

START WITH WATER

Putting water on local action agendas
to support global change

START WITH WATER IS:

A practical guide that speaks directly to the realities of local and regional authorities seeking to overcome water challenges

- An easy read of global agendas
- A set of eight clear and practical recommendations
- Cross-cutting references to global frameworks
- Inspiring case studies on water-based solutions tailored for local and regional authorities.



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- > At the **International Conference of Local and Regional Authorities for Water**, 20–21 March 2018, held during the 8th World Water Forum in Brasília, Brazil.
- > At the **World Water Council Pavilion: Booth No E04A** in the Forum expo area (Estádio Nacional de Brasília).



RECOMMENDATIONS

To support local and regional authorities taking action on existing global frameworks, **Start With Water** makes the following eight water-related recommendations:

1 Not leaving anyone behind: Equity

Marginalized communities must be prioritized to ensure they are not excluded from the processes that ensure their human right to access sufficient, safe water resources.

2 Removing barriers: Water-sensitive national and urban planning

Water systems must be efficient, recycle and capture the value of by-products of water use, and cities must be planned with this approach in mind.

3 Setting fair rules for everyone: Legislation and governance

Legislation and governance must promote efficient, fair and sustainable use of water resources while minimizing environmental impact.

4 Allowing investment for the future: Urban water finance

More decentralized financing will allow local and regional authorities to meet their immediate needs, while innovative financing solutions are needed to ensure the future of infrastructure and services.

5 Planning out risk: Urban water resilience

To build in resilience, urban risk planning must include water-related hazards and account for the fact that natural hazards are intensifying and changing.

6 Building the right skills for the job: Capacitated cities

Local and regional authorities should explore innovative ways to fill gaps in their capacity to manage their resources.

7 Maximizing our resources: Efficiency

Water management must become efficient and smart, recognizing the value of waste, promoting integrated management approaches and energy efficiency.

8 Addressing the gap: Sanitation

Sanitation must be placed at the top of the water agenda and incorporated into all of these recommendations.

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