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Post-2015 development agenda sustainable development goals

& water

What is the “Post-2015 Agenda” ?



- Aims to build on strengths of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – with 2015 target date – and addresses their shortfalls, “the unfinished agenda”, neglected issues
- Process should be more inclusive
 - civil society, government, UN, private sector, academia, citizens
- Various processes leading to 2015 (e.g. Open Working Group on SDGs, UN Task Team, High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons, “Global Conversation” – global/regional/national consultations, social media, ...) that need to be integrated

Outcomes of the Open Working Group discussions on water



- Water at core of sustainable development
 - Water & sanitation central to achievement of many development goals, including agriculture, health and education
- Universal access would greatly reduce burden of disease in many developing countries, especially in reducing child mortality
 - Need to attain universal coverage of safe drinking water, sanitation & hygiene in ambitious timeframe
- Water resources also play vital role in economic growth & poverty eradication
- Addressing water effectively must encompass
 - access, water quantity & quality, improved governance frameworks, infrastructure & technology, and water efficiency
 - better preparedness for hydrological extremities essential to improve resilience to natural disasters
- Need investment in, and access to, appropriate technologies for water treatment, recycling and re-use
- Sustainable management of watersheds, wetlands and other water-related ecosystems important to water quantity & quality and water regulation

Possible water targets



- Three main areas for targets
 - Access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)
 - Water Resources Management
 - Wastewater treatment and water qualityalong lines of Rio+20 outcome document and structure of thematic consultation on water
- Additional important areas:
 - Climate change & water-related disaster risk reduction



Emerging WASH Recommendations for post-2015 agenda – SDGs



- **Universal access** to safe & sustainable water supply, sanitation & hygiene (WASH)
- **Inequalities in access** to WASH to be progressively reduced
- Build on successes of current MDGs, address “unfinished business”
- Address **hygiene** access
 - including hand washing & menstrual hygiene management
- Access to WASH services **beyond households**
 - particularly schools, health facilities
- Increased **investments** in WASH needed
- **Sustainability**, including environmental sustainability, of WASH services must be at heart of new agenda

UN-Water advice (by 2030)



- Universal access to water supply and sanitation
 - All homes, schools and health centres have water and sanitation and practice hygiene
 - Water, sanitation and hygiene are sustainable and inequalities in access have been progressively eliminated
- Improved water quality and wastewater management
 - Reduce untreated domestic and industrial wastewater flows for all urban areas by $y\%$
 - Increase safe use of urban and industrial wastewater by $x\%$
 - Reduce nutrient pollution from agriculture by $z\%$
- Water resources management + disaster-risk reduction