

27th UN-Water Meeting

Expert Group on Water and Climate Change

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2. If membership is already established, please list the Expert Group member organizations. Please also attach the Expert Group's mailing list.

WMO, WHO, FAO, UNICEF, IAEA, (UNECA), UN-HABITAT, UNECE, UNESCWA, UNESCO-IHP, UNEP, UNFCCC, UNU, SIWI, UNCCD, ICID, IAHS, WWAP, CPWC, UNDP, GWP, IGRAC, WATERLEX, (UNCBD), (UNHCR)

Note: Organization in parenthesis have not designated substitutes of former members
See annex 1

3. Please describe the Expert Group's proposed specific terms of reference.

See annex 2

4. If the Expert Group is responsible for delivering an output as per the [UN-Water Work Programme 2016-2017](#), please provide a progress update.

Already provided in the context of 2016 reporting. No new information available.

5. Any other comments.

The objective and ToRs are currently under discussion in the EG. Annex 2 is a compilation of proposals received in response to a specific request. Further discussions will be held after the 27th UN-Water meeting, and a final version will be submitted to the SPMs before the end of September 2017.

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Objective

To strengthen UN-System coordination on activities related to water and climate change in order to facilitate assessment by Member countries of the impacts of climate change on water and adoption (by these) of strategies for meeting the challenges of climate change both for adaptation and mitigation in the related water sub-sectors

Terms of reference

Long-term

1. Support cooperation and coordination of efforts and messages of UN-Water members and partners on water and climate, where and when appropriate and needed, for example through:
 - a. Updating of the policy brief on water and climate with latest developments, for example based on the Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for DRR
 - b. Producing policy briefs/awareness raising documents on UN system's Climate-water related actions, in contribution to the global water-related SDGs, Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Analyze how water connects the 3 main agendas: SDG, Paris Climate Agreement and SDRR
 - c. Supporting exchange of information between UN-Water members and partners on their activities with regards to water and climate
2. Contribute to raising the awareness on the importance of water in climate change adaptation and mitigation and vice versa as well as knowledge on good adaptation practices, for example through:
 - a. Supporting the UNFCCC COP process in relation to water and climate change, where appropriate and needed (side events, Marrakech Partnership, other bodies and processes under UNFCCC)
 - b. Coordinating the organization of the 2020 World Water Day on water and climate change and assist in the preparation of the 2020 WWDR, (preparation starting in spring 2018)

Short-term (to be updated on a yearly basis)

1. To work together and contribute to the outcomes of COP 23 in November 2017, including interlinking with SDGs & Global Climate Action days and side events