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# UN System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation






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- The mandate from resolution 77/334
- Vision: A world with available and sustainably managed water and sanitation for all
- The goal of the strategy is to enhance UN system-wide coordination and delivery of water and sanitation priorities across the United Nations system in support of Member States
  - I.e., an additional tool for the UN system to work better together!

# Expected Outcomes

1. Strengthened UN system-wide leadership on water-related issues.
2. Demand-driven support to countries by the UN system and its partners at all levels, with a particular focus on the water-related needs of developing countries.
3. Improved policy coherence on water and sanitation through aligned UN system support to integration across sectors and mainstreaming across Member State-led inter-governmental processes.
4. More impactful UN system support to countries to accelerate progress and transformational change through the five SDG 6 accelerators-finance, data and information, capacity development, innovation, and governance.
5. Strengthened accountability for progress through joint review and learning.

# Results Chain for the UN System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation

ENTRY POINTS	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
 <p><b>1 LEAD AND INSPIRE COLLECTIVE ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>Output 1.1.</b> Water and sanitation issues are a strategic leadership priority for the UN system.  <b>Output 1.2.</b> Action is inspired by compelling and unified UN system communications and messaging.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 1.</b> Strengthened UN system-wide leadership on water and sanitation.</p>
 <p><b>2 ENGAGE BETTER FOR COUNTRIES</b></p>	<p><b>Output 2.1.</b> Expertise and resources are fully leveraged by the UN system to support countries, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.  <b>Output 2.2.</b> Diverse stakeholders and partnerships are mobilized by the UN system to support countries' progress.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 2.</b> Enhanced demand-driven support to countries, through the mobilization of the UN system and its partners, to leave no one behind.</p>
 <p><b>3 ALIGN UN SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATION</b></p>	<p><b>Output 3.1.</b> Operational and financial strategies, policies and approaches of the UN system are aligned to harness complementarity.  <b>Output 3.2.</b> Integrated policy frameworks across sectors are supported by the UN system using latest data and evidence.  <b>Output 3.3.</b> Mainstreaming of water and sanitation issues into Member States-led intergovernmental processes is supported by the UN system.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 3.</b> Improved policy coherence on water and sanitation through integration across sectors and mainstreaming across intergovernmental processes.</p>
 <p><b>4 ACCELERATE PROGRESS AND TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE</b></p>	<p><b>Output 4.1</b> The UN system supports the development of financing strategies, frameworks, and plans for investment across sectors, emphasizing the financing needs of developing countries.  <b>Output 4.2.</b> High-quality, disaggregated water and sanitation data and information are available and shared transparently through strengthened national and sub-national monitoring systems and regional and global platforms with UN system support.  <b>Output 4.3</b> The UN system provides institutional and human resources capacity development support responding to national needs and priorities, contributing to a skilled water and sanitation workforce.  <b>Output 4.4.</b> The UN system supports enabling environments for water and sanitation innovation, including policies, partnerships, and technology transfer, with emphasis on the technology transfer needs of developing countries.  <b>Output 4.5</b> The UN system supports improved governance of water and sanitation, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 4.</b> More impactful UN system support to countries, including through the five SDG 6 accelerators: financing, data and information, capacity development, innovation, and governance.</p>
 <p><b>5 ACCOUNT THROUGH JOINT REVIEW AND LEARNING</b></p>	<p><b>Output 5.1.</b> Progress on the implementation of the Strategy is reviewed jointly by the UN system at technical and leadership levels.  <b>Output 5.2.</b> Progress on water-related goals and targets are reviewed through joint learning and exchange among all actors with support from the UN system.</p>	<p><b>Outcome 5.</b> Strengthened accountability for progress through joint review and learning.</p>

# Collaborative Implementation Plan for the Strategy

- The Collaborative Implementation Plan (CIP) will be an action-oriented, periodically reviewed and evolving part of the UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation (SWS).
- The CIP will support the implementation of the strategy :
  - identify time-bound actions towards the achievement of SWS outputs and outcomes;
  - show the respective contributions by UN entities and partners and collectively by the UN system to facilitate synergies, address gaps, and avoid duplication of efforts;
  - serve as a common agreed framework to jointly review and monitor progress on the SWS.

# First Collaborative Implementation Plan timeline

- First Collaborative Implementation Plan cycle to cover 4-year period 2025-2028, starting 1 January 2025.
- Aligned with Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR)
- Key global highlights during first cycle:
  - United Nations Water Conferences in 2026 and 2028
  - SG's report presented at UNGA 81 (September 2026 –September 2027)
  - Water Action Decade (2018-2028)
  - Continued SDG 6 acceleration; next HLPF in-depth review of SDG 6 in July 2026
  - COP processes (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD) and other high-level UN meetings and processes
  - Preparations for a possible post-2030 global sustainable development agenda
- **Priority Collaborative Actions** are high-impact actions that will be undertaken by the UN system together in support of the five entry points of the SWS. **Contributing Actions** are individual and joint actions taken by UN entities and partners within their respective mandates and at all levels.

# Next steps



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