central group hub passes the debate on to the next central group hub.

After 9 sessions and 24 hours, all outcomes of the discussion will then be transferred to the Roosevelt House Closing Session on March 21st at 2:00pm, where participants have the option to join either in-person or via Zoom. All outcomes of the marathon will be transferred to the main UN event, which will start on March 22nd.

FURTHER EVENT INFORMATION
https://asrc.gc.cuny.edu/events

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