

## UN-Water Expert Group on Water and Climate Change

### 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 in providing policy advice to Member States 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 SDGs, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework for DRR
  - b. Producing 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) as well as other relevant UN processes  
Coordinating the organization of Water and Climate related high level events at global and regional forums such as: World Water Day, World Water Forum, High Level Political Forum (HLPF), Water Week, and assist in the preparation for the relevant chapters of United Nations World Water Development Report (UN WWDR).

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

1. To work together and contribute to the outcomes of COP 23 in November 2022, including interlinking with Water Pavilion side events

### Coordinators and membership

Co-coordinators: C. Caponi (WMO), S. Koeppel (UNECE), A. Mishra (UNESCO)

Membership is open to all members and partners of UN-Water, who can nominate up to two representatives to the EG. Interested experts may be invited as observers. As of June 2022, the membership consists of representatives of:

WMO, UNECE, UNESCO-IHP, WHO, FAO, UNICEF, IAEA, UNECA, UN-HABITAT, UNESCWA, UNEP, UNFCCC, UNU, SIWI, UNCCD, ICID, IAHS, WWAP, CPWC, ILO, UNDP, GWP, RAMSAR, UNCBD, IGRAC, IFAD, IAH, IWMI, HR2W, WWC, AQUAFED, CDP, TOILET BOARD COALITION, GCF