

Terms of Reference
Expert Group on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

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The primary focus of the EG work on WASH is to bring together UN-Water Members and Partners drawing on their technical experience to support ongoing global initiatives on WASH to strengthen implementation and monitoring and to promote coordination and sector coherence.

The following are key proposed elements and deliverables for the Expert Group on WASH:

1. Support the implementation of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework
2. Support coordination and exchange of information between UN-Water Members and Partners on their activities with regards to WASH
3. Support the work related to the human rights to water and sanitation
4. Build political commitment and advocate for strengthening ongoing global initiatives on WASH including intergovernmental processes
5. Analyse WASH-related opportunities and challenges for decision making and planning
6. Share expertise and support work related to the Global Action Plan on WASH in health care facilities, WASH for Work, WASH in Schools, WASH in emergency settings
7. Promote existing standards and norms for WASH in a variety of settings, including households, institutions (such as schools, health facilities, and workplaces), camps, and for specific groups (such as people with disabilities, menstruating women and girls, refugees, prisoners, the elderly), and provide expert advice where there is need to review global standards for WASH
8. Promote and disseminate capacity development in WASH through education and training, research, and innovation
9. Convene regular meetings with UN-Water Members and Partners and WASH sector partners to share information and explore ways to better implement agreed standards and norms at global, regional and country levels
10. Link WASH-related work to other SDG 6 targets areas and across related Agenda 2030 targets such as SDG 3 on health and SDG 5 on gender; in this regard, serve as a

platform for information sharing and analysis on how to green the WASH sector by making clear links to SDG 13 on climate action

11. Provide substantive support to the World Water Day and the World Toilet Day campaigns as necessary
12. Provide substantive support to the Global Hand Washing Day campaigns
13. Provide progress reports on the Expert Group's work in advance of the UN-Water Meetings
14. Identify WASH finance options and UN funds that could be leveraged as blended finance solutions for WASH