

UN-Water and its Thematic Priority Area on Water and Climate Change

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What is UN-Water?

- UN-Water is the United Nations coordination mechanism for all freshwater related issues
 - E.g. water supply, water resources management, sanitation, wastewater, water related climate change adaptation, ecosystems, water related disasters
- UN-Water is not an agency or an organization
- Activities are implemented by Members, Partners and Programmes

Governance

- Senior Programme Managers (i.e. the “board”)
- Joint Steering Group
 - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - 4 rotating UN-Water Members
- UN-Water Management Team
 - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - Technical Advisory Unit
 - Chief Technical Adviser
 - Programme Expert
 - Communications Manager (part time)
- UN-Water Programmes
- UNOPS Inter Agency Trust Fund

30 UN-Water Members



CBD
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



UN ECE
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe



UNICEF
United Nations Children's Fund



UNIDO
United Nations Industrial Development Organization



UN-Habitat
United Nations Human Settlements Programme



FAO
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



UNEP
United Nations Environment Programme



IFAD
International Fund For Agricultural Development



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



IAEA
International Atomic Energy Agency



The World Bank



UNFCCC
Secretariat of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



UNDP
United Nations Development Programme



UNCCD
Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification



UN DESA
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs



UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY



UN ECA
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa



UN ECLAC
United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean



UNWTO
World Tourism Organization



UN ESCWA
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia



UN ESCAP
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



UNHCR
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



ILO
International Labour Organization



UNISDR
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction



UNITAR
United Nations Institute for Training and Research



WMO
World Meteorological Organization



UNCTAD
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

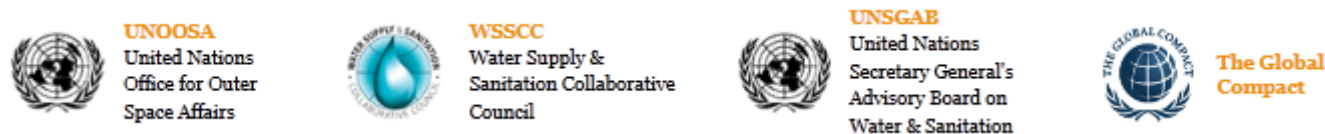


United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

25 UN-Water Partners



Partners with Special Status



3+1 UN-Water Programmes

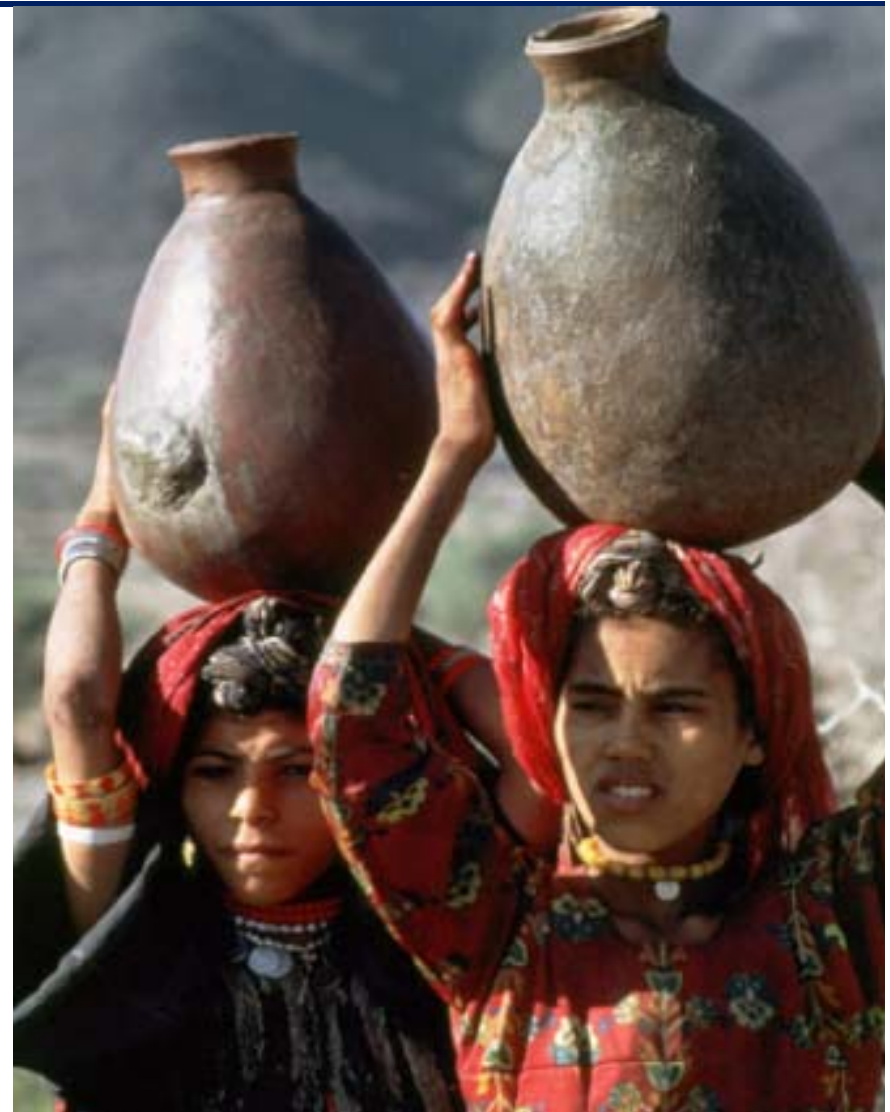
- World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)
 - UNESCO, Perugia
- UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communications (UNW-DPAC)
 - UNDESA, Zaragoza
- UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC)
 - UNU, Bonn
- WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP)*
 - WHO and UNICEF, Geneva and New York



* *Affiliated to UN-Water*

UN-Water strategic directions

1. Bring further coherence amongst its Members and Partners
2. Play a major role in ensuring that water is included in global policy debates
3. Support its Members and Partners at all levels, but with a particular focus on the country level



Thematic Priority Areas and Task Forces

- Thematic Priority Areas (TPA)
 - Water and Climate Change (WMO)
 - Transboundary Waters (UNECE, UNESCO)
 - Water Quality (UNEP)
 - Drinking Water and Sanitation (UNICEF)
- Task Forces (TF)
 - Wastewater Management (UNEP, UN HABITAT)
 - Regional Level Coordination (UN ESCAP, UN ESCWA)
 - Country Level Coordination (UNDP, UNW-DPC)
 - Water Resources Management (UNEP)

TPA on Water and Climate Change

- Established in 2008
- Coordinating organization: WMO
- The core objective is to strengthen UN System coordination on activities related to water and climate change
- 28 members including organizations within the UN System and outside

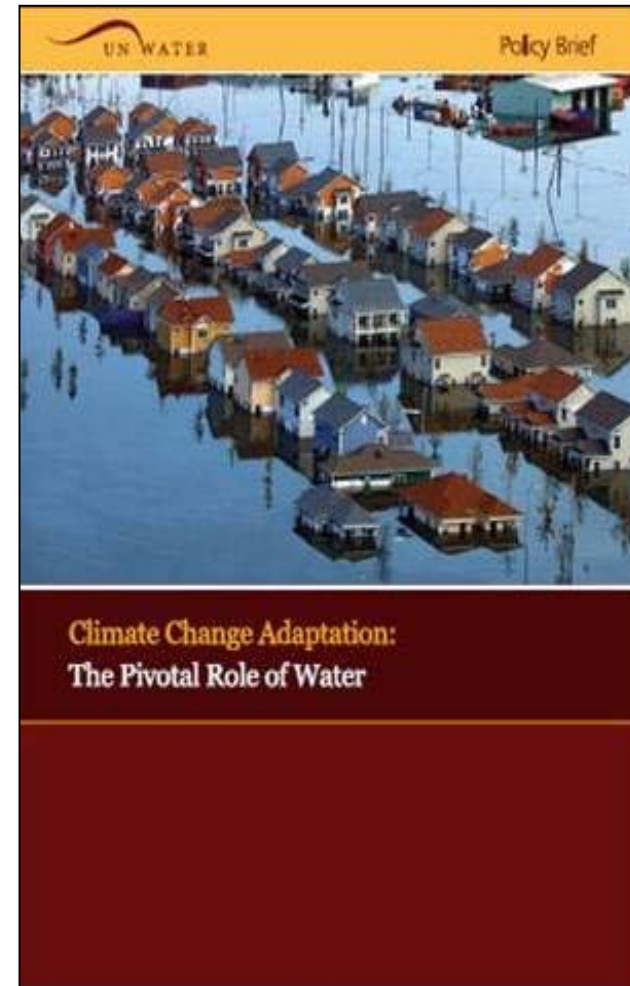
Mapping Exercise

- To determine duplications and gaps in order to improve coordination
- The results of the mapping are available on the UN-Water Activity Information System Plus (UNW-AIS+)

The screenshot shows the UNW-AIS+ website search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Help, Contact, and a login option. The main header features the UN WATER logo and the UNW-AIS+ logo. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for Home, Projects, Publications, eLearning, Forums, and UNWater.org. The main content area is titled "Search Projects:" and includes a search box, a "Reset the search form" link, and a "Keyword" field with a search button. Below the search area are several filter sections: "Repositories", "Thematic Priority Area(TPA) / Task Force(TF)" with checkboxes for Transboundary Waters, Water & Climate change, and Water Quality; "IW:Science" with a checkbox and logo; "Water Type" with a dropdown menu; "Focus" with a dropdown menu; and "Organisation" with a dropdown menu. On the right side, there are social media icons, a "Feedback Form" button, and a "Calendar" section showing the current date as July 2012.

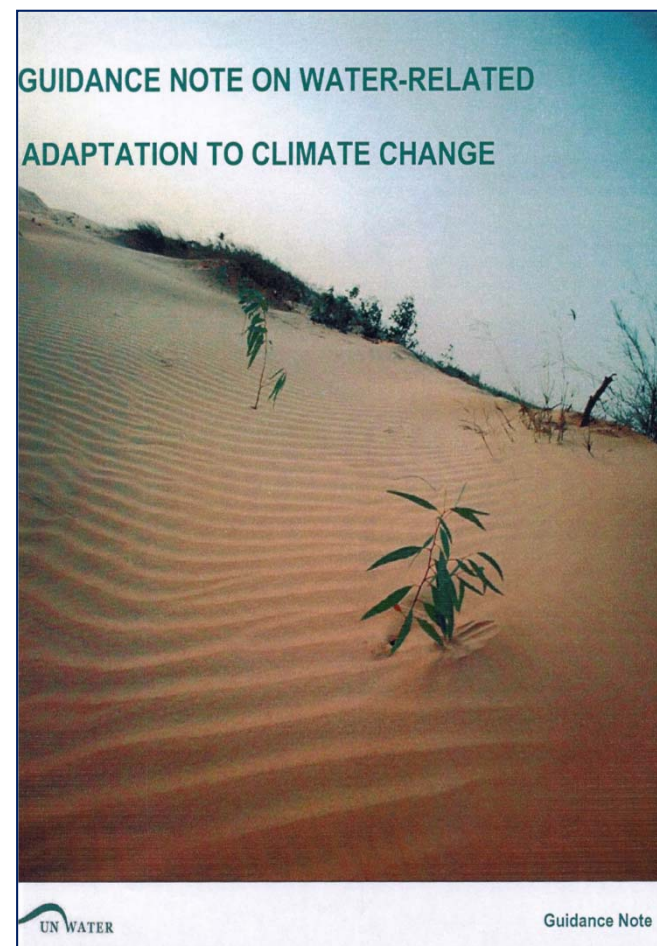
Policy Brief

- UN-Water policy brief developed in 2010 and endorsed by UN-Water at large
- 6 Guiding principles
- Initially distributed at COP 16 in Cancun
- UN-Water Key Messages on Climate and Water addressed to the parties of the UNFCCC



Guidance Note

- Developed for staff of UN-Water members at country level, who may not always be conversant with disciplines other than their own
- Final version of the Guidance Note should be endorsed by UN-Water in August 2012



Planned activities

- Communication Strategy on water-related adaptation to climate change
 - Translate the Policy Brief into a “communication language”
- Joint Project on Adaptation to climate change
 - Preparation of a joint project, taking advantage of the pool of know-how available
 - The collaboration will start from the design phase of the project
- Report on key challenges to adaptation
 - Report highlighting lessons learned from projects already implemented or under implementation

Thank you

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