



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

Work Plan 2013 – 2015

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Background

UN-Water, an inter-agency mechanism established to strengthen collaboration on water-related issues within the UN System and with non-UN partners, was established in 2003. It is becoming an increasingly efficient vehicle for supporting actions and promoting solutions related to the complex water-related agenda. This includes issues associated with both water supply and sanitation as well as water resources management. UN-Water focuses on developing its role as a support mechanism for members, partners and other key stakeholders in their efforts to provide leadership and offer solutions to water challenges in support of Member States.

Three programmes currently operate under UN-Water. Each programme has its individual mandate, organization, staff resources and financing from various sources. One of these programmes is the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), hosted by the United Nations University (UNU).

The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) started work on 1 August 2007. The aim of the programme office is to strengthen the activities of the more than two dozen UN organizations and programmes already cooperating within UN-Water, and to support them in their efforts to help Member States to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) related to water. This is not just a matter of capacity development related to water, but also of education, training and institutional development.

UNW-DPC is hosted by the United Nations University in Bonn and financially supported by the German government. The United Nations University Vice Rectorate in Europe (UNU-ViE) provides central services for all UNU entities in Bonn, including UNW-DPC.

UNW-DPC Approved Work Plan I (2007 – 2010)

UNW-DPC's first Work Plan ran from August 2007 to September 2010. After UNW-DPC was founded in August 2007, the first UNW-DPC Work Plan was approved at the 9th UN-Water meeting in January 2008 and the programme's work began shortly thereafter in earnest.

Under its first Work Plan, UNW-DPC conducted 42 major activities and produced 18 publications with 13 different members, partners and programmes of UN-Water, reaching approximately 1,200 participants from more than 130 countries. All of UNW-DPC's activities related to its Work Plan, and in doing so, UNW-DPC fulfilled 100% of its 21 specific activity targets that are spread across the four fields of support it offers to UN-Water.

This period was marked primarily by trust-building measures which included conducting capacity development activities to scale up the activities of one or more UN-Water member or partner. Towards the end of the period of its first Work Plan, UNW-DPC started transitioning towards multilateral, long-

term projects which add value to the activities of multidisciplinary groups of UN-Water members and partners in innovative ways. Major accomplishments during this period included the completion of a series of regional trainings for Drinking Water Loss Reduction, and the decision on the creation of the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS), which had previously begun as the Capacity Development Information System managed by UNW-DPC.

UNW-DPC Approved Work Plan II (2010 – 2013)

After approval at the 13th UN-Water Meeting in September 2010 in Stockholm, UNW-DPC began its second Work Plan in September 2010, which runs until August 2013. Under this Work Plan, UNW-DPC produced a dozen publications and conducted 45 activities that reached approximately 1,300 participants from 135 countries, together with 20 different UN-Water members, partners and programmes.

In particular during the period of its second Work Plan, UNW-DPC has evolved from conducting capacity development activities that scale up the activities of one or more UN-Water member or partner, to multilateral, long-term projects which add value to the activities of multidisciplinary groups of UN-Water members and partners in innovative ways. In this way, UNW-DPC has advanced its capacity development approaches in the direction of blended learning to complement “face-to-face” training approaches with E-learning and other online methods.

The multilateral activities serve the core idea of UN-Water bringing together and making use of the competencies on water issues from within the UN System, and facilitating bridges between disciplinary silos, which are known to exist in the water sector. Major accomplishments during the second phase of its work include launching and conducting the worldwide UN-Water capacity development project on the “Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture”, launching the UN-Water Capacity Development Initiative to Support “National Drought Management Policies”, and transforming the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS) into a project platform and gateway for E-learning materials of UN-Water members, partners and programmes.

UNW-DPC Approved Work Plan III (2013 – 2015)

At the 18th UN-Water meeting in February 2013 in Washington, D.C., the main lines of the 3rd Work Plan of UNW-DPC were provided and approved by the SPM members. The full third Work Plan was approved by the SPM in August 2013 at the 19th UN-Water meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. The details of this Work Plan are provided in the following pages. The third Work Plan of UNW-DPC starts in September 2013 and runs until the beginning of 2015, the end of the Decade for Action ‘Water for Life’, 2005 – 2015.

Now in the period until the end of the Decade, the work of UNW-DPC is expected to help accelerate the achievement of the MDGs related to water and sanitation and help UN-Water prepare for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. The following pages provide additional information on the third Work Plan of UNW-DPC, building upon the experiences, successes and ongoing projects that UNW-DPC has conducted to date under its first two Work Plans.

Proposed Fields of Activity in the UNW-DPC Work Plan III (2013 – 2015)

Field of Activity No 1: Strengthen the capacity of UN-Water to add coherence to the UN system and support UN-Water governance and coordination activities

1.1 Map activities of UN-Water members and partners via the Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas, and identify potential areas and fields of activity for scaling-up, adding value and improving synergies based on the follow-up analysis of mapping activities

1.2 Support Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas, in particular with policy-relevant documents and UN-Water response strategies

1.3 Assist in the setting up and implementing of the UN-Water Work Programme and mandate as requested, and connect them to the Work Plans of UNW-DPC

1.4 Maintain the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS) as UN-Water's web-based platform for presenting and sharing information on water-related projects and learning initiatives from UN-Water, its members and partners

1.5 Support the UN-Water Management Team, Chair and Secretariat, Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas in official activities and documents of UN-Water, including taking the lead in writing a Decade report on the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life,' 2005 – 2015

Field of Activity No 2: Enhance integrated approaches to transdisciplinary and institutional capacity development in water and water-related issues

2.1 Contribute to the body of knowledge on capacity development methodologies

2.2 Assess and analyze the methodologies and impact of capacity development activities within UN-Water

2.3 Conduct capacity needs assessments in cooperation with UN-Water members and partners

2.4 Nurture a network of capacity development and knowledge management experts among UN-Water members and partners

Field of Activity No 3: Support UN-Water members, partners, partners with special status and programmes in collaborative capacity development initiatives

3.1 Activate and support UN-Water members, partners, partners with special status and programmes in capacity development activities, particularly in multilateral capacity development activities

3.2 Contribute to the World Water Development Report, coordinated by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), and other analytical and policy briefs related to water

3.3 Collect UN-Water best practices in water related capacity development

Field of Activity No 4: Promote water-related capacity development, UN-Water and its activities, especially in reaching decision-makers and other key stakeholders

4.1 Co-organize and support activities, events, PR and publications to promote UN-Water and the activities of its members, partners and programmes

4.2 Publish a newsletter and other information materials on UNW-DPC's activities and other capacity development activities within UN-Water

4.3 Promote the drive for the achievement of water-related MDGs and contribute to the transition from the MDGs to post-2015 water-related targets and goals

4.4 Maintain the UNW-DPC website, with clear linkages to activities of UN-Water and to the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS)

4.5 Collaborate with the UN-Water Communications Manager on the communications and publications strategies of UN-Water and link them to those of the programme office

Connection of UNW-DPC's Fields of Activity to the UN-Water Terms of Reference (2013 – 2015)

Field of Activity No 1: Strengthen the capacity of UN-Water to add coherence to the UN system and support UN-Water governance and coordination activities		
Sub-Area	Examples	Relationship to UN-Water ToR*
1.1 Map activities of UN-Water members and partners via the Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas, and identify potential areas and fields of	Numerous ongoing mapping activities of UN-Water Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships

activity for scaling-up, adding value and improving synergies based on the follow-up analysis of mapping activities		
1.2 Support Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas, in particular with policy-relevant documents and UN-Water response strategies	Contribution to UN-Water thematic and policy briefs	Support to Thematic Priority Areas and Task Forces
1.3 Assist in the setting up and implementing of the UN-Water Work Programme and mandate as requested, and connect them to the Work Plans of UNW-DPC	Assistance to the set-up and implementation of UN-Water Work Programmes and mandate	Strategic orientation, work plans and annual programmes
1.4 Maintain the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS) as UN-Water's web-based platform for presenting and sharing information on water-related projects and learning initiatives from UN-Water, its members and partners	Ongoing UNW-AIS activities, in particular for multi-stakeholder UN-Water projects and initiatives	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
1.5 Support the UN-Water Management Team, Chair and Secretariat, Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas in official activities and	World Water Week, contribution to UN-Water strategic documents and plans	Support to the UN-Water Management Team

documents of UN-Water, including taking the lead in writing a Decade report on the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life,' 2005 – 2015		
Field of Activity No 2: Enhance integrated approaches to transdisciplinary and institutional capacity development in water and water-related management policies		
Sub-Area	Examples	Relationship to UN-Water ToR*
2.1 Contribute to the body of knowledge on capacity development methodologies	Organization of scientific sessions, meetings and publications documenting case studies and best practice	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
2.2 Assess and analyze the methodologies and impact of capacity development activities within UN-Water	Organization of scientific sessions, meetings and publications discussing capacity development methodologies	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
2.3 Conduct capacity needs assessments in cooperation with UN-Water members and partners	Conducting and incorporating capacity needs assessments into UN-Water projects and initiatives	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
2.4 Nurture a network of capacity development and knowledge management experts among UN-Water members and partners	Creation of a network on capacity development experts	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
Field of Activity No 3: Support UN-Water members, partners and programmes in collaborative capacity		

development initiatives		
Sub-Area	Examples	Relationship to UN-Water ToR*
3.1 Activate and support UN-Water members, partners and programmes in capacity development activities, particularly in multilateral capacity development activities	UN-Water projects and initiatives, such as “Safe Use of Wastewater in Agriculture”, “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Strategies” and UN-Water at IFAT	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
3.2 Contribute to the World Water Development Report, coordinated by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP), and other analytical and policy briefs related to water	Annual World Water Development Reports and other policy and analytical briefs of UN-Water	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
3.3 Collect UN-Water best practices in water related capacity development	Capacity development publications on topics such as green economy, water cooperation, etc	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
Field of Activity No 4: Promote water-related capacity development, UN-Water and its activities, especially in reaching decision-makers and other key stakeholders		
Sub-Area	Examples	Relationship to UN-Water ToR*
4.1 Co-organize and support activities, events, PR and publications to promote UN-Water and the activities of its members, partners and	Contributing to World Water Day, UN-Water stands and information booths	Support to the UN-Water Management Team

programmes		
4.2 Publish a newsletter and other information materials on UNW-DPC's activities and other capacity development activities within UN-Water	The regular UNW-DPC "Capacity Pool" newsletter	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
4.3 Promote the drive for the achievement of water-related MDGs and contribute to the transition from the MDGs to post-2015 water-related targets and goals	Support to the "Drive to 2015" and other initiatives from UN-Water, Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
4.4 Maintain a the UNW-DPC website, with clear linkages to activities of UN-Water and to the UN-Water Activity Information System (UNW-AIS)	www.unwater.unu.edu and www.ais.unwater.org	Reinforcing horizontal collaboration and partnerships
4.5 Collaborate with the UN-Water Communications Manager on the communications and publications strategies of UN-Water and link them to those of the	Contribution and support to the publications and communications strategies of UN-Water	Support to the UN-Water Management Team

programme office		
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*The UN-Water Terms of Reference was last updated on 25 August 2012 and can be located in the “Governance” downloads at <http://www.unwater.org/documents.html>. Page 2, Section III, paragraph 11 delineates 6 areas of the scope of its work, from a) to f). Annex 3 to UN-Water’s Terms of Reference discusses the terms of reference, including roles and responsibilities, for the three specific UN-Water programmes.