

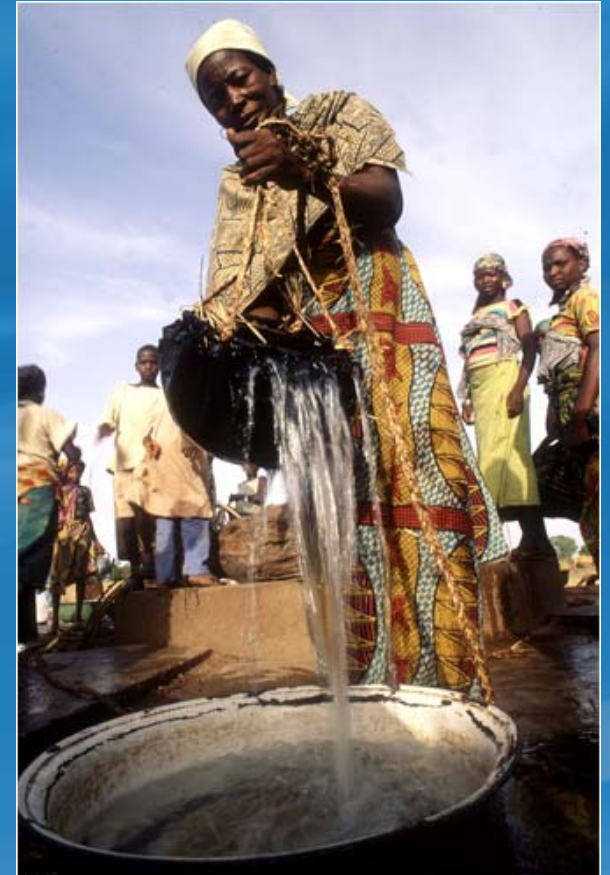
UN-Water

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What is UN-Water

UN-Water, established in 2003, is

'... the inter-agency mechanism for follow up of the WSSD water-related decisions and the MDGs concerning water ...'

UN-Water is not another Agency

'...promoting coherence in and coordination of, UN system actions ... complementing and add value to existing programmes and projects ...facilitating synergies and joint efforts, ...enhancing efficiency and avoid overlaps... '

How UN-Water works

- ✓ Being a “coordination mechanism”
 - it has a “light” governance structure
- ✓ Governance:
 - Senior Program Managers in charge of water in 26 UN entities
 - Rotating chair (2 years)
 - Permanent Secretariat (UN-DESA)
 - Holds biannual meetings
- ✓ UN-Water includes also non-UN members (e.g. GWP, WWC, WWF, WaterAid, IUCN)



Scope of UN-Water

Freshwater

- ✓ Surface and groundwater
- ✓ Interface freshwater - seawater
- ✓ Quality, quantity
- ✓ Uses (domestic, industry agriculture, ecosystem)
- ✓ Development, assessment, monitoring



Sanitation

- ✓ Access to and use of by populations
- ✓ Sanitation - freshwater interactions
- ✓ Coordinated Campaign for the International Year of Sanitation 2008



Water-related disasters,
emergencies and extreme events



Thematic initiatives (focus areas)

- Water scarcity
- Sanitation
- Transboundary waters
- IWRM
- Climate Change
- Water and gender
- Pollution
- Financing
- Valuing
- Disaster reduction
- Capacity building



- ✓ UN-Water operates mainly through “Task Forces” addressing “*thematic initiatives*”
 - *Transboundary waters* • *Gender* • *Sanitation*
 - *Climate Change* • *National level UN Coordination*
 - *Indicators, Monitoring & Reporting*
- ✓ UN-Water activities are implemented by members and partners
- ✓ UN-Water includes also 4 special programmes

WWAP

UNESCO
Perugia

UNW-DPC

UNU
Bonn

UNW-DPAC

UNDESA
Zaragoza

JMP

WHO/
UNICEF

Basic operational configuration of each thematic initiative

- ✓ Hosted by a leading agency
- ✓ Network of contributing partners
- ✓ Output oriented toward 3 main pillars
 - Best Practices and Technical Advice
 - Knowledge and Monitoring
 - Policy Guidance and Institutions



Why was UN-Water Established?

Gaps created by abolishment of ACC

Need for Improved coordination

Complex, multi sectoral challenges in water & san.

Multiple UN entities with highly relevant mandates

Specific interests, capacities and expertise

Many other, non-UN players

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UN-Water Financial Resources

Agencies own resources

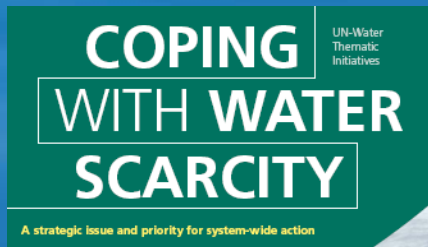
- ✓ addressing “UN delivering as ONE” in practice
 - ✓ interagency coordination, staff time commitment
 - ✓ maintenance of interagency communication
- ≈ 0.3 M\$ per year

Donors resources

- ✓ Targeted actions of global relevance
 - ✓ boosting on-going processes
 - ✓ responding to emerging issues/specific demands
- DfID, NORAD, SIDA ≈ 2.8 M\$ per year
+ Italy, Germany, Spain for specific programmes

✓ Products

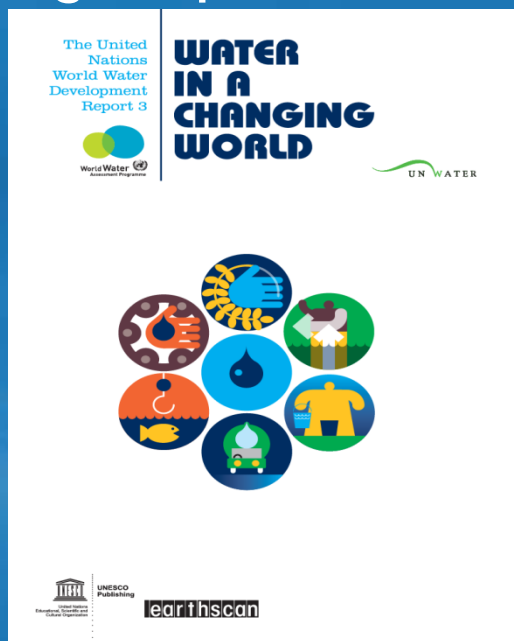
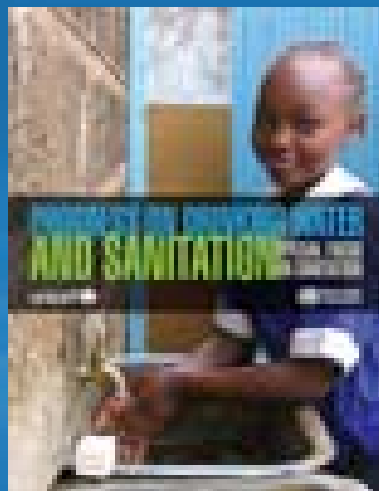
- Policy briefs and Major documents



- Web site



Monitoring Reports



- ✓ *IWRM*
- ✓ *WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme Report - July 2008 (biannually)*
- ✓ *Global Annual Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS) - September 2008 (anually)*
- ✓ *World Water Development Report - March 2009 (every 3yrs)*



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