

World Water

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The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP)

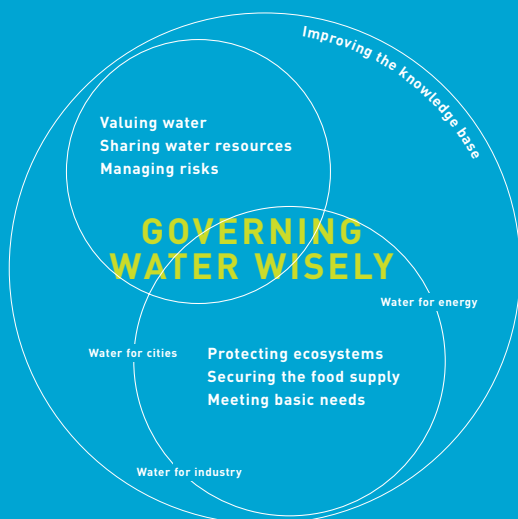
for development, capacity-building
and the environment



A United Nations system-wide effort to develop the tools and skills needed to achieve a better understanding of those basic processes, management practices and policies that will help improve the supply and quality of global freshwater resources.

Our mission:

- To assess the state of the world's freshwater resources and ecosystems.
- To identify critical issues and problems.
- To measure progress towards achieving sustainable use of water resources.
- To help countries develop their own assessment capacity.
- To improve water resources planning, policy and management.
- To document lessons learned and publish a *World Water Development Report* (WWDR) at regular intervals.



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The World Water Development Report (WWDR)

Documenting basic processes,
management practices and policies



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The World Water Development Report (WWDR) is taking up the seven challenge areas identified by the Hague Ministerial Declaration (2000):

- Meeting basic needs.
- Securing the food supply.
- Protecting the environment.
- Sharing water resources.
- Managing risks.
- Valuing water.
- Governing water wisely.

To which four additional challenges have been added:

- Water for industry.
- Water for energy.
- Ensuring the knowledge base.
- Water for cities.

The first World Water Development Report, to be published in March 2003, will:

- Review progress and trends since the Rio Earth Summit, 1992.
- Present case studies of water-related stress in river basins, aquifers, cities and countries.
- Assess progress in meeting the 11 challenges.
- Examine the need, availability and uses of water resources.
- Propose methodologies and indicators for measuring sustainability.
- Document lessons learned for understanding and evaluating how societies cope with water-related stress.
- Expand the knowledge base by encouraging UN agencies, local partners and other players to exchange data and information.