

Water for People Water for Life



The UN World Water Development Report

To what extent will population growth, rising levels of pollution, and climate change intensify the water crisis? Exactly how much water is available per person in countries around the world? How much will we need for food security in the next fifteen, twenty-five and fifty years? The international community has pledged to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to water supply and sanitation by 2015. What regions are on track? How much will it cost to achieve these goals? What is the likelihood that countries will go to war over water in the near future?

These questions and others are addressed in this Report, which offers the most comprehensive assessment to date of the state of the world's freshwater resources, based on the collective input of twenty-three United Nations agencies and convention secretariats. The global picture is complemented by the presentation of seven pilot case studies of river basins representing different social, economic and environmental settings: Lake Titicaca (Bolivia, Peru); Senegal River (Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal); Seine-Normandy (France); Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe-Pskovskoe, (Estonia, Russian Federation); Ruhuna basins (Sri Lanka); Greater Tokyo (Japan); and Chao Phraya River (Thailand).

With its numerous full-colour maps, country tables, references and coverage of a broad range of themes and real-world examples, the *UN World Water Development Report - Water for People, Water for Life* - should find its place as a valued, authoritative and well-worn reference book.



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