

Introduction

UN-Water is the United Nations (UN) inter-agency coordination mechanism for freshwater related issues, including sanitation. While there is no single UN entity dedicated exclusively to water and sanitation, over 30 UN entities carry out water and sanitation programmes, reflecting the fact that water runs through all areas of work at the UN. The mission of UN-Water is to enable the UN system to 'deliver as one' on water and sanitation-related issues by maximizing UN system-wide coordinated action and coherence.

Through its 32 (UN) Members and 40 (non-UN) Partners, UN-Water supports Member States to sustainably manage water and sanitation in three ways: Informing policies, monitoring and reporting, and inspiring action. UN-Water's Members and Partners have helped build water and sanitation into recent milestone agreements such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the 2015-2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, and the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.

UN-Water is committed to support Member States in their efforts to implement these agreements and ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. As part of the UN reform, the UN-Water family is extending its offer to UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators' Offices to support their analytical and technical work, and to help raise awareness about the importance of water and sanitation issues.







Menu of support for UN Country Teams and Resident Coordinators



- 1. Insight, information and data, including through the monitoring and reporting of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6)¹:
 - a. The <u>SDG 6 Data Portal</u> and the <u>SDG 6 Synthesis Reports</u> on Water and Sanitation
 - b. World Water Development Reports
 - c. <u>UN-Water Policy and</u>
 <u>Analytical Briefs</u>



2. Connection to expertise, technical assistance and support from UN-Water Members and Partners, through UN-Water's network of 72 organisations with diverse water and sanitation expertise across global, regional and country levels from within and outside the UN system. An initial overview of who does what, including useful tools and resources, is available through the UN-Water Inventory.



- 3. Support for country-level advocacy on all water and sanitation-related issues to influence policy and inspire action, including through UN-Water campaigns such as:
 - a. World Water Day, 22 March
 - b. World Toilet Day, 19 November
 - c. Water Action Decade, 2018-2028

How to access UN-Water expertise

To access UN-Water expertise, we suggest to set up a first introductory call to learn more about your needs. Please write to unwater@un.org to set up a first call.

More information about UN-Water can be found at the **UN-Water website**.

¹ More information here: http://www.sdg6monitoring.org/

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