

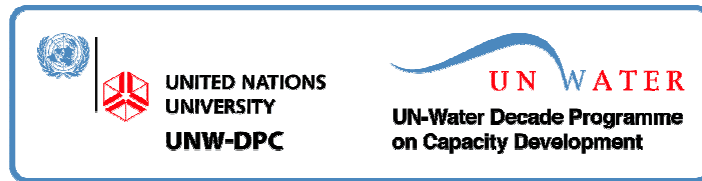
**UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development
UNW-DPC**

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Thematic Priorities & Specific Activities

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I - Introduction

The aim of UNW-DPC is to maximize system-wide concerted action and coherence, as well as effectiveness of the support provided to Member States in their efforts towards achieving the time-bound goals, targets and actions agreed by the international community, particularly those contained in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI). It will also link the activities in the water sector to the broader efforts of the UN International Decade “Education for Sustainable Development” (DESD).

Thematic priorities: addressing the Capacity-Development Challenge

The need to address the capacity-development challenge is clear. The lack of indigenous capacity in member countries for effective water management – educational, scientific, technological and institutional - is a key factor contributing to the global water crisis.

The capacity required is both human and institutional. At least four thematic priorities, of capacity are involved and need urgent attention and action:

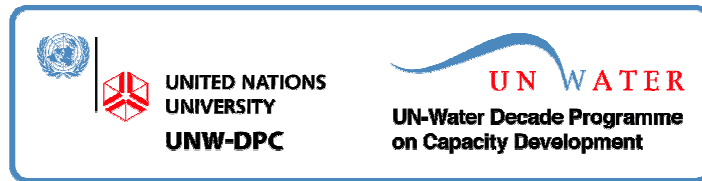
- The capacity to predict, measure and analyse the physical, chemical, and ecological factors impacting human well-being and provision of ecosystem services, through impact assessment, monitoring and evaluation, applied research and technology development, so that reliable data are synthesized and used for policy formulation and decision-making
- The capacity to legislate, regulate and achieve compliance through the development of well-performing institutions and policies and through efficient enforcement and community acceptance (water governance)
- The capacity to provide appropriate, affordable and efficient water infrastructure, services and products through sustained investment and management by both public agencies and, where appropriate, private enterprises
- The capacity to sustain water management through education and training, including community awareness building, adult learning and informal education, so as to provide and sustain sufficient competent human resources for effective stewardship at all professional levels and community scales.

Mission Statement of UNW-DPC

The broad mission of UNW-DPC is to enhance the coherence, credibility and integrated effectiveness of UN-Water, by strengthening its members’ capacity-development programmes, particularly in developing countries and economies in transition. In so doing, UN-Water will demonstrate a vanguard role and leadership in bringing together stakeholders in the capacity-development field and creating added value for their programmes.

It is envisioned that as this mission is implemented, national and local societies will be more able to:

- improve their learning capacity and competence in water management;
- enhance the effective development and management of their resources;



- reduce their dependence on donors;
- support their self-sufficiency in water resources management within a globalized economy;

thus contributing to achieve internationally agreed objectives and targets worldwide. UNW-DPC is clearly focusing on developing countries, by adding value to and scaling up capacity development activities of UN Water members and partners. The above outlined aspirations acknowledge the most urgent needs in those countries and also correspond with the general aims formulated and pursued by the donor community.

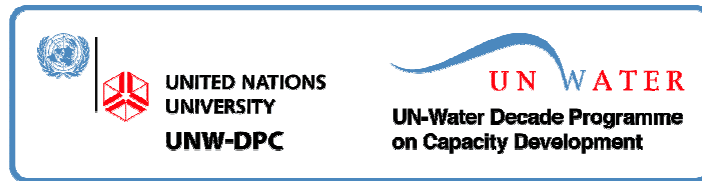
Fields of activity

1. Improve strategic and operational coherence of UN Water members and partners support to capacity development worldwide
2. Strengthen technical and policy guidance within the capacity-development sphere, and contribute to the “professionalization” of water governance and integrated management
3. Collaborate with UN water members and partners on issues related to capacity development
4. Promote capacity development including resource mobilization as part of water plans

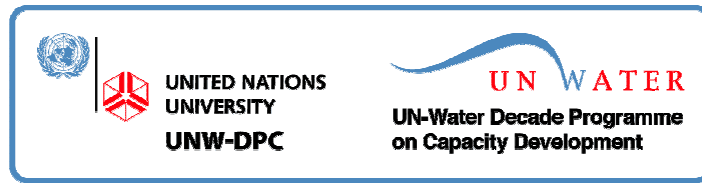
Specific activities

1. Improve strategic and operational coherence of UN Water members and partners support to capacity development worldwide

- 1.1. Creation of a Capacity Development Observatory which will have the goal to:
 - map out, assess and analyze activities, concepts, approaches, policies and stakeholder groups
 - forecast tendencies and assess their impact
 - analyse capacity development needs
 - provide orientation and recommendation to policy makers and water stakeholders
 - provide a platform for exchange and dialogue
 - support a concerted approach
- 1.2. Collection of information and analysis of existing water-related programmes, projects and activities for capacity development



- 1.3. Documentation of best practices and success stories
- 1.4. Development of a single entry point of access to information about projects, programs and activities in the field of water-related capacity development.
 Setting up of an online database:
 - content: data coming from the knowledge observatory
 - technical: creation of the database structure, programming, graphic design and web adaptation of the database, input of data
- 2. Strengthen technical and policy guidance within the capacity-development sphere, and contribute to the “professionalization” of water governance and integrated management**
 - 2.1. Conception of white papers on capacity development policy
 - 2.2. Development of methodology toolkit for mapping, monitoring and evaluating (including self-assessment) the effectiveness and impact of capacity-development activities.
 - 2.3. Support the development of procedure and implementation guidelines on IWRM, long-term strategies, support to definition of organizational chart for improving Water governance quality in developing countries.
 - 2.4. Create innovative capacity development methodologies in different thematic areas (considering on-going activities and needs of UN Water members and partners) e.g. river basin management, implementation of the IWRM, hydropolitics.
- 3. Collaborate with UN water members and partners on issues related to capacity development**
 - 3.1. Preparation of the capacity development chapter of the 3rd World Water Report to be published in March 2009. This will likely include in addition to the overview above, a structured review of capacity building activities and needs and a preliminary identification of the key gaps that need to be addressed.
 - 3.2. Liaison with UN Water offices to participate in dissemination and awareness raising activities-
 - WWAP - Perugia
 - Outreach and Communication Programme - Zaragoza
- 4. Promote capacity development including resource mobilization as part of water plans**
 - 4.1. Organization of a conference with all UN-Water members, partners and water experts "Paving the way for the future"
 - 4.2. Organization of awareness-raising events



- 4.3. Relation with the Media, public relations in collaboration with Zaragoza office
- 4.4. Active participation in meetings, conferences, workshops (Presentations, Keynote speeches)
- 4.5. Creation of a publication series for UNW-DPC (indicative periodicity: 2 issues per year, as part of UNU hosted programmes activities)

Cross-cutting activity

The scope of this activity spans over the 4 main objectives:

- To develop instruments and materials using knowledge management and e-learning to support the creation and dissemination of knowledge and know-how as well as to provide a platform for collaboration and centralized access to information in relation to capacity development, in coordination with UN water members, partners and programmes.

III - Description of the specific activities 2007-2009

To implement its mission and to achieve the inherent objectives, UNW-DPC will seek to implement the following activities. These are particularly relevant to development issues such as improved institutional, legal and water service management capacities.

Fields of activity	Specific activities	Target group	Outcome
1. Improve strategic and operational coherence of UN Water members and partners support to capacity development worldwide	Creation of a Capacity Development Observatory to - map out, - assess and analyse activities concepts, approaches, policies and stakeholder groups - to forecast tendencies - analyse capacity development needs - to provide orientation and recommendation to policy makers and water stakeholders - to provide a platform for exchange and dialogue - to support a concerted approach	UN-Water	UN water members have benefited from a constructive platform for exchange and dialogue on water related capacity development Strategic and operational coherence of capacity-development programmes has been improved
	Collection and analysis of existing water-related programmes, projects and activities for capacity development	UN-Water	Areas of duplication and gaps have been identified Recommendation for enhanced cooperation have been communicated
	Documentation of best practices and success stories	UN-Water	The dissemination of best practices have provided substantial support to the UN Water members to refine and improve the quality of their actions
	Development of a single entry point of access to information about projects, programs and activities in the field of water-related capacity development. Setting up of an online database: - content: data coming from the Observatory activity - technical aspect: creation of the database structure, programming, graphic design and web adaptation of the database, input of data	UN Water Other specialized water organisations Water professionals General public	UN Water agencies have contributed to the development of the database by providing information about their own activities UN Water agencies and general public have been able to use a user friendly single entry point for accessing information about water-related capacity development activities



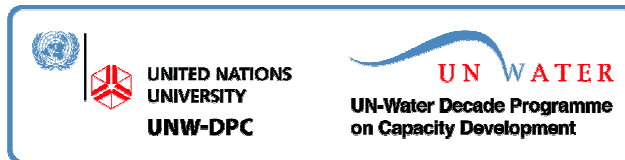
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Fields of activity	Specific activities	Target group	Outcome
2. Strengthen technical and policy guidance within the capacity-development sphere, and contribute to the “professionalization” of water governance and integrated management	Conception of white papers on capacity development policy	Water policy makers	Policy recommendation have contributed to the enhancement of policies (on international and/or national level)
	Development of methodology toolkit for mapping, monitoring and evaluating (including self-assessment) the effectiveness and impact of capacity-development activities.	UN Water Water professionals	Water agencies have improved their use of impact based assessment of capacity development
	Support the development of procedure and implementation guidelines on IWRM, long-term strategies, support to definition of organisational chart for improving Water governance quality in developing countries	UN Water Water professionals Water policy makers	Guidance and provision of expertise have contributed to the mainstreaming of IWRM framework (including for example re-structuring civil engineering curriculum at the university in developing countries)
	Contribute to create innovative capacity development methodologies in different thematic areas: (considering on-going activities and needs of UN Water members and partners) e.g. river basin management, implementation of the IWRM, hydro politics	UN Water Water professionals Water policy makers	Providers of capacity development design activities with greater impact
3. Collaborate with UN water members and partners on issues related to capacity development	Preparation of the capacity development chapter of the 3rd World Water Report to be published in March 2009. This will likely include in addition to the overview above, a structured review of capacity building activities and needs and a preliminary identification of the key gaps that need to be addressed.	All target groups of the WWDR	The importance of capacity development as part of water programmes has been strengthened
	Liaison with UN Water offices to participate in dissemination and awareness raising activities- - WWAP - Perugia - Outreach and Communication Programme - Zaragoza	UN Water	Enhanced cooperation have led to the creation of projects of high relevance to UN water members

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4. Promote capacity development including resource mobilization as part of water plans	Organization of a conference with all UN-Water members, partners and water experts "Paving the way for the future"	UN Water and water experts	Un Water members have participated actively to the development of the work plan for UNW-DPC and are committed to its implementation
	Organisation of awareness-raising events	Water professionals	Reinforcement of the strategic role of capacity development in water plans among water professionals
	Relation with the Media, public relations in collaboration with Zaragoza office	General public	Reinforcement of the strategic role of capacity development in water plans among the general public
	Active participation in meetings, conferences, workshops (Presentations, Keynote speeches)	Water specialists	Higher visibility is given to the importance of capacity development and to the UNW-DPC; clarification of the role of UNW-DPC and mandate reinforced to support concerted approach
	Creation of a publication series for UNW-DPC (indicative periodicity: 2 issues per year, as part of UNU hosted programmes activities)	UN-Water	Reinforcement of the strategic role of capacity development in water plans among water professionals
Cross-cutting activity: knowledge management and e-learning	Development of methodology, instruments and materials using knowledge management and e-learning to support capacity development efforts as well as to provide a platform for collaboration and centralized access to information in relation to capacity development, in coordination with UN water members, partners and programmes.	UN Water Other relevant organisations	Water agencies have been able to enhance their capacity development offer in terms of quality and outreach



List of Abbreviations:

DESD: Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
JPOI: Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
MDG: Millennium Development Goals
MoU: Memorandum of Understanding
ToR: Terms of Reference
UN: United Nations
UNU: United Nations University
UNW-DPC: UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development
WSSD: World Summit on Sustainable Development
WWAP: World Water Assessment Programme
WWDR: World Water Development Report