About WWAP

The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) is hosted by UNESCO, and brings together the work of UN-Water members and partners in the triennial World Water Development Report (WWDR). This key UN-Water report provides an authoritative overview of the status, use and management of today’s world’s freshwater resources, and highlights the main challenges of tomorrow.

The principle objective of the Programme is to assess and report on the state, use and management of the world’s freshwater resources and the demands on these resources, define critical problems and assess the ability of nations to cope with water-related stress and conflict. Its primary product, the United Nations World Water Development Report (WWDR), is produced every three years.

The fourth edition of the Report (WWDR4), launched in March 2012, represents a milestone within the series. The WWDR4 directly reports from the regions, highlighting hotspots. It reports on various challenge areas and has been mainstreamed for gender equality, which is addressed as a critical issue throughout.

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