

# BARRIERS TO WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION AT THE UN 2023 WATER CONFERENCE

Nine months ahead of the UN 2023 Conference, the **Women in Water Diplomacy Network** identified the event as a strategic space, and pre-emptively built mechanisms to identify and erode barriers that would prevent women's participation and inclusion. The following barriers were identified and acted upon.



## Financial

Last minute allocation of financial support affected available time to support visa processes.



## Political

Visa on arrival agreements with the US favored North American, European, and other nationals, leaving others to face visa barriers.



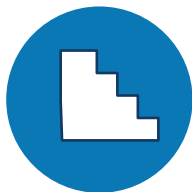
## Conflict

Those in conflict zones could not leave countries.



## Accreditation

Only individuals of accredited organizations could participate, and until December 2022, the accreditation process did not provide include River Basin Organizations.



## Connectivity

Only a handful of sessions were live-streamed and lacked interactivity, while some others lacked translation services.



## Space

Some sessions extended last-minute invitations to women and Indigenous peoples while other sessions elevated the usual speakers and failed to create space for diverse voices.