

# 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... '

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## 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)



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## Scope of UN-Water

### Freshwater

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



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## 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



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## Thematic initiatives (focus areas)

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



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- ✓ 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/  
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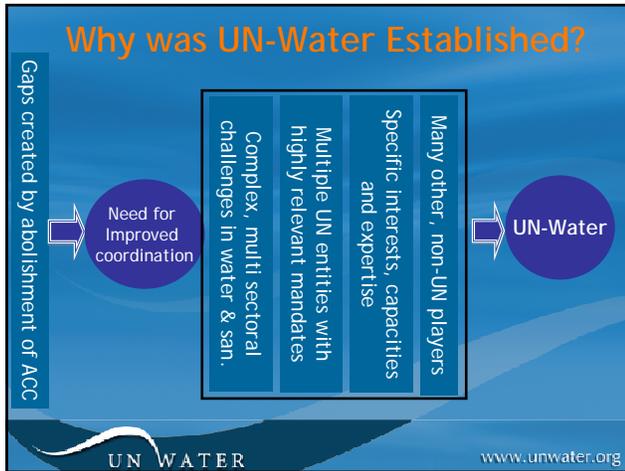
## Basic operational configuration of each thematic initiative

- ✓ 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



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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

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## ✓ Products

- Policy briefs and Major documents

- Web site

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## • Monitoring Reports

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

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