Agenda Item (title): **Final selection of themes for World Water Day 2021 and 2022**
Background Brief
30th UN-Water Meeting – 31 January and 1 February 2019 – Rome, Italy

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Main Issues of this Agenda Item:

- Presentation of poll results from survey for forthcoming themes for World Water Day
- Decision on 2021 and 2022 themes

Introduction / Background / Rationale (less than 200 words please)**:**

Every year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. An annual theme is proposed by UN-Water and proposed two to three years in advance. The theme also sets the focus for the annual World Water Development Report.

At the 29th UN-Water Meeting, Members and Partners were invited to reflect on possible themes for World Water Day 2021 and 2022 in the light of global trends, past and future campaigns and international contexts and processes.

Progress Update :

Following the 29th UN-Water Meeting, further ideas were collected via email. Following relevant merges; a final list of 15 themes was proposed in an online poll with short explanatory paragraphs (annex 1). The poll was open for six weeks and each Member and Partner could vote for their two favorite themes. 37 official responses were received and the votes are shown in the table below.

Proposed theme	**Votes**
Valuing Water	15
Groundwater: Making Invisible Visible	11
Water and Innovation	9
Water in the nexus: Synergies across sectors	7
Water Citizens and Youth	5
Water - from potential conflict to cooperation and peace	5
Water Quality	4
Water for Health Care Facilities	3
Water and Women	3
Chronic Global Water Problems	2
Saving land saves water	2
Unconventional Water Resources and Technologies	2
Water and Education	2
Water and the Ocean	2
Water and Wetlands	0

Proposed Action by UN-Water, if any:

Discuss the outcome of the poll and decide on the themes for 2021 and 2022.

Proposed Draft Decision, if any (less than 100 words please)**:**

UN-Water decides_____ as the theme for 2021 World Water Day and _____ as the theme for 2022 World Water Day.

Annexes : 5.3.1_Annex_proposed_WWD_themes_2021_2022