



water and  
climate  
coalition

## Water and Climate Towards COP16 – Engaging with the UNFCCC

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# Vision

Water is placed at the heart  
of global policy responses  
to climate change

# Mission

- Bring together stakeholders from across the global water community to promote progressive and integrated water and climate change policy on an international level.
- Targeted advocacy on a global level, working with members to develop policy recommendations, statements and interventions as well as co-ordinating events, seminars and workshops.

# Members and Partners

## **Members**

- Stockholm International Water Institute
- Stakeholder Forum
- Chartered Institute for Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- International Water Association (IWA)
- Freshwater Action Network (FAN)
- Green Cross International (GCI)
- Progressio
- University of North Carolina (UNC) Water Institute
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

## **Partners:**

- Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate
- Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- CONAGUA

# Key Asks

- **The Work Programme** - the establishment of a Work Programme on Water and Climate under the UNFCCC
- **The Text** - a recognition of the importance of water management for climate change adaptation through the negotiations on adaptation under the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action
- **The Finance** - finance for climate change adaptation and mitigation that is managed through the UNFCCC should be guided by criteria that promote the sustainable management of water resources to build resilience to climate change

# Proposed Functions of a Work Programme

- **Discourse Function** - Improving the global policy discourse on water and climate change
- **Principles Function** - Establishing guiding policy principles on water and climate change
- **Finance Function** - Providing advice and guidance to the climate change funds
- **Implementation Function** - Developing resources and tools, conducting analysis and capacity building to advance water and climate priorities
- **Coherence Function** - Promoting synergies between global agreements and mechanisms on water and climate

# Status

**Closing plenary of SBSTA** (Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice) – six countries call for water to be put on the agenda for the next session of SBSTA in June 2011

**Proposers** – Ecuador, Sudan

**Supporters** – El Salvador, Sierra Leone, Syria and Chile

**Chair of SBSTA** – promises to take into consideration in development of agenda

# What Next?

**Parties** – communicate support for the proposal for a water agenda item to the Chair of the SBSTA and the UNFCCC Secretariat

**UNFCCC Secretariat/SBSTA Chair** – take into consideration the proposal in the development of the SBSTA agenda

**Coalition and Partners** – work collaboratively with Parties to encourage their support for the agenda item



# Outcomes

First time water addressed comprehensively through the UNFCCC process

Linking of water and climate agendas at a global level

Increased profile of water as a global issue affected by climate change

The possibility of Parties agreeing to a work programme on water under the UNFCCC

# Thank you

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