

## Draft **UN-Water** Report on the

**UN-Water activities** Achievements during the International Decade for Action,

‘Water for Life’

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**Comment [JM1]:** IF WE LEAVE IT LIKE THIS

**Comment [UNW-DPC2]:** The original wording from the 17<sup>th</sup> SPM requests “A UN-Water report on the achievements on the Water for Life Decade for Action”. We have adapted the title accordingly. An email comment received from UNW-DPAC on 27 February as well as comments from the 20<sup>th</sup> SPM requested to define the scope of the report at its outset, which is now reflected in the report’s title and in the Executive Summary.

**Comment [UNW-DPC3]:** SPM 19, decision 7.1: The SPM revise its decision No. 15 of the 18<sup>th</sup> UN-Water Meeting and request UNW-DPC to be responsible for the drafting of the Decade Report to be discussed at the next UN-Water Meeting

**Comment [JM4]:** To be updated with comments below

**Comment [UNW-DPC5]:** Based on comments in this document and received by email from UNW-DPAC on 27 February 2014, we have added a section on the Decade campaign and implemented further input received by UNW-DPAC via email.

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**Comment [UNW-DPC6]:** The minutes of SPM 20 asked to move figures and tables to the annexes.



## Executive Summary Introduction

Water is essential for life on this planet – it is the source and foundation of all living things. Over the past years, the international community has gradually come to acknowledge the indispensable role water and sanitation play for human health, well-being and sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger. In order to achieve internationally-agreed water-related goals such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI), the United Nations proclaimed the period 2005-2015 as the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life'. The Decade ~~aims~~ strives to ~~ensure-achieve~~ a greater focus on water-related issues, the implementation of water-related programmes and projects, the participation of women in water-related development efforts, and the furtherance of cooperation at all levels. UN-Water, the United Nations inter-agency mechanism for freshwater and sanitation issues, was tasked with coordinating activities for implementing the Decade.

Over the course of the Decade, great progress has been made internationally in the areas of water and sanitation: in 2010 the MDG drinking water target, to “halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation” over 1990 levels, was declared to have been met ahead of schedule; the same year the UN recognised access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right; and since 2012 water has been playing a prominent role in the Rio+20 process and discussions around the Post-2015 Development Agenda. 2.1 billion people gained access to improved sources of sanitation between 1990 and 2013 (JMP, 2013). During this time, UN-Water itself has gained in recognition, membership size and functionality, including the creation of two programmes specifically for the Decade, all of which have increased its ability to add coherence to the UN system and implement valuable activities and projects in the areas of fresh water and sanitation. These and other activities of the Decade are outlined in the following report, which documents the major unique added value initiatives carried out during the Decade by the entities of UN-Water and demonstrates ~~showing~~ that while much still remains to be done, especially in continuing to extend access to improved sanitation and access to drinking water in rural areas, great strides and successes have been made in the Decade as regards its goals.

## Introduction Background and The Goals of the Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005-2015

~~Water is essential for life on this planet – it is the source and foundation of all living things.~~ Reflecting the centrality of water, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has acknowledged that “water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of

**Comment [JM7]:** To be reviewed later

**Comment [UNW-DPC8]:** Re: JM7, no further comments received on revising the Introduction.

**Comment [UNW-DPC9]:** The minutes from SPM 20 asked to make the goals of the Decade clearer at the beginning of the report. These are now included in their entirety in both the Introduction and Background section.

**Comment [UNW-DPC10]:** The minutes of the SPM 20 asked to make the scope of the report clear at the outset; these have now been added.

**Comment [UNW-DPC11]:** According to the request from SPM 20 minutes, this section now includes both an introduction to the background of the Decade and its specific goals. The title reflects both components.

poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being” (UNGA Resolution 58/217). Yet many still lack access to safe and adequate water supply and sanitation, greatly affecting their health, life expectancy and ability to develop and reach their full potential. As populations grow and urbanize, water scarcity and poor water quality can be expected to be exacerbated, bringing along with them increases in water demands due to changing lifestyles and eating habits, coupled with the effects of climate change.

Over the past ~~years~~ decades, the international community has gradually come to acknowledge the extent of the water and sanitation crisis. The United Nations (UN) first declared an international decade on water-related issues from 1981-1990, the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, to garner attention and support for clean water and sanitation worldwide.

In the aftermath of the First Water Decade, as it is now known, the Millennium Declaration was adopted at the United Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000, then the largest-ever gathering of world leaders. From this Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) emerged: an integrated set of time-bound targets for extending the benefits of globalization to the world's poorest citizens. Among them was target 7.C, with the aim to cut in half the proportion of people in the world without sustainable access to safe drinking water relative to 1990 levels. At the Johannesburg World Summit for Sustainable Development in 2002, this target was expanded to include access to basic sanitation. Beyond target 7.C, water as a resource was recognized as a critical factor for meeting all of the Goals.

Recognizing the magnitude of the task of achieving international goals and targets laid out for fresh water and sanitation, in December 2003 the UNGA proclaimed the period 2005-2015 to be the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' (UNGA Resolution 58/217). The goals of the Decade were stated to include the following:

*“a greater focus on the implementation of water-related programmes and projects, while striving to ensure the participation and involvement of women in water-related development efforts, and the furtherance of cooperation at all levels in order to help to achieve internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and, as appropriate, those identified during the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.” (Ibid)*

These goals are discussed in more detail in the section “Achievement of the Goals of the Decade.”

**Comment [UNW-DPC12]:** In reference to comment JM13: the report’s intended audience is the general public, and the beginning of the paragraph is meant to briefly introduce the centrality of the water topic. No alternate text/opening has been suggested

**Comment [JM13]:** Maybe a text introducing this? Or erase it all together and start in the next para

**Comment [JM14]:** Which past years?

**Comment [UNW-DPC15]:** In reference to JM14, the text has been changed to say “decades”, as we think this is a more appropriate timeline for the international recognition of the water crisis – starting at least with the first Decade in 1981.

**Comment [UNW-DPC16]:** Minutes from SPM 20 asked for the goals of the Decade to be moved to the front. They are here, in the introduction, and in the background section of the report. They can also be emphasized by being set apart and listed in a special box that describes the scope and goals of the Decade.

**Comment [UNW-DPC17]:** Re: Comment JM18, the report is structure along the goals set out for the Decade and provides a section on each from UNGA resolution 58/217 (“greater focus on implementation, participation and involvement of women, and cooperation at all levels to achieve internationally agreed water-related goals” are all mentioned in the “Achievement of the Goals” section.

**Comment [JM18]:** These goals are not discussed below. “The report is structured along the implementation goals”

In the same resolution, the UNGA called upon the “relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to deliver a coordinated response, utilizing existing resources and voluntary funds to make 2005-2015 a decade of action (*Ibid*)”. In response to this call, the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life', 2005-2015 – i.e. ‘the Decade’ – was called into being and officially started on World Water Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

**Comment [JM19]:** The actors of the Decade are also Member States and other stakeholders. It is OK not to report on their achievements during the Water Decade if this is a report on UN-Water only, but this needs to be made explicit in the text and in the title.

### Governance and Basis of the Decade

In April 2005, at the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) for the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), a user-friendly matrix of the Chair's IPM Summary was submitted as a suggestion to form

**Comment [UNW-DPC20]:** Re: JM19, the scope of this report (major unique added value activities of UN-Water entities) has now been made explicit in the introduction. Actions by Members States and other stakeholders are beyond the scope of this report. The SPM has requested for the focus of this report to be on “major unique added value initiatives carried out during the Decade by all entities in UN-Water as available on their websites.”

the basis of actions for the Decade; it was considered to be a “possible framework of policy options for Governments and for the UN system” (UNCSD E/2005/29). Main—Major themes—cornerstones contained in this matrix of actions consist—include—def improving access to safe drinking water in urban and rural areas, including shifting the emphasis from a needs-based to a rights-based approach, as well as mainstreaming water in national development strategies and enhancing water use efficiency. A number of key implementation actors were noted in the matrix: governments, the UN system, donors and local authorities, among others. Annex 8 contains an update of selected activities completed within this matrix.

#### UN-Water: an inter-agency coordination mechanism

UN-Water is the United Nations inter-agency mechanism for freshwater and sanitation-related matters. Building on a history of coordination in the UN system, UN-Water was formalized in 2003 by the United Nations High-Level Commission on Programmes. It provides the platform to address the cutting nature of water and maximize system-wide coordination and coherence. It has steadily built up membership recognition since its foundation and as of 2014 included members from within the United Nations and 346 outside partners, including representatives from civil society and governmental organizations. **Annex 1** contains a full list of Water's Member and Partner organizations.

**Comment [UNW-DPC21]:** Re: JM22, the purpose of this section is to introduce governance of the Decade, including priority topics and main actors, as an introduction to the coordinator of the Decade, UN-Water. The focus of the report is “major unique added value initiatives carried out during the Decade by all entities in UN-Water.”

**Comment [JM22]:** This section style may need to be reviewed. Not sure if the point is to discuss the themes of the decade or the governance of the decade. I suggest that some of the text refers to themes so better in the next section

**Comment [JM23]:** This to themes

**Comment [UNW-DPC24]:** (responding to comments JM22 and 23, also received by email on 27 February 2014: Unlike previous drafts, this report does not have a section on themes. This current section is meant to discuss governance, so we have reworded the description of the contents of the Matrix of Actions intended to form the basis of the Decade.

Shortly thereafter, in July 2005, UN-Water, which had been formed in 2003, was tasked by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session with

chairmanship of UN-Water rotates among one of its more thirty UN agency Members – past Chairs have been the World Health Organization (WHO) from 2005-2007, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from 2007-2009, the United Nations University (UNU) from 2010-2011, and currently the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), since 2011. UN-Water's permanent Secretariat is hosted by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in New York, and UN-Water is fully supported by a virtual Technical Secretariat (UN-Water, 2005). Senior programme managers (SPMs), representing each of the United Nations member organizations, meet twice a year to set strategic directions for UN-Water.

“coordinating activities of the United Nations for implementing the Decade, including with non-United Nations partners” (UNGA 60/158).

## About the Coordinator of the Decade:

### UN-Water: Coordinator of the Decade

Tasked with coordinating activities of the Decade, UN-Water is not an implementing body, but rather a coordination mechanism – its specific activities and programmes are conducted and hosted by individual United Nations Member agencies on its behalf. The chairmanship of UN-Water rotates among one of its more than thirty UN agency members – past Chairs have been the World Health Organization (WHO) from 2005–2007, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from 2007–2009, the United Nations University (UNU) from 2009–2011, and currently the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), since 2011.

The elected Chair and Vice-Chair represent UN-Water at international conferences, major fora and processes and oversee the implementation of the UN-Water work programme. UN-Water’s permanent Secretariat is hosted by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) in New York, and UN-Water is further supported by a virtual Technical Secretariat (UN-Water, 2010). Senior programme managers (SPMs), representing each of the United Nations member organizations, meet twice a year to set strategic directions for UN-Water.

In a report presented to the UN General Assembly on 25 July 2005, UN-Water defined a number of thematic initiatives for its work over the Decade:

- Water scarcity and pollution
- Sanitation, safe drinking water and health
- Gender mainstreaming in water and sanitation
- Integrated water resources management
- Transboundary water issues
- Disaster risk reduction

Africa was selected as a geographical focus due to its exceptional needs in water and sanitation (UNGA A/60/158).

While the coordination function of UN-Water is supported through internal resources provided by UN-Water Members, while activities are supported through donor trust funds. However, UN-Water’s work is implemented by its – it is the UN-Water Members, and Partners and Programmes who which take conduct the majority of UN-Water’s part in various activities, implemented primarily

**Comment [JM25]:** Not sure the text refers to the role of UN-Water as decade coordinator. If the point is to say what is UN-Water it may be more appropriate in a box

**Comment [UNW-DPC26]:** Re: JM25, we have now re-worded the title to Coordinator of the Decade: UN-Water. This section is meant to introduce the “entities of UN-Water” as their major initiatives carried out during the Decade are the focus of this Report.

**Comment [JM27]:** Erase or to the box

**Comment [JM28]:** Same as above

**Comment [UNW-DPC29]:** We believe a basic description of UN-Water is necessary for the general public to understand how it is governed and functions – this paragraph has been erased, and other text moved to the box.

**Comment [JM30]:** Erase!

**Comment [UNW-DPC31]:** These are the themes defined by UN-Water for its work over Decade in UNGA resolution 60/158.

**Comment [JM32]:** This is the themes ok

**Comment [JM33]:** Is this necessary?

**Comment [UNW-DPC34]:** This sentence is meant to provide a brief description of how the mechanism works/is funded. We have reworded it, as the focus should be on the work of Members and Partners.

primarily through membership in Thematic Priority Areas (TPAs) and time-bound Task Forces (TFs). Their activities throughout the Decade are listed in the next section, “UN-Water Thematic Priority Areas and Task Forces.”

#### UN-Water Thematic Priority Areas and Task Forces

Thematic Priority Areas (TPAs) and time-bound Task Forces (TFs) form a core part of UN-Water’s efforts to increase cooperation and coherence within the UN system and are intended to “guide activities of UN-Water in order to draw on the varied expertise of the UN system and of UN-Water pPartners” (UN-Water [Operational Guidelines](#), 2010<sup>4</sup>). TPAs are established by UN-Water SPMs to offer “a structured mechanism to address more long-term strategic water-related challenges where there is a high degree of inter-agency activities and/or where increased co-ordination is desirable” (*Ibid*). Each TPA is coordinated by one or more UN-Water Mmember. Other UN-Water mMembers or pPartners may join as TPA members. [A full list of current and past TPAs and TFs of UN-Water is located in Annex 2. Annex 1 provides an overview of the Thematic Priority Areas of UN-Water, their coordination/membership, and main activities and achievements throughout the Decade.](#)

**Comment [UNW-DPC35]:** See comment about Table of Contents. We have moved tables to the Annexes as per instructions from SPM 20.

In addition to working through TPAs, UN-Water also carries out its work through activities of its TFs, which likewise draw on the expertise of the UN system and of UN-Water pPartners. TFs are likewise established by the UN-Water SPMs but are time-bound to focus on a specific area of interest or an emerging issue. Like TPAs, TFs are formed by Mmembers and pPartners of UN-Water but may also invite other stakeholders or individuals if deemed useful. They produce work plans and terms of reference for time-bound activities. [The tables in Annex 2, in addition to the outcomes of the TPAs, provide a detailed overview of the ongoing and past TFs of UN-Water, their membership, objectives and main activities during the Decade.](#)

**Comment [UNW-DPC36]:** Ditto (see previous comment)

#### UN-Water Programmes

In addition to its TPAs and TFs, UN-Water also operates through three UN-Water programmes and one associated UN-Water programme. The following UN-Water programmes have been operational throughout the Decade:

- The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) in Perugia, Italy, established in 2000 and hosted by UNESCO;
- The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) in Bonn, Germany, established in 2007 and hosted by the United Nations University (UNU); and



- The UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC) in Zaragoza, Spain, established in 2008 and hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA).

The World Health Organization (WHO)/ United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP) has been operational since 1990 and is led by the two agencies in Geneva and New York. It is an associated UN-Water programme with an independent governance structure (UN-Water, 2010).

#### ***The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)***

The World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) monitors the world’s freshwater resources. WWAP provides recommendations, develops case studies, enhances assessment capacity at a national level and informs the decision-making process. It became a programme of UN-Water after UN-Water’s foundation in 2003. WWAP produces the triennial World Water Development Report (WWDR), which moved to an annual publication starting in 2014. The topics of the World Water Development Reports are listed under “Achievement of the Goals of the Decade: UN-Water information materials and publications”. ~~In operation since the beginning of the Decade, in 2014 WWAP became a UNESCO programme, but continues to produce the World Water Development Report as a UN-Water report.~~

**Comment [UNW-DPC37]:** SPM 20 asked to refer to WWAP as a UN-Water programme in this report because WWAP was a UN-Water programme for the majority of the Decade; however, we might want to consider adding a sentence like this in order to describe the changing/changed nature of WWAP towards the end and beyond the end of the Decade.

#### ***The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC)***

The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) was created within the Decade and works to strengthen the coherence and effectiveness of the capacity development activities of the United Nations organizations and partners working together within UN-Water, and support them in their efforts to help Member States achieve the MDGs and other international water-related goals and targets.

UNW-DPC actively collaborates with UN-Water ~~m~~Members and ~~P~~partners on individual, institutional and organizational capacity development within the themes UN-Water prioritised for the Decade. It further works to support UN-Water in collecting, collating and evaluating existing knowledge through assessments, mappings and analyses, as well as in producing, disseminating and managing new knowledge through trainings, workshops and publications. More about this Decade programme is contained in the section on “Achievement of the Goals of the Decade: the implementation of water-related programmes and projects”.

#### ***The UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)***

The UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC) aims at sustaining the global attention and political momentum in favour of the water and sanitation agenda at all levels during the Decade. To that end, its activities complement and add value to existing programmes and projects of UN-Water organizations. The Office promotes the visibility of UN-Water actions at all levels and makes it easier for Member States and a diverse set of audiences to acquire information about the activities of UN-Water ~~M~~members and ~~p~~Partners.

The Office has three main objectives:

- Contribute to the efforts of the UN in coordinating and following up the implementation of internationally agreed goals in the areas of drinking water, sanitation and integrated water resources management.
- Raise awareness and create an enabling environment for achieving the ultimate goal "water and sanitation for all".
- Strengthen the capacities of Member States and other relevant stakeholders in addressing key obstacles impeding the implementation of the water and sanitation agenda.

More about this Decade programme is contained in the section on "Achievement of the Goals of the Decade: the implementation of water-related programmes and projects".

#### ***The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP)***

The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) is the official mechanism of the UN system mandated to monitor global progress towards MDG Target 7.C to halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

This affiliated UN-Water programme, established in 1990, builds on earlier monitoring activities carried out by WHO since the 1960s. Its objectives are to provide regular global reports on drinking water and sanitation coverage to facilitate sector planning and management, to support countries in their efforts to improve their monitoring systems, and to provide information for advocacy.

JMP reports every two years on progress against the MDG indicators on drinking water and sanitation: "The proportion of the population using an improved drinking water source" and "the proportion of the population using an improved sanitation facility", separately for rural and urban areas. JMP is the only drinking water and sanitation monitoring mechanism that provides information allowing comparison between countries and over time (IYWC, 2013).

The 2006 JMP report was used as a baseline for the 'Water for Life' Decade, with updated coverage estimates to 2004 (UNGA Resolution [A/60/158](#)). A full list of the outcomes of the JMP reports

throughout the Decade is contained in the section “Achievement of the Goals of the Decade: UN-Water information materials and publications”.

### Achievement of the Goals of the Decade

~~In order~~ The ultimate goal of the International Decade for Action ‘Water for Life’ 2005-2015, is to ~~to~~ “help ~~to~~ achieve internationally agreed water-related goals”; ~~—contained in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and, as appropriate, those identified during the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development .”~~ ~~The Millennium Declaration specified the need to~~ “to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water” (*ibid*). In order to achieve these goals, the ~~the~~ UN General Assembly noted the following goals ~~for the Water Decade, coordinated by UN-Water for the International Decade for Action ‘Water for Life’ 2005-2015, coordinated by UN-Water~~ (UNGA Resolution 58/217):

1) A greater focus on water-related issues at all levels ~~and~~

~~1)2)~~ (A greater focus on ~~on the~~) ~~1)~~ implementation of water-related programmes and projects

~~2)3)~~ Striving to ensure the participation and involvement of women in water-related development efforts

~~3)4)~~ The furtherance of cooperation at all levels

~~The Resolution indicated as a further goal those that are identified during the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the UN’s Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). The 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UNCSD included another goal for the Decade:~~

~~—Developing Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans~~

UNGA Resolution 58/217 establishing the goals of the Decade reaffirmed its determination to achieve the goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, ‘to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to afford safe drinking water, and a similar goal set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation’ (*ibid*). The Resolution indicated as a further goal those that are identified during the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the UN’s Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). The 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UNCSD included another goal for the Decade: developing Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans.

**Comment [UNW-DPC38]:** The MDG on water is mentioned a few lines below. The text used in this document is directly quoted from UNGA Resolution 58/217 stating the goals of the Decade.

**Comment [UNW-DPAC39]:** Review text of the MDG on water and sanitation!

**Comment [JM40]:** Maybe you can separate since later on you include a section on this

**Comment [UNW-DPC41]:** We have now separated into four goals as suggested, and each of them is addressed in the chronological order of the wording in the Declaration, as a separate sub-section in this report

It also specifically reaffirmed its determination to “achieve the goal to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water” (*Ibid*).

**Comment [JM42]:** ??? this is one of the main goals of the decade – not sure what this is doing here!!

#### **Overall Decade Goal: Achieving Internationally Agreed Water-Related Goals in the water decade**

Achievement of major internationally agreed water-related goals are listed in the sections below, with the following sub-sections dedicated to the goals of the Decade set up in order to achieve these internationally-agreed goals.

**Comment [UNW-DPC43]:** Re: 42, this has been re-worded, see para immediately above.

**Comment [UNW-DPC44]:** I suggest to include some data from JMP on this)

#### **Safe Drinking Water Target in the MDGs**

The Millennium Declaration indicates targets of halving, by 2015, both the number of people without access to safe drinking water and those without access to sanitation. As regards the drinking water target laid out in the MDGs-Millennium Declaration, a major milestone was clearly reached during the Decade when the UN Secretary-General declared the MDG drinking water target to have been met in 2010, five years ahead of schedule (JMP, 2012). Between 1990 and 2012, 2.3 billion people gained access to an improved drinking water source, raising global coverage to 89% in 2012 (JMP, 2014).

**Comment [UNW-DPC45]:** Re: UNW-DPAC 44 and comments received by DPAC by email on 27 February 2014, JMP data from the 2014 report has been added.

#### **Shifting Emphasis to a Rights-Based Approach**

One of the other sets of goals referred to in the UNGA resolution which established the Decade was to be further elaborated upon at the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> sessions of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). The Matrix of the Chair’s IPM Summary for the Decade submitted to the thirteenth session of the UNCSD in 2005 (UNCSD, 2005) called among other things to “shift emphasis from a needs-based to a rights-based approach” when it comes to improving access to safe drinking water in urban and rural areas. Under a rights-based approach, it is clear that the water and sanitation targets contained in the MDGs did not go far enough because the human right to water and sanitation requires universal access to water and sanitation for all persons. The Declaration by the United Nations of the human right to drinking water and sanitation in 2010 was clearly a major milestone in the pursuit and acknowledgement of this goal (UNGA Resolution A/RES/64/292). Shortly after passage of this Declaration, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights joined as a Member of UN-Water and the Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation became a Partner with special status, embedding both strong advocates for a rights-based approach to water and sanitation firmly within the UN-Water mechanism.

**Comment [UNW-DPC46]:** We have created a new set of sub-sections within the “Achieving internationally agreed water-related goals” section. This text includes the comments provided by Ben Schachter, UNHCHR

**Comment [OHCHR47]:** Add text, “Under a rights-based approach, it is clear that the water and sanitation targets contained in the MDGs did not go far enough because the human right to water and sanitation requires universal access to water and sanitation for all persons.”

**Comment [OHCHR48]:** Add text, “Shortly after passage of this Declaration, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights joined as a Member of UN-Water and”

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#### Developing Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans

The UNCSD 13<sup>th</sup> session's matrix also called for "preparing integrated water resource management plans and creating an institutional and policy framework" including the use of gender-disaggregated data as appropriate (UNCSD, 2005). This goal built upon the JPOI, set out at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, which declared a target in order to "develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries, through actions at all levels". UN-Water made extensive efforts to illustrate progress towards the target, as witnessed in the work of its Task Force on Water Resources Management, which produced and presented a 2008 "Status Report on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans" for the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (UN-Water, 2008).

The 2008 UN-Water report drew primarily on a survey covering 104 countries, and used information gathered by Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the African Development Bank (ADB). It standardized the different terminology from each country and aimed to provide the most objective and comprehensive overview of the current status of WRM. -It also provided a few brief case studies and concluded with key lessons learned & recommendations for future action.

An updated Status Report on "The Application of Integrated Approaches to the Development, Management and Use of Water Resources" was produced for Rio+20 in June 2012 (UN-Water, 2012).

This report disseminated information and promoted the findings of the report in various meetings and conferences. Prepared by UNEP in collaboration with the United Nations Development

**Comment [UNW-DPAC49]:** I suggest we include some data from the WWDRs and the UN-water report for Rio

**Comment [UNW-DPC50]:** The Rio report is mentioned in paragraph 3. Further information is beyond the requested scope of this report.

Programme (UNDP) and GWP for UN-Water, it was based on a 2011 UN-Water survey sent to the governments of all UN Member States. More than 130 countries responded to the survey and this data was complemented by interviews in 30 representative countries. The report informed decision-making at the Rio+20 conference and other follow-up global policy discourses. It facilitated information exchange to enhance the coherence and impact of national efforts to improve water resources management and related work of the UN and other external support agencies at the country level (UN-Water website).

The Ddecade goals contributing to them international agenda for water: Goal 1: A Greater Focus on Water-Related Issues  
The following sub-sections outline major achievements made in the area of each of these goals:

Goal 1: Greater Focus on Water-Related Issues and on the implementation of water-related programmes and projects

Water has clearly come into higher-level focus during the time of the Decade. This greater focus mirrors the achievements of UN-Water itself, particularly in its information campaigns, publications and professionalization. Created near the beginning of the Decade, UN-Water has steadily grown within ten years into an ever larger, ever more functional mechanism that now serves as the UN's coordination mechanism on all freshwater and sanitation issues. It is increasingly called upon at the highest levels to lead and take part in UN processes and reports related to fresh water and sanitation, such as on discussions on issues surrounding water in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, where it led the Thematic Consultations on the topic of water and provided input to the Open Working Group on the SDGs. Within the worldwide led Thematic Consultations, which solicited input from nearly half a million people globally (UNDP, 2013), water was by far the most viewed of all eleven of the topics (World We Want, 2013). In February 2014, UN-Water presented technical advice, 'Securing Sustainable Sanitation for All', proposing a post-2015 Global Goal for Water to the UNGA General Assembly (UN-Water, 2014).

Already at the Hhalfway point of through the Decade, on World Water Day (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) 2010, the President of the General Assembly noted in a High-Level Interactive Dialogue on Water noted the successes already undertaken in the implementation of the Decade in the area of increasing the focus on water-related issues:

“Appreciable efforts have been undertaken over the years leading to increased awareness and recognition of the crucial importance of sustainable use and efficient management of fresh water resources as well as the sanitation issues” (UNGA, 2010).

**Comment [JM51]:** Maybe we can find more evidence on the greater focus on water issues??)- FOR EXAMPLE GREATER INVESTMENTS, MORE DONNORS ACTIONS, GREATER PRIORITY IN THE AGENCIES THEMSELVES, BY ACADEMIA, BY STAKEHODELDERS??

**Comment [UNW-DPC52]:** To JM51: This is beyond the scope of this report

**Comment [JM53]:** We need to say something about the decade FOR ACTION THAT IS IN ITS TITLE

**Comment [UNW-DPC54]:** The 'Action' component may best be brought up in the Decade campaign section – DPAC has provided text for this section. The focus of the report should be “major unique added value initiatives carried out during the Decade by all entities in UN-Water as available on their websites”

This attention picked up even more after the mid-term mark of the Decade, which was marked in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in June 2010 by a High-level International Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005-2015. The resulting "Dushanbe Declaration on Water" (UNGA Resolution 65/88) noted the achievements during the first five years of the Decade as regards the implementation of water-related programmes and projects, and identified a number of focal areas for the remainder of the Decade, including water resources management, sanitation and wastewater services, policies and action. Shortly thereafter, on 28 July 2010, the UN General Assembly recognised the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right (UNGA Resolution 64/292), essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights.

By the time of the high-level United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development ("Rio+20 Summit") in June 2012, the UN ~~Member~~ <sup>5</sup>States recognized that "water is at the core of sustainable development as it is closely linked to a number of key global challenges" (United Nations, 2012). The Rio+20 Outcome Document ~~ntat~~ –highlights and reconfirms the water-related commitments made in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI), the Millennium Declaration and the commitment to the 2005-2015 International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' (*Ibid*).

~~This increased attention and focus on water-related issues throughout the Decade has been supported in no small part been the result of the UN-Water-led efforts in the form of its major campaigns and the production of information materials and publications, described in more detail in this section.~~

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**Comment [JM55]:** WHAT ABOUT THE RESOLUTION ON THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER AND SANITATION

**Comment [UNW-DPC56]:** Re: JM 55, this has now been added in the paragraph above.

**Comment [UNW-DPC57]:** Maybe we can change this to relate it to the issue being discussed! Otherwise not sure if appropriate in the way it is written!

**Comment [UNW-DPC58]:** We have reworded this paragraph but think that in order to explain/describe the "greater focus on water-related issues" throughout the Decade, it would be important to show the achievement of UN-Water, as the mechanism coordinating the Decade and the main focus of this report, in order lead into the next sections on campaigns, etc.

**Comment [UNW-DPC59]:** We would like to be able to say that UN-Water was "requested" by the OWG to provide advice, but cannot yet find indication/confirmation of this.

**Comment [OHCHR60]:** There should be a reference to the UN Water technical advice on a water goal for the post-2015 Development Agenda perhaps on P. 8 or in the section discussing water cooperation (UNW-DPC: this has been now added in several places in the document)

in July 2014, the UNGA's Open Working Group for Sustainable Development Goals proposed a stand-alone water goal in its goal 6, "Ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all", which encompassed many of the suggestions made by UN-Water (UNGA OWG, 2014). Further information on the Technical Advice provided by UN-Water can be found in the section below, "UN-Water Information Materials and Publications".

This increased attention and focus on water-related issues throughout the Decade has been supported by a steadily strengthened UN-Water, which has been able to lead numerous campaigns, produce information materials, analyses and other influential publications such as policy and information briefs, which have increased awareness among decision-makers and helped place a greater focus on water-related throughout the Decade. UN-Water's major campaigns, information materials and publications are described in more detail in the next sections.

### UN-Water Campaigns

Throughout the Decade, UN-Water has been increasingly successful at consolidating and disseminating efforts and information on various topics of relevance to the world community. Some of its major campaigns include the highly successful World Water Day and Sanitation Drive to 2015, as well as the more recently established World Toilet Day. This section provides further information on the evolution and outcomes of these campaigns.

#### **The International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005-2015 Campaign—"water for life" 2005-2015**

All around the world, activities and initiatives have actively built the 'Water for Life' Decade campaign.

The Decade campaign has taken place everywhere around the world. Throughout the Decade, UNW-DPAC has promoted the Decade's logo and mandate, allowing all types of stakeholders to join the Decade's campaign and to be active at international, national and local levels. Since 2005, the logo of the Decade has been requested from a diverse range of stakeholders around the world to support different types of activities and initiatives in the spirit of the 'Water for Life' Decade.

Educational activities (e.g. teaching the topic of water in schools in different forms) with a public awareness scope (art exhibitions or expos, brochures, the instalment of technical devices in restrooms, etc.) have represented the core of the users of the 'Water for Life' Decade logo, with civil society being the main group requesting the logo.

**Comment [UNW-DPAC61]:** The office will provide a text for this

**Comment [UNW-DPC62]:** Thank you, the text was provided and implemented on 2 June 2014. This also coincides with the request in the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> SPM to include more information on the Decade campaign



In addition to civil society organizations, requests have been received from academic organizations, governments, the UN System, religious groups and business organizations and entities, but also from individuals. In these cases, main activities for which the logo has been requested range from conferences/meetings and exhibitions, media coverage and publications, advocacy and website use to business exercises.

For information on activities and organizations which have joined the Decade, see [http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/who\\_has\\_joined\\_the\\_decade.shtml](http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/who_has_joined_the_decade.shtml)

### ***World Water Day***

World Water Day has been held annually on 22 March since 1993 as a means of focusing attention on the importance of fresh water and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Observance has grown steadily and significantly ever since, with high participation at the national level and high interest and recognition via social media channels. Since its inception in 2003, UN-Water has been responsible for selecting the theme, messages and lead UN agency, one of its ~~M~~members, for the World Water Day. An overview of the topics and foci of World Water Day throughout the period of the Decade, 2005-2015, can be found in **Table Annex 31**.

The topic of the Day exerts a broad influence on other major activities throughout the duration of the entire year, including the topics of the annual Stockholm World Water Week and other major international conferences and events both before and after the Day. On the Day itself, in addition to an official celebration of the Day, thousands of events are organized worldwide at the national or local level. UN-Water has played an increasingly active role in the visual identity and communication campaign to support the World Water Day, and now produces extensive campaign materials to support outreach and information efforts. These have seen considerable uptake from volunteers worldwide, who help translate and adapt materials to their local contexts.

More information on World Water Day can be found at the UN-Water website: [www.unwater.org/worldwaterday](http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday).

**TABLE 1 OVERVIEW OF THE TOPICS AND FOCI OF WORLD WATER DAY FROM 2005-2015**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main contributions</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Water for Life 2005-2015</b>	The 2005 Water day marked and supported the beginning of the ‘Water for Life’ Decade and its goal of promoting a greater focus on water related issues, while striving to ensure the participation of women in water related development efforts, and further cooperation at all levels to achieve water related goals of the Millennium Declaration.	United Nations
<b>2006</b>	<b>Water and Culture</b>	The 2006 theme focused on the fact that there are as many ways of viewing, using, and celebrating water as there are cultural traditions across the world. Sacred, water is at the heart of many religions and is used in different rites and ceremonies. Fascinating and ephemeral, water has been represented in art for centuries – in music, painting, writing, cinema – and it is an essential factor in many scientific endeavours as well.	UNESCO
<b>2007</b>	<b>Coping with Water Scarcity</b>	The theme highlighted the increasing significance of water scarcity worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of scarce water resources, both at international and local levels.	FAO
<b>2008</b>	<b>Sanitation</b>	The World Water Day coincided with the International Year of Sanitation, which was organized by UNDESA in cooperation with the UN Water Task Force on Sanitation. WWD 2008 presented the challenges to find solutions to accelerate progress for 2.6 billion people worldwide who are without proper sanitation facilities.	UNICEF and WHO
<b>2009</b>	<b>Shared Waters—Shared Opportunities</b>	A special focus of the 2009 World Water Day was placed on transboundary waters. The objective was to nurture the opportunities for cooperation in transboundary water management, given that it can help building mutual respect, understanding and trust among countries and promote peace, security and sustainable economic growth.	UNESCO (lead) UNECE, FAO (support)
<b>2010</b>	<b>Clean Water for a Healthy World</b>	The World Water Day was envisaged to raise awareness about sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being through addressing the increasing water quality challenges in water management and to raise the profile of water quality by encouraging governments, organizations, communities, and individuals around the world to actively engage in proactively addressing water quality e.g. in pollution prevention, clean up and restoration.	UNEP
<b>2011</b>	<b>Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge</b>	The objective of World Water Day 2011 was to focus international attention on the impact of rapid urban population growth, industrialization and uncertainties caused by climate change, conflicts and natural disasters on urban water systems. It also aimed to spotlight and to encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the challenges of urban water management.	UN-Habitat
<b>2012</b>	<b>Water and Food Security: The World is Thirsty Because We</b>	World Water Day 2012 focused on the state of chronic hunger and pressure of water resources, with a call for a series of actions to cope with population growth and ensure access to nutritious food to everyone in order to follow a healthier, sustainable diet; consume less water-intensive products and reduce food wastage.	FAO

**Comment [JM63]:** I suggest that the world water days table is left

**Comment [UNW-DPC64]:** As requested by SPM 20, this table has been moved to the back. It of course would look more attractive in the final layouted version.

<b>are Hungry</b>			
<b>2013</b>	<b>Water Cooperation</b>	World Water Day 2013 coincides with the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation. UNESCO was appointed by UN Water to lead the preparations for both the 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation and the World Water Day. The Day, like the entire Year, aimed to draw attention to the recognition that water cooperation is essential to strike a balance between the different needs and priorities and share this precious resource equitably, using water as an instrument of peace. Promoting water cooperation implies an interdisciplinary approach bringing in cultural, educational and scientific factors, as well as religious, ethical, social, political, legal, institutional and economic dimensions.	UNESCO (lead)  UNECE, UNDESA,  UNW DPC, UNW DPAC (support)
<b>2014</b>	<b>Water and Energy</b>	In 2014, the UN System — working closely with its Member States and other relevant stakeholders — is collectively bringing its attention to the water-energy nexus, particularly addressing inequities, especially for the 'bottom billion' who live in slums and impoverished rural areas and survive without access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, sufficient food and energy services. It also aims to facilitate the development of policies and crosscutting frameworks that bridge ministries and sectors, leading the way to energy security and sustainable water use in a green economy. Particular attention will be paid to identifying best practices that can make a water- and energy-efficient 'Green Industry' a reality.	UNU  UNIDO
<b>2015</b>	<b>Water and Development</b>	Upcoming (to be updated in 2014).	UNDESA

### ***The Drive to 2015: Sanitation for All***

The Sanitation Drive to 2015 is an advocacy campaign working to make sanitation for all a global development priority, aiming to meeting the Millennium Development Goal sanitation target and end open defecation. In urging changes in both behaviour and policy, the campaign supports and encourages people around the world to take action towards achieving sanitation and hygiene for all by targeting the poorest and most vulnerable people. The justification is based on the fact that actions on sanitation and hygiene are expected to generate substantial benefits, including increased economic growth and productivity, improved health, enhanced social equity, and a cleaner environment.

UN-Water coordinates the Drive to 2015, which was proposed by the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) at the Follow-up Conference on the International Year of Sanitation, held in Tokyo on 26 and 27 January 2010. The Drive to 2015 was then supported in the Dushanbe Declaration on Water (UNGA Resolution 65/88), which was the outcome document of the High-level International Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life' 2005-2015, held in Dushanbe on 8 and 9 June 2010. A number of civil society groups around the globe have pledged their support and are in the process of defining concrete activities that will contribute to achieving the objective of sanitation for all people.

In March 2013, on the occasion of World Water Day and recognizing that greater progress on sanitation is essential for fighting poverty and for achieving all the MDGs, the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) Jan Eliasson initiated, on behalf of the UN Secretary-General, a renewed effort to drive progress on sanitation and water goals towards the 2015 target date and beyond, specifically acknowledging the work of the Sanitation for All campaign. The official website of the Sanitation for All campaign is at <http://sanitationdrive2015.org/>.

### ***World Toilet Day***

Although already marked by international and civil society organizations all over the world for many years, 19 November was formally declared World Toilet Day by the United Nations General Assembly in a resolution on 24 July 2013. The UNGA requested UN-Water, in consultation with relevant entities of the United Nations system and in collaboration with Governments and relevant stakeholders, to facilitate the implementation of World Toilet Day in the context of the Sanitation for All campaign.

World Toilet Day intends to raise awareness of sanitation issues – including hygiene promotion, the provision of basic sanitation services, and sewerage and wastewater treatment and reuse in the context of integrated water management – and make a case for sanitation for all. It intends to encourage UN Member States and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and non-governmental organizations, to promote behavioural change and the implementation of policies in order to increase access to sanitation among the poor and end the practice of open defecation.

<http://www.unwater.org/world-toilet-day.html>

#### UN-Water Information Materials and Publications

*In addition to its successful information campaigns, UN-Water has produced a number of influential flagship publications, policy and information briefs, listed in more detail in the sections below: UN-Water's Technical Advice on a Dedicated Water Goal*

UN-Water has been actively involved in the water-related discussions surrounding the “Post-2015 Development Agenda”, an umbrella term for two parallel processes in the UN: the post-MDG process, led by the UN Secretary-General, and the SDGs, led by UN Member States. In both processes, water plays an increasingly important role.

In February 2014, within the ongoing process of setting the priorities for the international development agenda beyond 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) held a thematic debate on water, sanitation and sustainable energy on 18 and 19 February 2014. Asked to provide technical advice, UN-Water presented the results of a year-long expert consultation process in a side event on the debate's first day. UN-Water's technical advice, ‘Securing Sustainable Water for All’, outlines a viable framework for advancing the water agenda after 2015. The framework suggests prioritizing water through a dedicated global goal with five measurable and interconnected targets. The proposed goal builds on and extends existing commitments such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the priorities agreed at Rio+20, as well as on a series of consultations with people across the world. Throughout the two-day UNGA debate, many countries underscored the need for a dedicated water goal, referring repeatedly and explicitly to the UN-Water technical advice: ‘A dedicated goal on water, with possible targets on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene; water resources management; reuse and treatment of wastewater and wastewater pollution and water quality was widely supported’, noted Federico de Ramos Armas, Vice Minister for the Environment of Spain, adding that the importance of ‘water-related disasters, including floods and droughts’ was also raised during the debate. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon confirmed the need to improve water quality and the management of water resources and wastewater, stating that ‘access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene must feature prominently in post-2015 development’. The UNGA confirmed that water, sanitation and sustainable energy are at the core of sustainable development and the overarching goal of poverty eradication, and are closely linked to

**Comment [JM65]:** I SUGGEST WE INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF THESE CAMPAIGNS! – THE IMPACT ON THE GREATER FOCUS ON WATER ISSUES- SPECUALLY HIGHLIGHTNG THEIR FOCUS ON ACTION

**Comment [UNW-DPC66]:** Comment also received by email on 27 February 2014: campaign impact, analysis and future directions are beyond the current scope of this report, which is “major unique added value initiatives as found on the websites of UN-Water entities”

the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs. For more information on the results of the GA debate on water and energy:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/settingthestage/1wsse.shtml>

For a link to the Executive Summary and the full text of UN-Water's Technical Advice:

<http://goo.gl/WmR0hG>

### ***The World Water Development Report (WWDR)***

The WWDR is an annual and thematic report that focuses on different strategic water issues each year and aims to provide decision-makers with the tools to implement sustainable use of our water resources. It also includes regional aspects, hotspots, examples and stories, making the report relevant to a broad range of readers, at different levels and in different geographical areas. The development of the WWDR, coordinated by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), is a joint effort of the UN agencies and entities which make up UN-Water, working in partnership with governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.

From 2003 to 2012, the WWDR was a triennial report. The first four editions were launched in conjunction with the World Water Forums in 2003, 2006, 2009 and 2012. The triennial version provided an overall picture of the state, uses and management of the world's freshwater resources. In 2012, the decision was taken to revise the scope of the report and improve its format in order to better meet the needs of its readers with an annual, more concise publication that is increasingly facts-based and has a more specific thematic focus.

The first editions of the annual report will address the theme "Water and Energy" in 2014 (WWDR5) and "Water and Sustainable Development" in 2015 (WWDR6). The WWDR is launched on the occasion of World Water Day on 22 March, whose theme will be harmonized with that of the report starting in 2014.

A full list of WWDR topics during the Decade can be found in **Annex 4**.

***\* The first WWDR is outside the scope of the 'Water for Life' Decade***

### ***The Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS)***

The Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) reports on the efforts of countries to achieve the MDG water and sanitation target and provide policy makers at all levels with reliable, easily accessible, comprehensive evidence for informed decision-making on water and sanitation. UN-Water GLAAS has been designed in response to the need to reduce the reporting burden and harmonize different reporting mechanisms of UN-family Member States. GLAAS also increases the comprehensiveness and accountability of information on the drinking-water and sanitation sectors. The UN-Water GLAAS is coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO). A full list of the contents of the GLAAS reports can be found in **Table-Annex 53**.

**TABLE 3 OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBAL ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF SANITATION AND DRINKING-WATER (GLAAS) REPORT**

<b>2008</b>	<del>The pilot report highlighted the existence of significant knowledge gaps and the fact that the sanitation and drinking water sectors lack a global, periodic, and comprehensive sector analysis, which is able to talk to and influence high level policy makers.</del>
<b>2010</b>	<del>This report highlights where efforts stagnate in achieving the Millennium Development Goal Target 7.C, to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. It also highlights the post-2015 challenges that need to be addressed by the United Nations system to collectively support its Member States</del>
<b>2012</b>	<del>This UN-Water GLAAS report presents data received from 74 developing countries, covering all the Millennium Development Goal regions, and from 24 external support agencies, representing approximately 90% of official development assistance for sanitation and drinking water</del>

**Comment [JM67]:** Remove table

**Comment [UNW-DPC68]:** Tables 1 and 2 moved to annexes as per SPM 20 instructions

### ***Progress on Sanitation and Drinking-Water (JMP Report)***

The JMP, and affiliated led by WHO and UNICEF, reports every two years on progress against the MDG Indicators on drinking water and sanitation: "The proportion of population using an improved drinking water source" and "The proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility", separately for rural and urban areas. JMP is the only drinking water and sanitation monitoring mechanism that provides information allowing comparison between countries and over time. **Table Annex 64** provides an overview of the foci and outcomes of the JMP updates throughout the Decade.

**Table 4 Overview of the EoI and Outcomes of the Progress on Sanitation and Drinking Water (JMP) Updates**

Year	Title	Objective
2005	<b>Water for life: Making it happen</b>	At the beginning of the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005–2015, this report highlighted that achieving the target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation will bring a payback worth many times the investment involved. It also argued that it will also bring health, dignity and transformed lives to many millions of the world's poorest people. The humanitarian case for action is blindingly apparent. The economic case is just as strong.
2006	<b>MDG assessment report</b>	The report analysed how access to drinking water and sanitation services is evolving. A special focus is given to the trends observed in urban and rural areas and how these are related to the likelihood of achieving the MDG drinking water and sanitation target. (2006)
2008	<b>MDG assessment report</b>	This report introduced a new way of assessing global, regional and country progress using the «ladder» concept for both sanitation and drinking water. For sanitation, trends in using improved, shared, and unimproved sanitation facilities are shown, in addition to the trend in open defecation. The drinking water ladder shows the percentage of global population using piped connections into a dwelling, plot or yard; other improved water sources; and unimproved sources.
2010, 2012, 2013	<b>Water supply and sanitation monitoring</b>	This report details global progress towards the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target for drinking water and sanitation, and analyses what these trends suggest for the remainder of the UN Decade "Water for Life" (2005–2015).

**Comment [JM69]:** Remove table

**Comment [UNW-DPC70]:** Again, same as with previous 3 tables.

### UN-Water Country Briefs

In 2013, UN-Water launched a series of [13 pilot country briefs](#), which present in a visual way the critical importance of water investments for human and economic development, with the intention to foster stronger interventions on water-related issues by policy makers dealing with peace and security, [human rights](#), infrastructure investments, agricultural, health, education and environmental issues, as well as macro- and micro-economic perspectives. The thirteen countries in the project are Chile, Guyana and Mexico for the Americas; the Gambia, Ghana, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia for Africa; and Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Oman, [the Philippines](#) and Viet Nam for Asia.

**Comment [OHCHR71]:** 13 pilot country briefs with URL

**Comment [OHCHR72]:** Insert "human rights"



### **UN-Water Analytical and Policy Briefs**

UN-Water has also been successful during the Decade at mainstreaming water into other debates such as climate change, sustainable development and green economy. This has been done primarily through the release of analytical and policy briefs timing for maximum impact at major fora such as Rio+20 and other major United Nations conferences and events. The policy and analytical briefs of UN-Water are results of its UN ~~M~~members and outside ~~p~~Partners working in the context of the TPAs and TFs of UN-Water. A list of these briefs is contained in ~~Table Annex 75~~.

### **Goal 2: Greater focus on the Implementation of Water-Related Programmes and Projects**

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UNW-DPAC manages the 'Water for Life' Decade's website with the support of the UN Department of Public Information in New York. The Decade's website (<http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>) has become a place to track the Decade's progress as well as a place for people to get involved and learn about what is happening around the world. The Decade's website is further a hub for water and sanitation-related information generated by UN agencies and programmes covering the Decade's themes.

**Comment [JM73]:** The same as for the campaigns. in addition to listing te reports and publications we may need to say how they have helped to increased attention/focus on water related issues. spetially highlighting ther focus on action

i suggest other actors may have had a role on increasing the focus (if we can prove that). my impression is that the hard data provide a mix result in the decade: on the one hand the %of gdp in water investments have decreased.. etc..

the greater focus in my view has been to an important extent linked to the water as a human right resolution. we may ned to mention that.

as the hard data may not be all that positive we may need to argue better how the greater focus has been reflected in a better undesratnding of some issues related to ienqualities for example or implementation. so we need to go into greater details in the diagnosis. i am sure one phrase from each agency will do the trick.

**Comment [UNW-DPC74]:** New text focusing on action and increasing attention (as per comments in this document and received by email on 27 February 2014) was received by UNW-DPAC and is now included. Further data on other actors beyond UN-Water or hard figures referred to in comment above are beyond the current scope of the report unless readily available on websites of UN-Water entities. So far we have updated the Matrix that has been in existence since the beginning of the Decade, but included it as an Annex because it is not the main focus of this report – with the exception of data pertaining to the entities of UN-Water.

UNW-DPAC also coordinates the **'Water for Life' UN-Water Best Practices Award**, the only UN award which is connected to that year's theme for World Water Day. The award aims to promote efforts to fulfil international commitments made on water and water-related issues by 2015 through the recognition of outstanding best practices that can ensure the long-term sustainable management of water resources and contribute to the achievement of internationally agreed goals and targets contained in the MDGs, Agenda 21 and the JPOI. Launched in 2010 for the first time, the prize is awarded annually in two categories: 'best water management practices' and 'best participatory, communication, awareness-raising and education practices'. The Decade will see the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Award in 2015 and is now well positioned at the international level, recognized as a valuable tool to identify best practices and move the water and sanitation agenda forward at the global level.

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Together, these projects have reached hundreds of participants in regions around the world, and reflect the success UN-Water has had throughout the Decade in bringing together UN-Water

**Comment [UNW-DPAC75]:** We will revise this text

**Comment [UNW-DPC76]:** Text was provided and implemented on 2 June 2014, thank you.

**Comment [UNW-DPAC77]:** I suggest you can include here the results of the mapping exercise- I think there must be other projects launched by other task forces. These are the ones where DPC is involved!

**Comment [UNW-DPC78]:** Re: UNW-DPAC 77, these projects are UN-Water identified. Other results and activities of UN-Water and other Decade actors are included in the annexes, both in the updated "Matrix of Activities" and in the annex which describes the work of all TFs and TPAs of UN-Water

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**Comment [UNW-DPC80]:** Re UNW-DPAC 79: No further suggestion / information received.

**TABLE 5 UN WATER POLICY AND ANALYTICAL BRIEFS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Collaborating Organizations</b>
<i>Gender, Water and Sanitation: A Policy Brief</i> (2006)	This policy brief was developed in support of the International Decade for Action, ‘Water for Life’. It focuses its attention on the interconnectedness between water and gender issues, and made a forceful case that it’s difficult to address one issue without the involvement of the other. In addition, the brief provided a list of recommendations for various level of the society, ranging from international organizations to local communities.	<b>Author:</b> Task Force on Gender and Water
<i>Transboundary Waters: Sharing Benefits, Sharing Responsibilities</i> (2008)	This policy brief was created in preparation for the World Water Week in 2008. Its goal is to provide an overview of the transboundary water issue with a focus on the benefits that can be generated when nations embrace a cooperating approach to the transboundary water issues. It uses successful cases and good practices to illustrate the opportunities that can be shared through cooperation, and provided a general framework for nations to follow.	<b>Author:</b> Thematic Priority Area on Transboundary Waters <b>Contributors:</b> GEF, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and the Stockholm International Water Institute.
<i>Climate Change Adaptation: The Pivotal Role of Water</i> (2010)	The publication made a case for the urgency of climate change adaptation through applying several principles of water and land management. The document listed ways in which aspects of life has been and will be affected by climate change, and concluded with a recommendation of six principles.	<b>Author:</b> Thematic Priority Areas on Water and Climate Change
<i>UN Water Policy Brief on Water Quality</i> (2011)	The policy brief outlines the challenges and trends, drivers and impacts related to water quality. It also presents four strategies that for the basis of policy solutions. It concludes with a series of specific recommendations by which these solutions can be achieved.	<b>Author:</b> Thematic Priority Area on Water Quality
<i>Water Security and the Global Water Agenda—A UN Water Analytical Brief</i> (2013)	This analytical brief proposes a working definition of water security with the intention to start a dialogue on water security in the UN system.  The Brief, produced by UN Water Task Force on Water Security, aims to capture the dynamic and constantly evolving dimensions of water and water-related issues, and offers a holistic outlook for addressing water challenges through the umbrella of water security.	<b>Author:</b> Task Force on Water Security <b>Contributors:</b> UNU – Institute for Water Environment and Health, and UNESCAP

**Comment [JM81]:** Remove table

**Comment [UNW-DPC82]:** Same comments as with previous tables – Tables have been moved to the Annex as per SPM 20 request.

## **Objectiev 2: The Furtherance of Water Cooperation**

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**Comment [UNW-DPC86]:** Move to Goal 4 (chronological order)

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**Comment [UNW-DPC88]:** Examples from the UN-Water Conference on Water Cooperation were found on the Decade website and have now been included. A new analysis of the success of prevalence of water cooperation is beyond the current scope of this report.

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### **Goal 3: Striving to Ensure the Participation of Women in Water-Related Development Efforts**

After choosing “gender mainstreaming in water and sanitation” as one of its areas to focus on during the Decade, one of UN-Water’s first activities after its creation in 2003 was the establishment of a Task Force on Gender and Water, linking gender focal points and water focal points in each agency. The UN-Water Task Force fed out of the Inter-agency Network on Women and Gender Equality, to take responsibility for the gender component of the Decade. Led by UNDESA, from 2003 until 2009 the Task Force aimed to promote gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the related to water and sanitation and the JPOI at the global, regional, national, local and utility levels. It also promoted coherence and coordination of activities by UN Water ~~M~~members and ~~P~~partners in this area. Task Force activities reflected a long-term strategy and ongoing process of gender mainstreaming, which informed the design and implementation of national planning documents (UN-Water website, 2013). During its existence, the Task Force producing a policy brief as well as organized workshops, side events, trainings and high-level panels in various conferences, such as the World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009 and an Expert Group Meeting co-led by UNW-DPC on Gender-Disaggregated Data on Water and Sanitation at the UN Headquarters in December 2008. The Task Force disbanded in 2010, at a time when the United Nations General Assembly created the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). UN Women became a ~~M~~member of UN-Water shortly thereafter, embedding it firmly within the UN-Water mechanism. In a position paper on the Post-2015 Development Agenda released in 2013, UN Women called for a stand-alone goal on achieving gender equality, women’s rights and women’s empowerment, with robust mainstreaming of gender considerations across all parts of the SDGs framework, including water. Further information on the UN-Water Task Force on Gender and Water can be found in the previous section on “UN-Water Thematic Priority Areas and Task ~~F~~Forces”.

**Comment [UNW-DPC89]:** SPM 20 comments included the suggestion to add additional information here. We have included further information on the work of UN Women in the post-2015 framework but did not receive other further elaborations/comments from the SPM. Additional information here on the achievement of this goal is not yet easily findable on websites of UN-Water entities (beyond the scope of this report)

**Comment [JM90]:** I suggest that WE MAY NEED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE IMPACT AND WHETHER THIS IS MORE A REALITY THA 10 YEARS AGO..

In addition to the activities of UN-Water and UN Women, numerous UN-Water Members and Partners have made concerted and considerable efforts to mainstream gender in water and hygiene management, with pilot projects carried out throughout the Decade, for example, by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the FAO, UNDESA and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). An overview of these studies, outcomes and publications is available at <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/gender.shtml>.

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**Comment [UNW-DPC93]:** For comments JM90, JM91 and JM93, beyond the current scope of this report. Additional text has been added from the UN-Water International Conference on Water Cooperation.

In particular, 2013 also became a year in which the UN could show cooperation among its own agencies, with numerous examples of public high-level UN support for water issues:

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**Comment [UNW-DPC95]:** We reviewed the background briefs and websites but could not find specific examples on how water cooperation is increasing/improving. Beyond the scope of this report.

#### Achieving Internationally Agreed Water-Related Goals

As regards the drinking water target laid out in the Millennium Declaration, a major milestone was clearly reached when the UN Secretary-General declared the drinking water target to have been met in 2010, five years ahead of schedule (JMP, 2012).

One of the other sets of goals referred to in the UNGA resolution which established the Decade was to be further elaborated upon at the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> sessions of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). The Matrix of the Chair's IPM Summary for the Decade submitted to the thirteenth session of the UNCSD in 2005 (UNCSD, 2005) called among other things to "shift emphasis from a needs-based to a rights-based approach" when it comes to improving access to safe drinking water in urban and rural areas. Under a rights-based approach, it is clear that the water and sanitation targets contained in the MDGs did not go far enough because the human right to water and sanitation requires universal access to water and sanitation for all persons. The Declaration by the United Nations of the human right to drinking water and sanitation in 2010 was clearly a major milestone in the pursuit and acknowledgement of achievement of this goal (UNGA Resolution A/RES/64/292). Shortly after passage of this Declaration, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights joined as a Member of UN-Water and thereafter, the Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation became a partner with special status of UN-Water, embedding both strong advocates for a rights-based approach to water and sanitation it firmly within the UN-Water mechanism.

#### Developing Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans

The UNCSD 13<sup>th</sup> session's matrix also called for "preparing integrated water resource management plans and creating an institutional and policy framework" including the use of gender-disaggregated data as appropriate (UNCSD, 2005). This goal built upon the JPOI, set out at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, which declared a target in order to "develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries, through actions at all levels". UN-Water made extensive efforts to illustrate progress towards the target, as witnessed in the work of its Task Force on Water Resources Management, which produced and presented a 2008 "Status Report on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans" for the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (UN-Water, 2008).

The 2008 UN-Water report drew primarily on a survey covering 104 countries, and used information gathered by Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the African Development Bank (ADB). It

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**Comment [JM97]:** Move to page 8 -

**Comment [UNW-DPC98]:** Moved to page 10, in a sub-section of "Shifting Emphasis to a Rights-Based Approach"

**Comment [UNW-DPC99]:** Moved to page 10

~~standardized the different terminology from each country and aimed to provide the most objective and comprehensive overview of the current status of WRM. It also provided a few brief case studies and concluded with key lessons learned & recommendations for future action.~~

~~An updated Status Report on 'The Application of Integrated Approaches to the Development, Management and Use of Water Resources' was produced for Rio+20 in June 2012 (UN Water, 2012). This report disseminated information and promoted the findings of the report in various meetings and conferences. Prepared by UNEP in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and GWP for UN Water, it was based on a 2011 UN Water survey sent to the governments of all UN Mmember sStates. More than 130 countries responded to the survey and this data was complemented by interviews in 30 representative countries. The report informed decision-making at the Rio+20 conference and other follow-up global policy discourses. It facilitated information exchange to enhance the coherence and impact of national efforts to improve water resources management and related work of the UN and other external support agencies at the country level (UN Water website).~~

#### Recap: Major Milestones in the Decade

2005: Special Rapporteur El Haji Guissé -presents the Guidelines for the Realization of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation -to the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

**2006:** 4<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Mexico (March)

2006: the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights adopts the Guidelines for the Realization of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation.

2008 (March): The Human Rights Council appoints the first Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

**2008:** International Year of Water and Sanitation

**2009:** 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul (March)

**2010:** Human Right to Water and Sanitation is declared - 28 July 2010, through Resolution **64/292**

**2010:** Drinking water target is met

**2011** (February): Drive to 2015. On 11 February UNGA Resolution is passed (A/RES/65/153) on 'Sustainable sanitation: the five-year drive to 2015'. Follow-up of the International Year of Sanitation, 2008

**Comment [JM100]:** Review with those in the water for life decade webpage!

**Comment [UNW-DPC101]:** These milestones do come from the Water for Life Decade webpage – if there are additional major goals to add, please suggest. We may want to move them to the **beginning** (inside cover, two-page spread etc) of the report in order to better highlight the achievements of the Decade as requested in the minutes of SPM 20

**Comment [OHCHR102]:** Add as milestone, "2006: the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights adopted the [Guidelines for the Realization of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation](#)." (DPC: later clarified and changed to a 2005 target: Special Rapporteur El Haji Guissé presents the [Guidelines for the Realization of the Right to Drinking Water and Sanitation](#) to the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights"

**Comment [OHCHR103]:** Add milestone: "March 2008: The Human Rights Council appointed the first Independent Expert on the issue of human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation. In March 2011, the Human Rights Council mandate on water and sanitation was extended and renamed Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation."

**2011** (February): Declaration of 2013 'International Year of Water Cooperation' ([A/RES/65/154](#)).

**2011** (November): Launching of the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS) online platform

[2011 \(March\): The Human Rights Council mandate on water and sanitation is extended and renamed Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation](#)

**2012** (March): 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Marseille ~~(March)~~

**2012** (June): The Rio+20 Conference, whose outcome document highlights the commitment to the 2005-2015 International Decade for Action "Water for Life".

**2013** International Year of Water Cooperation (UNGA resolution **65/154**)

**2013** (March): Call to support the Drive by USG Jan Eliasson (World Water Day)

**2013** (May): High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons proposing one water goal within the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) framework beyond 2015: "Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation", with four targets (Source: United Nations HLP, 2013, p. 42)

**2013** (July): World Toilet Day Declared an official UN Day – managed by UN-Water/ TPA for Water and Sanitation

**2013** (November): first World Toilet Day, campaign led by UN-Water

[2014 \(Feb\): UN-Water Technical Advice on a Global Water Goal](#)

[2014 \(July\): UNGA's Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals proposed a stand-alone "Water Goal" as Goal 6](#)

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## Acronyms

The “Decade” *The International Decade for Action, ‘Water for Life’ 2005-2015*

IISD *International Institute for Sustainable Development*

IPM *Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development*

JPOI *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation*

JMP *The WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme*

KWIP *UN-Water Key Water Indicator Portal Project*

MDGs *Millennium Development Goals*

NDMP *Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies* (a UN-Water Initiative)

OWG *United Nations General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals*

SDGs *Sustainable Development Goals*

SPMs *Senior programme managers* (delegates to UN-Water from UN agency members)

SUWA *Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture* (a UN-Water project)

TFs *Task Forces of UN-Water*

TPAs *Thematic Priority Areas of UN-Water* (areas deemed to be of strategic, long-term importance to UN-Water)

UNCSD *The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development*

UNDCWS *UN Documentation Centre on Water and Sanitation*

UNGA *The United Nations General Assembly*

UNSGAB *UN Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation*

UNW-AIS: *UN-Water Activity Information System*

UNW-DPAC *The UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication*

UNW-DPC *The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development*

WWAP *The World Water Assessment Programme*

WWDR *World Water Development Report*

## Annexes

Annex 1 – UN-Water ~~m~~M~~e~~mbers and ~~p~~P~~a~~rtners, November 2013\*

(\*Source: UN-Water website, November 2013: [www.unwater.org](http://www.unwater.org) )

### UN-Water Members (from within the United Nations)

~~CBD~~: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

~~FAO~~: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

~~IAEA~~: International Atomic Energy Agency

~~IFAD~~: International Fund For Agricultural Development

~~ILO~~: International Labour Organization

~~OHCHR~~: United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner

~~UNCCD~~: Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

~~UNCTAD~~: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

~~UNDESA~~: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

~~UNDP~~: United Nations Development Programme

~~UN ECA~~: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

~~UN ECE~~: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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

~~UNEP~~: United Nations Environment Programme

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

~~UNESCO~~: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

~~UN ESCWA~~: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

~~UNFCCC~~: Secretariat of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

~~UN-Habitat~~: United Nations Human Settlements Programme

~~UNHCR~~: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

~~UNICEF~~: United Nations Children's Fund

~~UNIDO~~: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

~~UNISDR~~: United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

~~UNCTAD~~: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

~~UNCCD~~: Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

~~UN-DESA~~: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

**Comment [JM108]:** Remove annexes 1 and 2

**Comment [UNW-DPC109]:** Have been kept in; removing them was not requested by SPM.

**Comment [JM110]:** Remove list of UN-Water Members and Partners

**Comment [UNW-DPC111]:** Ditto (see comment above).

**Comment [UNW-DPC112]:** This has now been alphabetized (previously was in the order from the UN-Water website)

~~UNDP: United Nations Development Programme~~  
~~UN-ECA: United Nations Economic Commission for Africa~~  
~~UN-ECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe~~  
~~UN-ECLAC: United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean~~  
~~UN-ESCAP: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific~~  
~~UN-ESCWA: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia~~  
~~UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization~~  
~~UNEP: United Nations Environment Programme~~  
~~UNFCCC: Secretariat of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change~~  
~~UN-Habitat: United Nations Human Settlements Programme~~  
~~UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees~~  
~~UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization~~  
~~UNISDR: United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction~~  
~~UNITAR: United Nations Institute for Training and Research~~  
~~UNU: United Nations University~~  
~~WFP: World Food Programme~~  
~~WHO: World Health Organization~~  
~~UNWTO: World Tourism Organization~~  
~~The World Bank~~  
~~WHO: World Health Organization~~  
~~WMO: World Meteorological Organization~~  
~~UNWTO: World Tourism Organization~~  
~~ILO: International Labour Organization~~  
~~UNITAR: United Nations Institute for Training and Research~~ UN Women  
~~WFP: World Food Programme~~  
~~OHCHR: United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner~~

#### **UN-Water Partners with Special Status**

~~Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation~~  
~~The Global Compact~~  
~~UNOOSA: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs~~  
~~UNSGAB: United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water & Sanitation~~  
~~WSSCC: Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council~~  
~~UNSGAB: United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water & Sanitation~~  
~~The Global Compact~~  
~~Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation~~

**Comment [UNW-DPC113]:** This has now been alphabetized

## **UN-Water Partners (from outside the United Nations)**

**Comment [UNW-DPC114]:** This has now been alphabetized (previously was in the order from the UN-Water website)

[AIDA: International Association for Water Law](#)

**Aquafed:** The International Federation of Private Water Operators

[CAWST: Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology Conservation International](#)

[GWA: Gender and Water Alliance](#)

[GWP: Global Water Partnership](#)

[IAH: International Association of Hydrogeologists](#)

[IAHR: International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research](#)

[IAHS: International Association of Hydrological Sciences](#)

[ICID: International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage](#)

[igrac](#)

[IHA: International Hydropower Association](#)

[IIASA: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis](#)

[igrac](#)

[IIASA](#)

[IRC](#)

[IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature](#)

[IWA: International Water Association](#)

~~[IWRA: International Water Resources Association](#)~~

~~[GWP: Global Water Partnership](#)~~

~~[IAH: International Association of Hydrogeologists](#)~~

~~[IAHS: International Association of Hydrological Sciences](#)~~

~~[ICID: International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage](#)~~

~~[IWA: International Water Association](#)~~

**IWMI:** International Water Management Institute

[IWRA: International Water Resources Association](#)

**PSI:** Public Services International

**Ramsar:** Convention on Wetlands

**SIWI:** Stockholm International Water Institute

[Stakeholder Forum](#)

~~[AIDA: International Association for Water Law](#)~~

~~[GWA: Gender and Water Alliance](#)~~

[WaterAid](#)

[WaterLex](#)

[water.org](#)

WBCSD: World Business Council for Sustainable Development

WCCE: World Council of Civil Engineers

IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature

World Water Council

WWF: World Wide Fund for Nature

WYPW: IHA: International Hydropower Association

Stakeholder Forum

World Youth Parliament for Water

Women for Water Partnership

Conservation International

WaterAid

water.org

igrae

IASA

IRC

WaterLex

WCCE

World Youth Parliament for Water

Annex 2 – Overview of current and past Thematic Priority Areas (TPAs) of UN-Water; Overview of Task Forces of UN-Water

**TABLE 1 OVERVIEW OF THE THEMATIC PRIORITY AREAS (TPAs) OF UN-WATER**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Key Activities</i>	<i>Major Publications and other Outputs</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Water and Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthen coordinated activities of water and climate change</li> <li>- Promote relevant adaptation strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparing a Strategy/Plan for advocacy and communication</li> <li>- Providing continuous review of the web page and preparing a complete list of events on water and climate change</li> <li>- Updating the mapping of activities and complementing with the mapping of mandates, capabilities, needs, gaps and strategies</li> <li>- Preparing Guidelines on water-related adaptation/mitigation to climate change</li> </ul>	<p>The policy brief “<i>Climate Change Adaptation: The Pivotal Role of Water</i>” (2010) made a case for the urgency of climate change adaptation through applying several principles of water and land management. The document listed ways in which aspects of life has been and will be affected by climate change, recommending six guiding principles: 1) Mainstream adaptations within the broader development contest; 2) Strengthen governance and improve water management; 3) Improve and share knowledge and information on climate and adaptation measures, and invest in data collection; 4) Build long-term resilience through stronger institutions, and invest in infrastructure and in well-functioning ecosystems; 5) Invest in cost-effective and adaptive water management as well as technology transfer; 6) Leverage additional funds through both increased national budgetary allocations and innovative funding mechanisms for adaptation in water</p>	<p><b>Coordinating organization:</b> WMO</p> <p><b>Other members:</b> CPWC, CBD, FAO, GWP, IAHS, IAEA, ICID, SIWI, SWH, UNICEF, UNCCD, UNW-DPAC, UNW-DPC, UNDESA - Division for Sustainable Development, UNDP, UN ESCWA, UNECA, UNECE, UNESCO-IHP, UNEP, UNFCCC, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, UNSGAB, UNU, WHO, WWAP, WWF</p>

		management.		
Transboundary Waters	<p>Transboundary Waters is intended to provide a platform to promote coherence and coordination of activities among UN-Water Members and Partners by facilitating a steady exchange of information and promoting joint efforts on the transboundary waters issues.</p>	<p>Participated in the organization of the Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul, and hosted the high level session on transboundary water issues.</p> <p>Prepared a mapping report and a website on the activities being carried out by UN-Water <del>M</del>members and <del>P</del>partners in the area of transboundary waters.</p>	<p>The TPA produced a policy brief on transboundary waters, titled <i>Transboundary Waters: Sharing Benefits, Sharing Responsibilities</i> (2008).</p>	<p><b>Coordinating organizations:</b> UNECE and UNESCO</p> <p><b>Other members:</b> UNDP, GEF, UNEP, IAEA, UNESCAP, UNW-DPC, UNO-IDfA, WMO, WHO, CBD, UNCCD, RAMSAR Convention, UNU, SIWI</p>
Water Supply and <u>Basic</u> Sanitation	<p>The TPA on Water Supply and Sanitation was established as a consequence of the recognition of the human right to water and sanitation by the General Assembly.</p> <p>Its objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foster collaboration between UN Agencies</li> <li>- Provide value added services to the UN, its members and Member States</li> <li>- Support initiatives towards MDG &amp; SDGs</li> <li>- Raise awareness and support UN global advocacy on water supply and sanitation</li> <li>- Co-ordinate with non-UN-Water initiatives related to water supply and basic sanitation</li> </ul>	<p>The TPA has focused on the 'Sanitation For All – the Drive to 2015' initiative, launched by the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in 2011. For the occasion, factsheets were produced and made available. Other activities include mapping prospective TPA activities through UNW-DPC, developing a consolidated tool kit for planning, monitoring and evaluating WASH, and supporting UN-Water in the human right to drinking water and sanitation through advocacy and information.</p>	<p>Published:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN-Water Factsheet on Sanitation</li> <li>- A document outlining its effort in the campaign The Sanitation Drive to 2015, titled <i>Sanitation Drive to 2015: Planners' Guide</i>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Coordinating organizations:</b> UNU and UN-Habitat</p> <p><b>Other members:</b> UNICEF, WSSCC, UNW-DPC, UNW-DPAC</p>



In September 2010 UN-Water established a Thematic Priority Area (TPA) on Water Quality to enhance interagency collaboration and support governments in addressing global water quality challenges. The aim was also to monitor and report on the state of water quality, identify emerging issues and propose relevant responses.

The TPA on Water Quality has undertaken two major activities:

- During 2010-2011, the TPA mapped out water-quality-related activities that are executed by UN-Water ~~M~~members and ~~P~~Partners.

- TPA on Water quality conducted an extensive study on water quality guidelines for aquatic ecosystems in various regions of the world. A final report and a database were produced as a result.

Publications:

- *Water Quality Policy Briefing* (2011)
- *Scoping Study - International Water Quality Guidelines for Aquatic Ecosystems* (2012)
- *Mapping Exercise of Activities of UN-Water Members and Partners in the Area of Water* (2011)

**Coordinating organization:** UNEP

**Members:** FAO, UNESCO, WHO, UNCCD, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNSGAB, Aquafed, IWA, IWRA, WBCSD, AfDB, UNIDO, World Bank, UNW-DPAC, UNW-DPC, UNECE

**TABLE 2 OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCES OF UN-WATER (CURRENT)**

<i>Task Force</i>	<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Publications and other Outputs</i>	<i>Membership</i>
<b>Country-level Coordination</b>	Established in 2007, the Task Force focuses on the UN-Water operations, especially those related to MDGs, at the country level.	<p>Currently finalizing an assessment of water-related activities of UN agencies in the pilot countries participating in the "Delivering as One" initiative.</p> <p>The mapping report will review the interaction among UN organizations and other stakeholders. The findings will be developed into a strategy that delivers coordinated responses to meet the water resources management, water supply and sanitation goals at the country-level.</p> <p>At its 19<sup>th</sup> SPM meeting in August 2013, UN-Water requested the Country-level Coordination Task Force to follow up on the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the right to water in selected pilot countries.</p>	N/A	<p><b>Coordinating organization:</b> UNDP, UNW-DPC</p> <p><b>Core members:</b> UNICEF, UNDESA, FAO, UNECA</p> <p><b>Consultative members:</b> WHO, WMO, UNW-DPC, UNO-IdfA, WWAP, UNESCAP, UNECE, GWP</p>
<b>Regional-level Coordination</b>	The Task Force was created in 2009 to improve the coordination of the regional-level activities of UN-Water agencies and to facilitate inter-agency information exchange.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In collaboration with UN Regional Commissions and UN-Water <del>M</del>members, the Task Force assesses the coordination mechanisms within the water sector, and conducts in-depth surveys to identify priority areas.</li> <li>- The Task Force facilitates inter-regional consultations to improve coordination and enable strategy development related to water resources management, water supply and sanitation goals, including MDGs, at the regional level.</li> </ul>	A mapping publication which reports activities at the regional level, coordinated by UNW-DPC, released in 2014	<p><b>Coordinating organizations:</b> UNESCAP and UNESCWA</p> <p><b>Members:</b> UNW-DPC, UNECE, ECLAC, ECA</p>

**Comment [OHCHR115]:** As part of Annex 2 table 2 (p. 32) in the section on country-level coordination you could reference the decision at the last UN Water meeting for this taskforce to follow up on the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the right to water in selected pilot countries.

Water Security	The primary aim of the Task Force was to produce an Analytical Brief on Water Security, presented at World Water Day 2013.	Produced the Analytical Brief on Water Security, which identifies policy responses by the UN System as well as other actors to address water security challenges worldwide, and creates a space for dialogue in the international water community.	Publication: <i>Water Security &amp; the Global Water Agenda</i> (2013)	<b>Coordinating organization:</b> UNESCAP and UNU <b>Other members:</b>
Water Resources Management	Upon the request of UN Commission on Sustainable Development, UN-Water formed the Task Force on Water Resource Management with the specific purpose of creating an in-depth status report to document the progress of water resources management between 2008 and 2012: the Status Report on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans.	Cooperated and coordinated among stakeholders for surveys and data-collection.  Disseminated information and promoted the findings of the report in various meetings and conferences. This Status Report, prepared by UNEP in collaboration with UNDP and GWP, is based on a 2011 UN-Water survey sent to the governments of all UN member states. More than 130 countries have responded to the survey and this data has been complemented by interviews in 30 representative countries. The report is intended to inform decision-making at the Rio+20 conference and follow-up global policy discourses. It will facilitate information exchange to enhance the coherence and impact of national efforts to improve water resources management and related work of the UN and other external support agencies at the country level.	Publication: <i>Status Report on the Application of Integrated Approaches to Water Resources Management</i> (2012)	<b>Coordinating organization:</b> UNEP-DHI Centre for Water and Environment (UDC), UNDP Water Governance Unit, Global Water Partnership (GWP)  <b>Other members:</b> UNDESA, Danida
Task Force on Capacity Development of Water operators	Proposed by GWOPA of UN-Habitat, it shoulders the responsibility of consolidating the work of UN-Water Members and Partners to provide a one-stop-shop for water utilities. It builds upon the progress of	The Task Force maps out existing work and recreating them under a single-entry-point platform. In the process, it will identify the gaps within the existing literature and develop appropriate training material to fill the gaps.  The final products aim to be a comprehensive toolbox comprising materials, guidelines, case studies and	Publication: <i>GWOPA Strategy 2013–2017</i> (2013)	<b>Coordinating organization:</b> UN-Habitat Global Water Operators Partnership Alliance (GWOPA)  <b>Other members:</b> UNESCO, UNDP Cap-Net, UNW-

<u>Wastewater Management</u>	all UN-Water <del>AM</del> Members in developing, organizing, and making available of knowledge resource.	other resources for the capacity development of water operators.	DPC, UNW-DPAC, UNEP, UNECE, UNECA, UNESCAP, UNECLAC, UNESCWA
	<u>The Task Force was established to assist governments make optimal use of wastewater while protecting ecosystem services. The Task Force aims to highlight issues related to wastewater management, increase awareness of national and local governments of the benefits of investing in wastewater management, and strengthen UN System collaboration on related activities.</u>	<u>The Task Force has focused on contributing to the development of a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on water by including considerations related to wastewater and water quality.</u>	<u>Coordinating organizations:</u> <u>UNEP, UN-Habitat</u>

**TABLE 23 OVERVIEW OF THE TASK FORCES OF UN-WATER (PAST)**

Name	Objective	Activities	Publications and other Outputs	Membership
Gender and Water	Established in 2003 by the Interagency Network on Women and Gender Equality, the Task Force became a part of UN-Water in the following year to take responsibility for the gender component of the International Water for Life Decade, 2005-2015.	Organized workshops, side events, training and high-level panels in various conferences, such as the World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009.	Publications: - <i>Task Force on Gender and Water, Report</i> (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) - <i>A Gender Perspective on Water Resources and Sanitation</i> - <i>Gender, Water and Sanitation: A Policy Brief</i> (2006) - <i>Gender-Disaggregated Data on Water and Sanitation</i> (2009)	<b>Coordinating organization:</b> UNDESA <b>Other members:</b> ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA, FAO, UNHCR, IFAD, INSTRAW, UNICEF, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNW-DPC, UN-Habitat, UNIFEM, World Bank, WHO <b>Non-UN members:</b> GWA, UN Foundation, WEDO, WECF, WSSCC, WfW <b>Observers:</b> Freshwater Caucus for CSD, Plan International
	The Task Force promoted gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals	Promoted coherence and coordination of activities by-UN Water <del>M</del> members and <del>p</del> Partners; as well as providing programme support for the gender component of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life', 2005-2015.  Compiled and developed examples of good practice in sustainable and equitable access to water supply and sanitation; reviewing research on the economic benefit of improved access to water in women's productive activities and poverty alleviation.  Fostering cooperation among water specialists in UN to achieve MDG and JPOI		
Sanitation	Established in 2007, the UN-Water Task Force on Sanitation aimed to increase the effectiveness of global efforts to reach the sanitation targets of the Millennium Development	During 2007 – 2008, the Task Force on Sanitation participated in the planning, launching, and implementation of the International Year of Sanitation (IYS). In addition, it also helped organize summits such as the Asia-Pacific Water Summit.  Cooperated with UNICEF and other IYS partners to study the links of between sanitation and child	Publications: <i>Tackling a Global Crisis: International Year of Sanitation 2008</i>	<b>Coordinating organization:</b> UNICEF  <b>Other members:</b> UN-Habitat, UNEP, UNDESA, UNO-IDfA, UNDP, WSP, WSSCC,

	Goals (MDGs).	mortality, and MDGs and other frameworks.  The Task Force also succeeded in raising financial resources for IYS global activities from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, etc. These resources were used to prepare advocacy materials, media kits and the publication of “Tackling a Global Crisis: International Year of Sanitation 2008”.		UNU, WHO
Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting	Established in 2008 to contribute to public information and policy-making in the water-related sectors, through improved monitoring and reporting. In addition, it aims to advance the implementation of internationally agreed goals and targets on water and sanitation.	Defined a common framework for monitoring and reporting, identifying key indicators to report on major water domains.  Carried out a participatory process involving UN-Water <del>M</del> members and <del>p</del> Partners and other stakeholders for selecting 'policy domains' and 'key indicators'. Prepared a 2006 report, “ <i>Water Monitoring: Mapping Existing Global Systems and Initiatives</i> ”.  Prepared a working paper on a common framework for global monitoring and reporting on water and sanitation through a defined set of policy domains and key indicators, resulting in the final report: “Monitoring progress in the water sector: A selected set of indicators”.  Created a 'short-list' of key water sector indicators with detailed metadata, including computation methods, responsible agencies and details of updating procedures.	Publications:  - <i>Water Monitoring: Mapping Existing Global Systems and Initiatives</i> (2006): a background document with the purpose to track the main global water monitoring initiatives, as far back as 1960, to promote the integration of various activities into the overall development frameworks. It reviewed, analyzed and categorized a total of forty-two global water monitoring initiatives.  - <i>Status Report on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plans</i> (2008)  - Final Report: <i>Monitoring progress in the water sector: A selected set of indicators</i> (2010)  - <i>Concept Paper: Assessing progress in the water sector?</i> (2008)	<b>Coordinating Organization:</b>  World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)  <b>Members:</b>  ICID, FAO, GWP, IWA, IAH, UNEP, SIWI, UN-Habitat, UNU, UNDESA, UNO-IDfA, UNESCO -IHP, UNDP, UNESCAP, UNECE, UNEP, UNSD, UNSGAB, WBCSD, WHO, UNICEF, WWC, World Bank

### Annex 3 – Overview of the topics and foci of World Water Day during the Decade, from 2005-2015

**TABLE 1 OVERVIEW OF THE TOPICS AND FOCI OF WORLD WATER DAY FROM 2005-2015**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Main contributions</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
2005	<u>Water for Life 2005-2015</u>	<u>The 2005 Water day marked and supported the beginning of the ‘Water for Life’ Decade and its goal of promoting a greater focus on water-related issues, while striving to ensure the participation of women in water-related development efforts, and further cooperation at all levels to achieve water-related goals of the Millennium Declaration.</u>	<u>United Nations</u>
2006	<u>Water and Culture</u>	<u>The 2006 theme focused on the fact that there are as many ways of viewing, using, and celebrating water as there are cultural traditions across the world. Sacred, water is at the heart of many religions and is used in different rites and ceremonies. Fascinating and ephemeral, water has been represented in art for centuries - in music, painting, writing, cinema - and it is an essential factor in many scientific endeavours as well.</u>	<u>UNESCO</u>
2007	<u>Coping with Water Scarcity</u>	<u>The theme highlighted the increasing significance of water scarcity worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of scarce water resources, both at international and local levels.</u>	<u>FAO</u>
2008	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>The World Water Day coincided with the International Year of Sanitation, which was organized by UNDESA in cooperation with the UN-Water Task Force on Sanitation. WWD 2008 presented the challenges to find solutions to accelerate progress for 2.6 billion people worldwide who are without proper sanitation facilities.</u>	<u>UNICEF and WHO</u>
2009	<u>Shared Waters –Shared Opportunities</u>	<u>A special focus of the 2009 World Water Day was placed on transboundary waters. The objective was to nurture the opportunities for cooperation in transboundary water management, given that it can help building mutual respect, understanding and trust among countries and promote peace, security and sustainable economic growth.</u>	<u>UNESCO (lead) UNECE, FAO (support)</u>
2010	<u>Clean Water for a Healthy World</u>	<u>The World Water Day was envisaged to raise awareness about sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being through addressing the increasing water quality challenges in water management and to raise the profile of water quality by encouraging governments, organizations, communities, and individuals around the world to actively engage in proactively addressing water quality e.g. in pollution prevention, clean up and restoration.</u>	<u>UNEP</u>
2011	<u>Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge</u>	<u>The objective of World Water Day 2011 was to focus international attention on the impact of rapid urban population growth, industrialization and uncertainties caused by climate change, conflicts and natural disasters on urban water systems. It also aimed to spotlight and to encourage governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to actively engage in addressing the challenges of urban water management.</u>	<u>UN-Habitat</u>
2012	<u>Water and Food Security: The World is</u>	<u>World Water Day 2012 focused on the state of chronic hunger and pressure of water resources, with a call for a series of actions to cope with population growth and ensure access to nutritious food to everyone in order to follow a healthier, sustainable diet; consume less water-intensive products and reduce food wastage.</u>	<u>FAO</u>

**Comment [JM116]:** I suggest that the world water days table is left

**Comment [UNW-DPC117]:** SPM requested all tables to be moved to Annexes. It of course will look more attractive in the final layouted version. If SPMs want it removed, please let us know.

	<u><a href="#">Thirsty Because We are Hungry</a></u>		
<u><a href="#">2013</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Water Cooperation</a></u>	<u><a href="#">World Water Day 2013 coincides with the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation. UNESCO was appointed by UN-Water to lead the preparations for both the 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation and the World Water Day. The Day, like the entire Year, aimed to draw attention to the recognition that water cooperation is essential to strike a balance between the different needs and priorities and share this precious resource equitably, using water as an instrument of peace. Promoting water cooperation implies an interdisciplinary approach bringing in cultural, educational and scientific factors, as well as religious, ethical, social, political, legal, institutional and economic dimensions.</a></u>	<u><a href="#">UNESCO (lead)</a></u> <u><a href="#">UNECE</a></u> <u><a href="#">UNDESA</a></u> <u><a href="#">UNW-DPC</a></u> <u><a href="#">UNW-DPAC (support)</a></u>
<u><a href="#">2014</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Water and Energy</a></u>	<u><a href="#">In 2014, the UN System – working closely with its Member States and other relevant stakeholders – is collectively bringing its attention to the water-energy nexus, particularly addressing inequities, especially for the 'bottom billion' who live in slums and impoverished rural areas and survive without access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, sufficient food and energy services. It also aims to facilitate the development of policies and crosscutting frameworks that bridge ministries and sectors, leading the way to energy security and sustainable water use in a green economy. Particular attention will be paid to identifying best practices that can make a water- and energy-efficient 'Green Industry' a reality.</a></u>	<u><a href="#">UNU</a></u> <u><a href="#">UNIDO</a></u>
<u><a href="#">2015</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Water and Development</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Upcoming (to be updated in 2014).</a></u>	<u><a href="#">UNDESA</a></u>



Annex 4 – Overview of the topics covered in the World Water Development Report (WWDR) during the Decade, 2005-2015

<u>Year</u>	<u>Theme</u>		<u>Participating UN-Water Members</u>
<u>2003*</u>	<u>Water for People, Water for Life</u>	<u>It is a comprehensive review that gives an overall picture of the state of the world's freshwater resources and aims to provide decision-makers with the tools to implement sustainable use of our water</u>	<u>23 UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNU, FAO, IAEA, World Bank, WHO, WMO, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNECA, UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNCCD, UNCBD, UNFCCC, ISDR</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u>Water: a Shared Responsibility</u>	<u>It presents a comprehensive picture of freshwater resources in all regions and most countries of the world as it tracks progress towards the water-related targets of the UN Millennium Development Goals and examines a range of key issues including population growth and increasing urbanization, changing ecosystems, food production, health, industry and energy, as well as risk management, valuing and paying for water and increasing knowledge and capacity.</u>	<u>24 UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNU, FAO, IAEA, World Bank, WHO, WMO, UNESCO, IFAD, UNIDO, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNECA, UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNCCD, UNCBD, UNFCCC, ISDR</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>Water in a Changing world</u>	<u>A number of themes are addressed throughout the report, including climate change, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), groundwater, biodiversity, water and migration, water and infrastructure, biofuels, etc.</u>	<u>25 UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNU, FAO, IAEA, World Bank, WHO, WMO, UNESCO, IFAD, UNIDO, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNECA, UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNCCD, UNCBD, UNFCCC, ISDR</u>
<u>2012</u>	<u>Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk</u>	<u>This reports aims to encourage all stakeholders both in and out of the 'water box' - water managers, leaders in government, civil society and businesses – to engage early in decision making processes to improve the quality and acceptance of decisions and the probability of successful implementation. It highlights that more responsible action by all water users has enormous potential to lead to better outcomes - but requires political, social, economic and technical responses at all levels of government, businesses and communities, from local to</u>	<u>28 UN-Habitat, UNICEF, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNHCR, UNU, ESCAP, UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNCBD, UNCCD, ISRDR, UNFCCC, FAO, IAEA, WOLD BANK, UNESCO, UNIDO, WHO, WMO, UNCTAD, IFAD, ILO, UNITAR, UNWTO</u>

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\* The first WWDR is outside the scope of the 'Water for Life' Decade

Annex 5 – Overview of the focus of the Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS) Report during the Decade, 2005-2015

TABLE 3 OVERVIEW OF THE GLOBAL ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF SANITATION AND DRINKING WATER (GLAAS) REPORT

Comment [JM118]: Remove table

Comment [UNW-DPC119]: Ditto (tables 1 and 2)

2008      The pilot report highlighted the existence of significant knowledge gaps and the fact that the sanitation and drinking-water sectors lack a global, periodic, and comprehensive sector analysis, which is able to talk to and influence high level policy makers.

2010      This report highlights where efforts stagnate in achieving the Millennium Development Goal Target 7.C. -to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking-water and basic sanitation. It also highlights the post-2015 challenges that need to be addressed by the United Nations system to collectively support its Member States

2012      This UN-Water GLAAS report presents data received from 74 developing countries, covering all the Millennium Development Goal regions, and from 24 external support agencies, representing approximately 90% of official development assistance for sanitation and drinking-water

Annex 6 – Overview of the Foci and Outcomes of the Progress on Sanitation and Drinking-Water (JMP) Updates

TABLE 4 OVERVIEW OF THE FOCI AND OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRESS ON SANITATION AND DRINKING-WATER (JMP) UPDATES

Comment [JM120]: Remove table

Comment [UNW-DPC121]: Again, same as with previous 3 tables.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Objective</u>
<u>2005</u>	<u><i>Water for life: Making it happen</i></u>	<u>At the beginning of the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005–2015, this report highlighted that achieving</u>

		<u>the target of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation will bring a payback worth many times the investment involved. It also argued that it will also bring health, dignity and transformed lives to many millions of the world's poorest people. The humanitarian case for action is blindingly apparent. The economic case is just as strong.</u>
<u>2006</u>	<u><b>MDG assessment report</b></u>	<u>The report analysed how access to drinking water and sanitation services is evolving. A special focus is given to the trends observed in urban and rural areas and how these are related to the likelihood of achieving the MDG drinking water and sanitation target. (2006)</u>
<u>2008</u>	<u><b>MDG assessment report</b></u>	<u>This report introduced a new way of assessing global, regional and country progress using the «ladder» concept for both sanitation and drinking-water. For sanitation, trends in using improved, shared, and unimproved sanitation facilities are shown, in addition to the trend in open defecation. The drinking-water ladder shows the percentage of global population using piped connections into a dwelling, plot or yard; other improved water sources; and unimproved sources.</u>
<u>2010, 2012, 2013</u>	<u><b>Water supply and sanitation monitoring</b></u>	<u>This report details global progress towards the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target for drinking-water and sanitation, and analyses what these trends suggest for the remainder of the UN Decade "Water for Life" (2005 - 2015).</u>

## Annex 7 – UN-Water Policy and Analytical Briefs produced during the Decade, 2005-2015

<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Collaborating Organizations</u>
<u><b>Gender, Water and Sanitation: A Policy Brief (2006)</b></u>	This policy brief was developed in support of the International Decade for Action, 'Water for Life'. It focuses its attention on the interconnectedness between water and gender issues, and made a forceful case that it's difficult to address one issue without the involvement of the other. In addition, the brief provided a list of recommendations for various level of the society, ranging from international organizations to local communities.	<u><b>Author: Task Force on Gender and Water</b></u>
<u><b>Transboundary Waters: Sharing Benefits, Sharing Responsibilities (2008)</b></u>	This policy brief was created in preparation for the World Water Week in 2008. Its goal is to provide an overview of the transboundary water issue with a focus on the benefits that can be generated when nations embrace a cooperating approach to the transboundary water issues. It uses successful cases and good practices to illustrate the opportunities that can be shared through cooperation, and provided a general framework for nations to follow.	<u><b>Author: Thematic Priority Area on Transboundary Waters</b></u> <u><b>Contributors:</b> GEF, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and the Stockholm International Water Institute.</u>
<u><b>Climate Change Adaptation: The Pivotal Role of Water (2010)</b></u>	The publication made a case for the urgency of climate change adaptation through applying several principles of water and land management. The document listed ways in which aspects of life has been and will be affected by climate change, and concluded with a recommendation of six principles.	<u><b>Author: Thematic Priority Areas on Water and Climate Change</b></u>
<u><b>UN-Water Policy Brief on Water Quality (2011)</b></u>	The policy brief outlines the challenges and trends, drivers and impacts related to water quality. It also presents four strategies that for the basis of policy solutions. It concludes with a series of specific recommendations by which these solutions can be achieved.	<u><b>Author: Thematic Priority Area on Water Quality</b></u>
<u><b>Water Security and the Global Water Agenda - A UN-Water Analytical Brief (2013)</b></u>	This analytical brief proposes a working definition of water security with the intention to start a dialogue on water security in the UN system.  The Brief, produced by UN-Water Task Force on Water Security, aims to capture the dynamic and constantly evolving dimensions of water and water-related issues, and offers a holistic outlook for addressing water challenges through the umbrella of water security.	<u><b>Author: Task Force on Water Security</b></u> <u><b>Contributors:</b> UNU – Institute for Water Environment and Health, and UNESCAP</u>

**Comment [UNW-DPC122]:** Same comments as with previous tables – SPM has requested to move all tables to annexes.

# Annex 38 – Updated Matrix of Actions for the Decade

(Updated in 2013 from the SG 2005 Plan and 2010 report on Achievements for the Midterm Review of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, A/60/158)

**Comment [JM123]:** This information needs to be collected and included in the text-

**Comment [UNW-DPC124]:** This information was updated/collected but is beyond the scope of this report and is therefore included as an Annex. The pertinent information that is related to the scope of the report is included in the text of the report

UN System				
	2005 Plan	2010 Achievements	2013 Update	Comments
UN-Water	<p>UN-Water is the coordinator of the Water for Life” Decade, activities of the organizations of the United Nations system according to Plan and include mechanisms for interacting with non united system stakeholders.</p> <p>UN-Water has defined a number of thematic initiatives for its work during the decade, which include coping with water scarcity and pollution; sanitation, safe drinking water and health; gender mainstreaming in water and sanitation; integrated water resources management; transboundary water issues; and disaster risk reduction. Africa was selected as the priority region.</p>	<p>During the first half of the “Water for Life” Decade, 2005-2009, UN-Water was the central coordinator for the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system.</p> <p>Two UN-Water programmes were launched in the first half of the Decade: the Programme on Capacity Development, located in Bonn and hosted by the United Nations University, and the Programme on Advocacy and Communication, located in Zaragoza and hosted by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.</p> <p>UN-Water published the policy brief on Water &amp; Climate Change in 2010. “The document deals with the close links between adaptation to climate change, and the contribution that</p>	<p>In 2011, UNW-DPAC created the Water for Life UN-Water Best Practices Award, which is given in two different categories: best water management practices and best participatory, communication awareness raising and educational practices. <a href="http://www.unwater.org/downloads/annualreport_2011.pdf">http://www.unwater.org/downloads/annualreport_2011.pdf</a></p> <p>The UN-Water DPC “improved and expanded the Activity Information System, a comprehensive database that enables all Members and Partners to track each other’s activities” along UN-Water’s focus areas <a href="http://www.unwater.org/downloads/annualreport_2011.pdf">http://www.unwater.org/downloads/annualreport_2011.pdf</a></p> <p>UN-Water published the policy brief on Water Quality. “This document provides an accessible overview of the causes and responses to water quality issues</p>	<p>Pending to include:</p> <p>UN-Water Task Forces and TPAs are organized around themes including sanitation, transboundary water, water quality and wastewater, climate change, water resources management</p> <p>The agreement for the establishment of UNW-DPAC to provide secretariat services for the decade</p> <p>Task Force on Climate Change has produced a Policy Brief.</p> <p>Need to report on African focus of UN-Water activities</p> <p>In Dushanbe the non negotiated document includes Governance and areas of priority actions</p>

<p>A series of policy briefs is planned for wide distribution by UN-Water during the decade. Two already produced on water hazard risk and gender, water and sanitation.</p>	<p>adaptation can make to sustainable development.”</p>	<p>in various settings around the world. Those responses fall into four primary areas: prevention of pollution, treatment of polluted water, safe use of wastewater, and restoration and protection of ecosystems.”</p>	<p>MDGs, CC, Transboundary, IWRM, Gender</p>
<p>World Water Assessment Programme, produces the <i>World Water Development Report</i>. -The first edition of the report, <i>Water for People, Water for Life</i>, was launched at the Third World Water Forum, in Kyoto, Japan, on 22 March 2003. It includes comprehensive information and analysis on the current state of the world’s water resources and potential policy solutions</p>	<p>World Water Assessment Programme, produces the <i>World Water Development Report</i> second edition launched at the Fourth World Water Forum, in Mexico City, in March 2006, and the third edition, <i>Water in a Changing World</i>, was launched at the Fifth World Water Forum, in Istanbul, on 22 March 2009. The fourth edition, <i>Managing Water under Conditions of Uncertainty and Risk</i>, will be launched in 2012.</p>	<p>World Water Assessment Programme, produces the <i>World Water Development Report</i> at the Sixth World Water Forum, in Marseille, France. <i>The report is</i> titled <i>Managing Water under Uncertainty and Risk</i>.</p>	<p>Pending Review of progress on this</p>
<p>The cross-linkages between UN-Water and UN-Oceans are most relevant for integrative mechanisms, such as the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine environment from Land based Activities, and for small island developing States</p>	<p>----</p>	<p>In 2011, “UN-Water submitted a statement and a toolkit to the preparatory process of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, outlining the challenges ahead, and highlighting what UN-Water can offer to support sustainable development and the green economy.”</p>	<p>As MDG draws to a close, there will be many future activities involving the creation of post-2015 development agenda.</p>
		<p>In 2012, in a part of the post-MDG process, the Water Thematic Consultation was facilitated under the umbrella of UN-Water, co-led by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the</p>	

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).  
<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/water>

UN-Water is currently working on a policy brief on discrimination in access to water and sanitation.

In February 2014, UN-Water presented technical advice on a Post-2015 Global Goal for Water to the UN General Assembly

<b>Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation</b>	<p>Gives advice, galvanize global action and raise awareness on water and sanitation issues, help mobilize funds, encourage partnerships to eradicate poverty and achieve development goals.</p> <p>In Tokyo in December 2004, the Board issued the Hashimoto action plan with statements on two key issues — integrated water resources management and water disaster risk management</p> <p>The Board is expected to provide important inputs to the Fourth World Water Forum, in Mexico</p>	<p>In 2010, the Board released the second version of its Hashimoto action plan (HAP II), in which it proposes policies, strategies and actions in five areas: financing; sanitation; monitoring and reporting; integrated water resources management; and water and disaster. The Advisory Board has signed agreements with Regional Development Banks and the OECD on agreed activities to ensure implementation of HAP II. The Advisory Board secretariat is hosted by the Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p>		Support to the 5 year drive
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**Comment [OHCHR125]:** As part of Annex 3 table 2 (pp. 36 - 37) in the UN Water section you could reference the decision at the last UN Water meeting to produce a policy brief on discrimination in access to water and sanitation.

Finally, should there be a reference to the UN Water technical advice on a water goal for the post-2015 Development Agenda perhaps on P. 8 or in the section discussing water cooperation? (UNW-DPC: this has been now added in several places in the document)

	City in March 2006.			
<b>United Nations Inter-agency Task Force on Gender and Water</b>	<p>UN-Water agreed that the task force would be one of its subprogrammes and requested it to take responsibility for the gender component of the Water for Life Decade</p> <p>The Task Force has prepared a programme of work for 2005-2006 and a policy brief for UN-Water.</p> <p>The Task Force submitted its paper "A gender perspective on water and sanitation"</p>	<p>In 2008, in coordination with the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development, the Task Force held an expert workshop on gender and water statistics, which produced several technical recommendations that were fed back into the United Nations statistical community.</p>		<p>Include follow up of achievements from the programme of work</p> <p>This component is a key focus of the decade and needs to be given greater push</p>
<b>WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme on water supply and sanitation</b>	<p>WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) actively contribute to global water supply and sanitation monitoring and information dissemination through the Joint Monitoring Programme</p> <p>The 2006 report will update coverage estimates to 2004 as a <b>baseline for the "Water for Life" Decade.</b></p>	<p>In its latest report, released in March 2010, "Progress in Sanitation and Drinking-water", the joint monitoring programme presented coverage data for most countries of the world as of 2008</p> <p>The initial database provided country, global and regional coverage estimates, disaggregated by service type and by urban and rural areas, for 1990 and 2002. The 2006 report updated coverage estimates to 2004 as a baseline for the "Water for Life" Decade.</p>	<p>The document is updated in 2010, 2012, and 2013. The JMP continued its effort to measure the progress that's made in MDG 7 target C: to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking-water and basic sanitation. <a href="http://www.wssinfo.org/post-2015-monitoring/overview/">http://www.wssinfo.org/post-2015-monitoring/overview/</a></p> <p>The database received an update in 2011, while the data collection process is on-going.</p>	<p>Make a clearer follow up of the achievements in the water decade. Including a possible report in 2012 and 2017 comparing the situation with that in 2004.</p> <p>JMP monitors and assesses the progress of MDGs</p>



		<p>In 2011, the JMP began assessing the post-2015 goals, started with a consultation of stakeholders in Berlin. The process is also followed in the Hague 2012. In Jan 2012, working groups were developed and tasked to assemble and evaluate target and indicator proposals for future global monitoring in the following fields: water, sanitation, hygiene, equity and non-discrimination, and communications &amp; advocacy. <a href="http://www.wssinfo.org/post-2015-monitoring/overview/">http://www.wssinfo.org/post-2015-monitoring/overview/</a></p>	<p>The JMP will play a critical role in the data collection process of the post-2015 process</p>
<p><b>Global Annual Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking-Water</b></p>	<p>The UN-Water Global Annual Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking-Water reports on the capacity of countries to make progress towards the Millennium Development Goal on water and sanitation and on the effectiveness of external support agencies to facilitate this process. The first UN-Water Global Annual Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking Water "Targeting Resources for better results" was launched in March 2010. The initiative is technically coordinated by WHO</p>	<p>&lt;limited info was found&gt; A follow up to the GLAAS 2010 report was published in 2012.</p>	<p>This was not planned in the water decade</p> <p><b>The objective of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking-Water (GLAAS) is to monitor the inputs required to extend and sustain water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) systems and services via a country led-process.</b> <a href="http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/glaas/en/">http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/glaas/en/</a></p>
Global	The Global Programme of Action	xx	<p>&lt;I don't know if this is connected to the</p> <p>There is no reporting on the</p>

<b>Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and associated programmes</b>	<p>can assist countries in building national capacity in these areas during the “Water for Life” Decade. Direct support is provided to local and national training programmes on, for example, municipal wastewater management, which will be continued and intensified during the Decade.</p> <p>-UNEP is also planning to convene the second intergovernmental review of the Global Programme of Action in China in October 2006</p> <p>- UNEP plans to strengthen the UNEP Global Environmental Monitoring System on Water as a global repository for water-quality data The UNEP Regional Seas Programme, covering 17 regions around the world and more than 140 coastal States and territories</p> <p>A new brochure examines the widespread occurrence of marine litter</p>		<p>decade&gt; In 2013, “the GPA Coordination Office was charged with the establishment of a Global Partnership on Wastewater Management (GPWWM).” While the project is still in developmental phase, UN-Water Task Force on Wastewater will be a partner with GPA for this particular endeavor.</p> <p>“In 2013, The GPA also supported training in the Safe Use of Wastewater for Agriculture in 4 regions (two in Africa; one in India; and one in Peru), alongside UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Building and other agencies”</p> <p><a href="http://www.gpa.unep.org/index.php/global-partnership-on-nutrient-management/publications-and-resources/gpa-documents/162-gpa-status-report-feb-2013-final/file">http://www.gpa.unep.org/index.php/global-partnership-on-nutrient-management/publications-and-resources/gpa-documents/162-gpa-status-report-feb-2013-final/file</a></p> <p>Global Waste Water Initiative &lt;can’t find information on the precise dates&gt;</p>	<p>progress of this in the 2010 report. It includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Capacity Building and training</li> <li>-Review of global programme of action in china</li> <li>-Global monitoring system</li> </ul> <p>&lt;the website, if not the organization itself, was poorly managed. It is filled with missing dates or broken links. Documents are few and difficult to locate.&gt;</p>
<b>International Hydrological Programme</b>	<p>Aims to improve the scientific and technological basis for the rational management of water resources, including the</p>		<p>n/a</p>	<p>Pending progress report on contributions to the water decade (themes or other)</p>

protection of the environment.

Relevant for the water decade

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<b>Water for African and Asian cities</b> <b>UN-Habitat</b>	<p>Support the implementation of the Water for African Cities Programme</p> <p>In April 2005, the UN-Habitat Governing Council supported further actions in the field of urban drinking water and sanitation and invited Governments and international financial institutions to increase their support for the water and sanitation activities of UN-Habitat. Thus, UN-Habitat <b>has established strategic partnerships with the World Bank and the regional development banks to promote pro-poor investments in human settlements related to water and sanitation. These partnerships are expected to lead to significant new investments.</b></p> <p>UN-Habitat has moved towards a programmatic approach that allows donors to contribute funds to a facility dedicated to a well-defined goal with a clear set</p>	<p>Please see the comment section for info.</p> <p>The Water for African and Asian cities programmes of UN-Water produced numerous publications between 2005 and 2013, including for wastewater management, etc.</p> <p>Publications: <a href="http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=15&amp;catid=461">http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=15&amp;catid=461</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=6&amp;catid=461">http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=6&amp;catid=461</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=15&amp;catid=460">http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=15&amp;catid=460</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=6&amp;catid=460">http://www.unhabitat.org/list.asp?typeid=6&amp;catid=460</a></p>	<p>Pending reporting on progress on these initiatives</p> <p>&lt;unfortunately the website contains largely dated information. Asia: The 6 projects in Focus Areas were either completely out-dated or without indication of starting time. Activities can only be traced to 2008&gt;</p> <p>&lt;go back and recheck other activities of UN-H under water and sanitation&gt;</p>
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	<p>of objectives, <b>the Water and Sanitation Trust Fund</b>. For this facility, priority is given to Africa the <b>UN-Habitat partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected to bring in \$500 million in investment in five Asian cities.</b></p> <p>-In the Water for African Cities Programme, <b>a similar partnership with ADB is expected to assist with follow-up investments of about \$360 million.</b></p> <p>-UN-Habitat has initiated the <b>Lake Victoria Region Water and Sanitation Initiative</b> to address the rehabilitation needs of water and sanitation infrastructure in the secondary towns around the lake.</p>			
<b>United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction</b>	<p>The “Water for Life” Decade has the same time frame as the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015): Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters risk related to disasters should be linked to water resources</p>	<p>As a part of the Hyogo Framework for Action, a 10-year plan to make the world safer from natural disaster, the UNISDR published a report in 2009 titled Water and Disaster. “This report presents a comprehensive action plan designed to minimize the loss of life and destruction brought on by increasing numbers of water-related</p>	<p>In 2011, UNISDR published two reports that related to water: Disaster Risk Management for Health: Water, Hygiene and Sanitation; and Drought vulnerability in the Arab region: case study - Drought in Syria, ten years of scarce water (2000-2010).</p> <p><a href="http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/public">http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/public</a></p>	<p>Pending reporting on progress on these activities</p>

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<http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/8609>

In 2010, UNISDR also hosted an international workshop on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation: Reducing Water-related Risks  
<http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/19948>

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