



The World Water Council releases latest Implementation Roadmaps report to reveal progress on water made since the last World Water Forum

- *The World Water Council has released the latest edition of the Implementation Roadmaps at the 8th World Water Forum*
- *These roadmaps include sixteen themes, hundreds of key focus areas and nearly 100 objectives, detailing the progress and future of water-related issues worldwide*
- *The 8th World Water Forum is currently taking place in Brasilia, Brazil, to unite the global water community, discuss water-related issues and implement solutions*

World Water Council, Brasilia, 23 March 2018 – Without water, there is no life, no food, no development. In light of this reality, the World Water Council, together with the Korea Water Forum and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea, has published the [Synthesis Report on Implementation Roadmaps](#), which helps monitor progress between the triennial World Water Forums. These Implementation Roadmaps provide a framework to help achieve water security for future generations through three key objectives: ensure continuity between World Water Forums, catalyze collective action, and contribute to global processes. Each report aims to safeguard the future of water with linkages to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“In the spirit of cooperation that embodies the World Water Forum, collaborative thinking is central to making progress on water-related challenges. We looked at the problem, envisaged a better future and decided to take action, together, towards a certain direction. Through this initiative, we addressed how to share responsibility and action collectively, in full awareness of the ways water connects us,” explained World Water Council President Benedito Braga.

Since the beginning of the Implementation Roadmaps in 2015, many objectives and actions aligned with international frameworks have been accomplished. Progress has been consistent, and within the sixteen themes of this edition, there are 336 key focus areas and 97 objectives with a high rate of completion. The Implementation Roadmaps embody the strong determination of the World Water Council and global water community at large and their aim to continuously monitor progress and push for action on water-related issues worldwide. This report was collectively developed by nineteen organizations, revealing insights and learnings throughout the sixteen different themes.

One particular theme, which reached (and in certain aspects surpassed) the expected targets, is the SMART Implementation of IWRM – or implementing integrated water resources management (IWRM) globally at all levels, as a means to achieve water security and the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. In addition to regular analysis through the Synthesis Report on Implementation Roadmaps, the World Water Council Task Force on IWRM drafted a challenge paper entitled *Revitalising IWRM for the 2030 Agenda*. This publication builds on the achievements of past decades and highlights the need for water-resource policy-makers to revitalize policy decisions on IWRM and re-think strategies. This effort to improve water management and deliver stronger messages on how to connect pragmatically water across sectors and across SDGs, is paramount so as to manage better limited resources across uses and in the face of multiple pressures such as climate change or population growth.

The Implementation Roadmap synthesis report also seeks to contribute to the upcoming High-Level Political Forum in New York this July, and their review of the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG6. The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will unite governments and serve to gauge progress on a number of SDGs, including SDG6.

The 8th World Water Forum represents an international meeting point to discuss water-related problems and find solutions for our world's most pressing water issues. The World Water Forum is currently being held in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia, under the over-arching theme of "Sharing Water", in light of water's role in uniting communities and tearing down barriers. The World Water Council welcomes all to join the world's biggest water-related event, bringing together heads of state, ministers, high-level decision makers, civil society water experts and professionals, local authorities and academics. Founded by the World Water Council, the World Water Forum places water firmly at the heart of global development. It represents a call to action to ensure the future for water.

About the World Water Council:

The World Water Council (WWC) is an international multi-stakeholder platform organization, the founder and co-organizer of the World Water Forum. The World Water Council's mission is to mobilize action on critical water issues at all levels, including the highest decision-making level, by engaging people in debate and challenging conventional thinking. The Council focuses on the political dimensions of water security, adaptation, and sustainability, and works to position water at the top of the global political agenda. Headquartered in Marseille, France, and created in 1996, the World Water Council brings together over 300 member organizations from more than 50 different countries. More on www.worldwatercouncil.org @wwatercouncil #wwatercouncil

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