

Collaborative Implementation Plan Highlights

2025-2028

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SYSTEM-WIDE
STRATEGY FOR
WATER AND
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A woman at a water point with solar energy, in Kornaka, in the South of Niger. UN Photo/Frank Dejongh

The United Nations System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation, launched in 2024, responds to countries' ambitions to make faster and greater progress.

Accelerating action on water and sanitation will help transform billions of lives and drive gains across all dimensions of sustainable development.

The Strategy's Collaborative Implementation Plan outlines common actions that UN entities and partners will deliver together, maximizing support for countries to achieve more rapid and impactful results.

Turning strategy into action

The Collaborative Implementation Plan turns the Strategy into a set of forward-looking, transformative actions that UN entities and partners can implement together over four years (2025-2028).

This is not business as usual. The Plan aims to break silos, align leadership and programming, and make water and sanitation a priority across the UN system and beyond.

Its flexible, adaptive approach responds to the evolving needs of countries. It is anchored in the 2024 Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), which — for the first time — specifically prioritizes SDG 6: “to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030.”

Working together for faster results

The Plan drives progress through two types of action — both essential and mutually reinforcing:

Priority Collaborative Actions

Six impact areas for the UN system and its partners to work on together to drive progress on water and sanitation:

■ Action 1.1: Unify and amplify UN voices on water and sanitation

Enhance coordination and alignment of UN communications, leadership, and advocacy.

■ Action 1.2: Water beyond 2030

Chart the UN's long-term role in water and sanitation through data, technical support, and high-level advocacy.

■ Action 2: Collaborate for joint country programming

Enable UN Country Teams to use SDG 6 as a catalyst for integrated development solutions.

■ Action 3: Mainstream within UN Rio Conventions at all levels

Ensure water and sanitation are reflected in outcomes, planning, and reporting of the Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties – “COPs” – of the Rio Conventions.

■ Action 4: Improve availability and use of evidence and learning to accelerate progress

Strengthen data, monitoring, innovation, and knowledge sharing for transformative progress.

■ Action 5: Mobilize to elevate the ambition of UN Water Conferences

Leverage system-wide expertise and engagement to raise the ambition of the 2026 and 2028 Conferences.

Explore the four-year outlook for each PCA:



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Six-year-old Noorbala walks with her grandparents and their donkey to fetch water from a stream in Kan Rozi Khel Village, Khost Province, Afghanistan. UN Photo/Sayed Bidel

Contributing Actions

Individual or joint actions by UN entities and partners within their respective mandates and workstreams. These reflect the wide variety of work on water and sanitation:

- More than 150 actions mapped across the individual mandates and workstreams of UN-Water Members and Partners
- Advocacy and inclusive leadership on water and sanitation for all. Ranging from high-level global processes to country-level delivery.
- Integration into global action agendas including climate, biodiversity, desertification and disasters.
- Use of the five Entry Points of the UN System-wide Strategy on Water and Sanitation to ensure a comprehensive approach.
- Promotion of accountability and application of a human-rights based lens to water and sanitation.

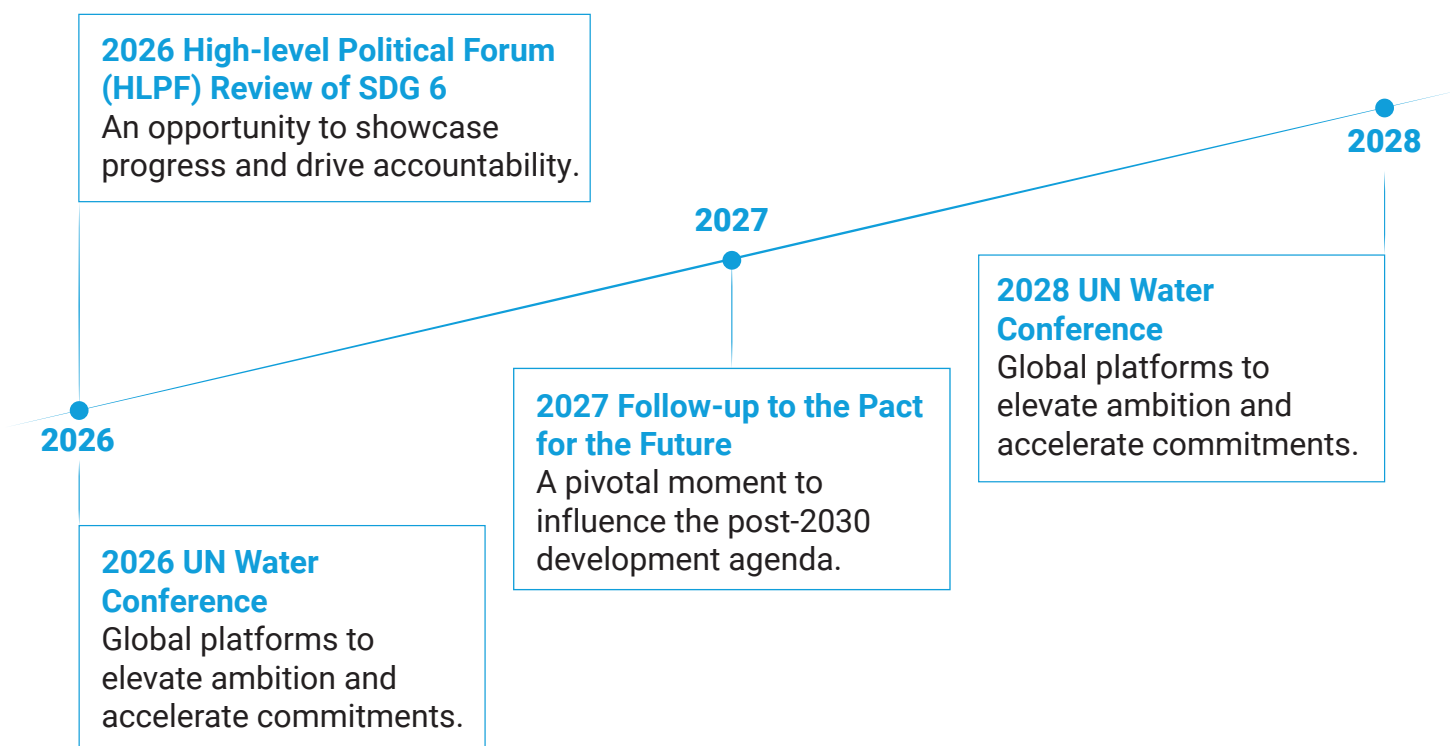
Explore the Contributing Actions submitted to date:



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What's next - milestones to watch

Key moments to drive momentum and shape the future of water and sanitation:



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Explore the Plan. See how
UN-Water Members,
Partners and donors will
turn ambition into action.

About UN-Water

UN-Water is the United Nations' inter-agency coordination mechanism on water and sanitation. It brings together 36 UN entities and 51 international partners to 'deliver as one' on water and sanitation challenges.

Through its collaborative initiatives, UN-Water elevates the importance of water and sanitation, leading to significant advancements in international efforts, and heightened public awareness.

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