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Foreign Minister Momen calls for enhanced international financing for sustainable water management.

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“To implement the water action agenda under Sustainable Development Goals, we call upon the development partners and international financial institutions to enhance the international financial support to the countries in need” –Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP said today while speaking at the general debate of the UN 2023 Water Conference at the UN Headquarters. This is the first UN Water Conference which aims to mobilize global support to take concerted action to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Referring to the national policies of Bangladesh on UN water action agenda, Foreign Minister stated that Bangladesh attaches high importance to sustainable management of its water resources in order to support its long-term development plan. He said, “under the visionary leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, our government has initiated a 100-year plan titled ‘Bangladesh Delta Plan-2100’ and formulated ‘Bangladesh Water Act 2013’ for building a resilient delta through sound integrated water resources management (IWRM).

In his remarks, Foreign Minister particularly expressed his concern over the limited international financing available for water related climate adaptation. In this regard, he urged the global community to step up efforts for enhanced international financing for sustainable water management including adaptation financing.

The Conference, co-hosted by the Governments of Tajikistan and the Netherlands, features an opening and closing ceremony, six plenary meetings and five multi-stakeholder interactive dialogues. Foreign Minister delivered keynote in interactive dialogue-2 entitled “Water for Sustainable Development: Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development” and opening statement in another side event entitled “Water Solutions for Climate Adaptation: Lessons to Scale up Impactful Delivery” organized by the Global Center on Adaptation, Government of the Netherlands and African Development Bank.
