

# SDC Contribution to UN-Water



**Region**  
Global

**Partners**  
31 UN Agencies as members and 38 partners outside the UN

**Background information**  
With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda the water community needs to come firmly together to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030.

**Project objectives**  
Strengthen the global water architecture to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the water related targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Beneficiaries**  
31 UN Members and 38 global Partners (Aqua-fed, IUCN, GWP, WWF, WWC, IWMI, etc.)

**Costs**  
CHF 2,500,000

**Duration**  
2016 - 2020

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The support of SDC to UN-Water core coordination budget is strategic to bring a more effective, integrated and coordinated approach to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with regards to water and sanitation.

UN-Water is the entity that coordinates the work of the United Nations on water and sanitation. It was formally established in 2003, building on a long history of collaboration within the United Nations. UN-Water is comprised of 31 United Nations bodies that have a focus on, or interest in, water-related issues as Members and other 38 international organizations as Partners.

UN-Water fosters greater co-operation and information-sharing among its Members and Partners, focusing on all aspects of freshwater and sanitation, including surface and groundwater resources, the interface between freshwater and seawater and water-related disasters.

The coming years will be critical for Member States as well as the international community to start implement the many ambitious commitments that were made in 2015, including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Paris agreement on climate change. Given the level of ambition of these commitments, the need for coordination and collaboration across sectors and regions is now greater than ever.

The previous years were particularly successful for UN-Water, where UN-Water Members and Partners rose to the challenge to 'deliver as one' as never before, to place water and sanitation high up on the international agenda. This momentum will be continued to help United Nations Member States implement their ambitious commitments, and to further ensure that it is fit for purpose, UN-Water has also gone through a major review of its internal structure and work modalities.



Currently, UN-Water's overarching focus is to, through its Members and Partners, support Member States as they start implementing the 2030 Agenda. UN-Water will do so through its three main lines of work, identified as areas where it best complements and adds value to the activities of its Members and Partners, by facilitating synergies and joint efforts:

1. Informing policy processes and addressing emerging issues (e.g. input to intergovernmental processes such as the Inter-Agency Expert Group on SDG Indicators, producing policy and analytical briefs, supporting the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" 2018-2028)
1. Supporting monitoring and reporting on water and sanitation (e.g. providing the integrated monitoring of SDG 6 on water and sanitation, producing the World Water Development Reports, producing the SDG 6 Synthesis Reports)
1. Building knowledge and inspiring people to take action (e.g. organizing the global campaigns for World Water Day 22 March and for World Toilet Day 19 November)

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Additional information:  
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