

Collaborative Implementation Plan Results Framework 2025-2028

Priority Collaborative Actions – approved at the 40th UN-Water Meeting

A world with accessible, available and sustainably managed water and sanitation for all people and the planet

Goal: To enhance United Nations system-wide coordination and delivery of water and sanitation priorities in support of countries to accelerate progress on national plans and priorities, internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, realization of human rights, and transformative solutions to current and future water and sanitation challenges for the benefit of all people and the planet.

Impact: A more holistic, integrated approach to the sustainable management of water and sanitation that accelerates progress on internationally agreed water-related goals and targets and leaves no one behind.

1. Lead and inspire collective action on water and sanitation.

Outcome 1. *Strengthened United Nations system-wide leadership on water and sanitation.*

Output 1.1. Water and sanitation issues are a strategic leadership priority for the United Nations system.

Output 1.2. Action is inspired by compelling and unified United Nations system communications and messaging on water and sanitation.

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PCA 1.1	Amplify the voices of UN-Water Member and Partner leadership as well as the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Water by targeting major global events to put water and sanitation challenges centre stage in international processes through targeted, common and powerful messaging.	By 2028, common messages on water and sanitation appear in major global events and international processes. ¹ Work programmes of relevant intergovernmental bodies incorporate water and sanitation-related activities.	The UN-Water Management Team (UN-Water Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and TAU) which allows for the participation of the UN-Water Chair who will coordinate common messaging with UN-Water Principals and the Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Water. In terms of content, the ‘Pipe’ (UN Water’s communication network) will play an active coordinating role among communication leads and relevant Task Forces and Expert Groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements and outcome documents of relevant major global events and intergovernmental processes reflecting water and sanitation common messaging. • Reports and participation of annual UN-Water Principals meetings. • Outcome of High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) discussions relevant to water including the annual Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 and Water Action Agenda Special Event.

¹ Priority is given to water and sanitation in the content and outcomes, decisions or resolutions adopted at major intergovernmental meetings and summits including the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), and negotiations on climate change, biodiversity, disaster risk reduction, combatting desertification, environment, health, food, oceans, peacebuilding, migration, gender equality and human rights, and other sustainable development areas.

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<p>PCA 1.2 Water Beyond 2030: In support of the Pact for the Future (A/RES/79/1) which <i>“Invites the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the General Assembly, to consider in September 2027 how we will advance sustainable development by 2030 and beyond, as a priority and at the centre of our work”</i>:</p> <p>a) at global level, UN-Water Principals and the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Water will lead the effort to promote the significance of SDG 6 beyond 2030; and,</p> <p>b) at technical level, the UN system and its partners will provide the best available evidence based on SDG indicator reporting and data collection experience to collectively position water and sanitation to play an innovative and critical role in the preparation of the post-2030 agenda goals and targets.</p>	<p>By 2028, a comprehensive body of evidence on water and sanitation is available and actively used by UN-Water Principals and the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Water to strategically contribute to the negotiations on a possible post-2030 agenda.</p> <p>Clear lessons learned, data and tools are available from the Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 (IMI-SDG6) to inform future development of goals, targets and approaches for post-2030 agenda.</p>	<p>Currently, the UN-Water Expert Group on the 2030 Agenda (to possibly evolve with an updated mandate for “post-2030”), in close collaboration with IMI-SDG6.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-Water Meeting reports • Reports from high-level Member State bodies tasked with developing the possible post-2030 agenda • Best practice/lessons learned collection, guidance notes and toolkits from IMI-SDG6.

2. Engage better for countries by leveraging whole-of-United Nations system support and by mobilizing stakeholders and partnerships for water and sanitation.

Outcome 2. Enhanced demand-driven support to countries on water and sanitation through mobilization of available capacities and resources of the United Nations system and its partners at all levels to leave no one behind, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

Output 2.1. Expertise and resources are fully leveraged by the United Nations system to support countries and basins, with emphasis on the water and sanitation needs of developing countries.

Output 2.2. Diverse stakeholders and partnerships are mobilized by the United Nations system to support countries' progress on water and sanitation.

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PCA 2	Strengthen country collaboration to support joint and complementary programming towards the achievement of water and sanitation-related goals and targets, including SDG 6.	<p>By 2028, the UN Resident Coordinators have coordinated and empowered UN Country Teams delivering joint programming together with UN-Water Partners based on expressed country needs and demands, enabling countries to enhance their capacity to accelerate progress toward SDG 6 and realize the human rights to water and sanitation.</p> <p>Water and sanitation-related issues will be prioritized and embedded in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, and UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams receive focused support through UN-Water country-level engagement (training/ tools/ consultation/ advisory activities) as needed.</p> <p>The UN system will provide a unified response to Member States requests to increase their human and institutional capacity to address challenges and improvements identified in their national water plans or in response to specific demands.</p>	<p>The Task Force on Country-level Engagement, in close collaboration with the Expert Group on Regional Level Coordination, the SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative, the Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6, the Human Rights Roadmap, the Expert Group on Water and Climate Change, the Expert Group on Water Quality and Wastewater, and Development Coordination Office (DCO).</p> <p>Capacity development requests from countries will be coordinated by the SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative (CDI).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Country Analysis (CCA) documents • UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCF) • UN Country Team (UNCT) Joint Workplans • Progress reports of the UN-Water Task Forces, Expert Groups and Initiatives. • UNCT Annual Results Reports • UNCT feedback mechanisms • CDI reports and country plans

3. Align United Nations system support for the integration of water and sanitation issues across sectors and mainstreaming into intergovernmental processes.

Outcome 3. Improved policy coherence on water and sanitation through United Nations system support for integration across sectors and mainstreaming into intergovernmental processes led by Member States.

Output 3.1. Operational and financial strategies, policies and approaches of the United Nations system are aligned to harness complementarity.

Output 3.2. Integrated policy frameworks to manage water and sanitation across sectors are supported by the United Nations system using latest data and evidence.

Output 3.3. Mainstreaming of water- and sanitation-related issues into intergovernmental processes led by Member States is supported by the United Nations system.

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<p>PCA 3</p> <p>Coordinate support to mainstream water and sanitation through policy advice, technical input and scientific assistance:</p> <p>a) within the UN Rio Conventions (UNFCCC,² UNCCD,³ and CBD⁴); and,</p> <p>b) within national and regional climate, desertification, biodiversity and other relevant policies, strategies, and plans, as well as to climate-proof national, regional, and transboundary water and sanitation policies.</p>	<p>By 2028, Rio Conventions' outcome documents increasingly include water and sanitation content, and more countries reflect water and sanitation actions in key planning instruments, including their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), UNCCD National Action Plans (NAPs), United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) and other strategies and plans as relevant.</p>	<p>UN-Water Expert Group on Water and Climate Change will coordinate the UNFCCC-related processes, with the support of the Task Force on Country Level Engagement.</p> <p>Other process coordination structures are still to be identified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Conventions intergovernmental outcome documents • Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) • National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) • UNCCD National Action Plans (NAPs) • United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs) • Other relevant strategies and plans

² UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Available at URL: <https://unfccc.int/>

³ UNCCD: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Available at URL: <https://www.unccd.int/>

⁴ CBD: United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. Available at URL: <https://www.cbd.int/>

4. Accelerate progress and transformational change by unifying United Nations system support through the five SDG 6 global accelerators: financing, data and information, capacity development, innovation and governance.

Outcome 4. More impactful United Nations system support to countries to accelerate progress and transformational change, including through the five SDG 6 global accelerators: financing, data and information, capacity development, innovation and governance.

Output 4.1. Financing strategies, frameworks and plans for investing in water and sanitation across sectors are prepared and implemented with United Nations system support, with emphasis on the financing needs of developing countries.

Output 4.2. High-quality, disaggregated water and sanitation data and information are available and shared transparently through strengthened national and subnational monitoring systems, and regional and global platforms, with support from the United Nations system.

Output 4.3. Institutional and human resources capacity-development support that responds to national needs and priorities is provided by the United Nations system, contributing to a skilled water and sanitation workforce.

Output 4.4. Enabling environments for water and sanitation innovation are supported by the United Nations system, including policies, partnerships and transfer of technology to remove barriers, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

Output 4.5. Governance of water and sanitation is improved through United Nations system support, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

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PCA 4	Accelerate progress and transformative change toward SDG 6 through strengthening the evidence base, improving data availability and use, advancing monitoring, using science and innovation, and documenting good practices and lessons learned.	By 2028, increased availability and use of high-quality data contributes to better informed water and sanitation policy, regulation, planning and investment at all levels.	Existing integrated monitoring structure: Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 (IMI-SDG6), including national SDG 6 focal points and stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of evidence-based policies and actions to improve SDG 6 implementation • Examples of strengthened national monitoring and review mechanisms to better monitor SDG 6 • Formulated policy recommendations on how SDG 6 monitoring and reporting could be improved in the possible post-2030 sustainable development agenda. • IMI-SDG6 annual progress reports • UN-Water Meeting reports

5. Account for progress through joint review and learning.

Outcome 5. *Strengthened accountability for progress in water and sanitation through joint review and learning.*

Output 5.1. Progress on SWS implementation is reviewed jointly by the United Nations system at technical and leadership levels.

Output 5.2. Progress on water-related goals and targets is reviewed through joint learning and exchange among all actors, with support from the United Nations system.

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PCA 5	Mobilize UN system and stakeholders' expertise, knowledge, data, policy guidance, and best practices at all levels to elevate the ambition of the UN 2026 and 2028 Water Conferences, and in support of the in-depth review of SDG 6 during HLPF 2026, and other UN follow-up and review processes.	By 2028, UN Member States and other subnational, national, regional, and global stakeholders have used the knowledge, data, and best practices from the UN system to assess progress, identify gaps and needs, and adjust strategies towards achieving SDG 6 and other internationally agreed water and sanitation-related goals and targets.	The UN-Water Task Force for Water Action Decade Implementation will be tasked with planning, coordination, implementation, follow-up and reporting for this PCA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN 2026 and 2028 Water Conference proceedings • Annual 2025-28 SDG 6 and Water Action Agenda Special Events at HLPF • Contributions from UN Members States at HLPF in 2025-28 • Assessments of the Water Action Agenda • Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization during the 81st session of the General Assembly