



water and
climate
coalition

Defining a Road Map for COP17

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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

- Cap-Net
- 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
- Stakeholder Forum
- Stockholm International Water Institute
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of North Carolina (UNC) Water Institute
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Partners:

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

Proposals for the Climate Change Negotiations

- Secure Agenda Item 13 of the SBSTA on 'Impacts of climate change on water resources and water management' ; To define a space for reporting and evaluation on how water is integrated and highlighted in different programmes and mechanisms under the UNFCCC
- SBSTA should request UNFCCC to convene a workshop on water and climate during COP17 in Durban; adaptation and mitigation. Report back to SBSTA on the way forward
- Request the UNFCCC to ensure that water expertise is represented on the Adaptation Committee
- Establish water as a priority under the Green Climate Fund
- Establish a work programme on water under the Convention

Why is it not sufficient to address water under the NWP?

It *is* crucial that water resources management is being addressed properly under the NWP – as a separate issue and as a core activity

However, water needs a consolidated approach as it is highly relevant for both adaptation and mitigation measures and provides a good example on the linkages between adaptation and mitigation

Need for an interface for the full spectra of the cross cutting nature of water and its role in relation to the other UNFCCC programmes and mechanisms

The NWP predominately address adaptation and has not the mandate to address mitigation issues. Therefore, it is not sufficient to refer water resources to the NWP **only**

Why a separate work programme?

Integration of water – need a space to promote integration, an interface with all other aspects of the UNFCCC

Water's multiple relevance – for mitigation as well as adaptation. Carbon sequestration potential of wetlands and freshwater ecosystems in addition to impact of mitigation on water resources

Efficiency – impossible for relevant expertise to be represented in every single meeting of UNFCCC – need a space for people to meet separately and address issues in a consolidated way and issue recommendations

Water is not just another sector – it is a cross-cutting resource that is critical for adaptation and mitigation

Functions of a Work Programme under the UNFCCC

- Technical and Policy Expertise
- Financial Guidance
- Integration and Coherence
- Implementation

Vision

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

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