

UN-Water’s Dos and Don’ts

The UN-Water Terms of Reference and the UN-Water Strategy 2014-2020 are the key references. They state the scope of UN-Water’s action as well as the strategic vision. The following table is a non-exhaustive illustration of the implications of UN-Water’s Terms of Reference and UN-Water Strategy 2014-2020.

Dos	Don’ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical support to intergovernmental negotiations (e.g. Post-2015 Development Agenda, disaster risk reduction, climate change), as requested by Member States through the UN General Assembly and other intergovernmental mechanisms • Help strengthen UN system’s internal coordination in the framework of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) and its High Level Committee on Programmes • Communicate as one and represent the water community as appropriate (e.g. the work on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, policy briefs, UN-Water reports) • Address emerging issues (e.g. through analytical briefs) • Support water-related awareness campaigns (e.g. World Water Day, World Toilet Day) • Share information among Members and Partners. • Be a knowledge hub for the water community • Support monitoring of global water related goals and targets agreed internationally, as requested by Member States • Help coordinate UN system’s water-related actions to maximise synergies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on themes or initiatives which are relevant/specific to the mandate of one or only a small number of UN-Water Members • Directly implement projects and activities as if UN-Water were an independent organization separate from the UN-Water Members • Use the UN-Water visual identifier as a “quality brand” for activities it doesn’t oversee • Issue publications which have not been thoroughly reviewed by its Members (and Partners when applicable) • Become a financing mechanism for projects of its Members and Partners

<p>and reduce possible duplication (e.g. towards a coherent global plan of implementation to reach global goals and targets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catalyse action in the water sector at-large (e.g. through the UN-Water Partners)• Within its mandate, oversee and coordinate the implementation of UN-Water projects• Engage with other sectors to advance the cause of water	
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