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Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment
under the Water Convention**

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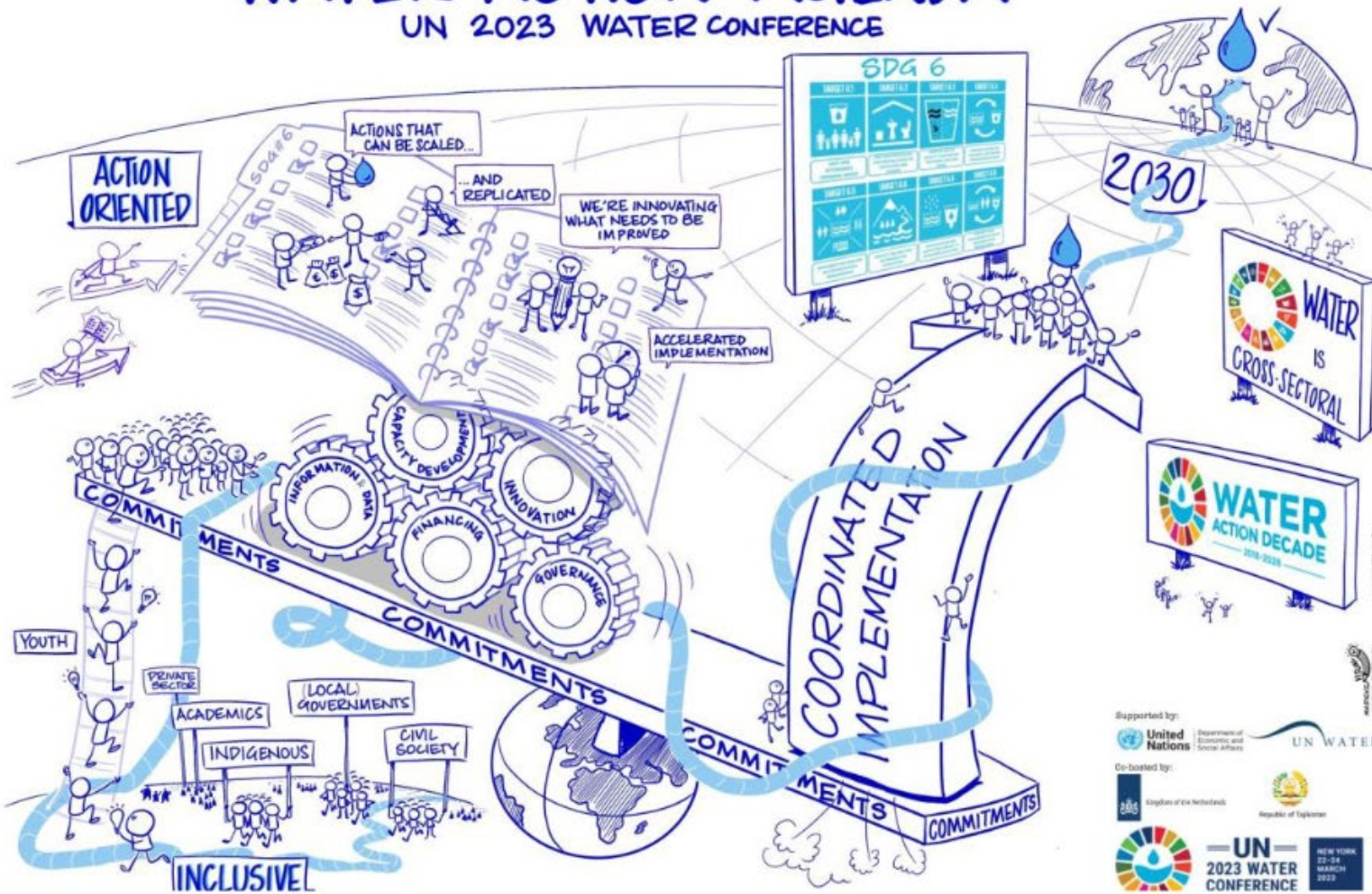
UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation

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- Milestone Conference in March 2023
- Water Action Agenda of 840+ voluntary commitments
- UNGA resolution, adopted on 1 September 2023



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UN system-wide strategy for water and sanitation

- The mandate for the SWS from resolution 77/334.
- Vision: A world with available and sustainably managed water and sanitation for all
- The goal of the strategy is to enhance UN system-wide coordination and delivery of water and sanitation priorities across the United Nations system in support of countries to accelerate progress on national plans and priorities, internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, the realization of human rights and transformative solutions to current and future water-related challenges for the benefit of people and planet.



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Outputs

Output 1.1. Water and sanitation issues are a strategic leadership priority for the UN System.

Output 1.2. Action is inspired by compelling and unified UN system communications and messaging on water and sanitation.

Output 2.1. Expertise and resources are fully leveraged by the UN system to support countries, with emphasis on the water and sanitation needs of developing countries.

Output 2.2. Diverse stakeholders and partnerships are mobilized by the UN system to support countries’ progress on water and sanitation.

Output 3.1. Operational and financial strategies, policies and approaches of the UN system are aligned to harness complementarity.

Output 3.2. Integrated policy frameworks to manage water and sanitation across sectors are supported by the UN system using latest data and evidence.

Output 3.3. Mainstreaming of water and sanitation issues into Member States led inter-governmental processes is supported by the UN system.

Output 4.1 Financing strategies, frameworks and plans for investing in water and sanitation across sectors are prepared and implemented with UN system support, with emphasis on the financing needs of developing countries.

Output 4.2. High-quality, disaggregated water and sanitation data and information are available and shared transparently through strengthened national monitoring systems, regional and global platforms with support from the UN system.

Output 4.3 Institutional and human resources capacity development support that responds to national needs and priorities is provided by the UN system, contributing to a skilled water and sanitation workforce.

Output 4.4. Enabling environments for water and sanitation innovation are supported by the UN system, including policies, partnerships, and transfer of technology to remove barriers, with emphasis on the technology transfer needs of developing countries.

Output 4.5 Governance of water and sanitation is improved through UN system support, including with emphasis on the needs of developing countries.

Output 5.1. Progress on the implementation of the SWS is reviewed jointly by the UN system at technical and leadership levels.

Output 5.2. Progress on water-related goals and targets are reviewed through joint learning and exchange among all actors with support from the UN system.

Outcomes

Outcome 1. Strengthened UN system-wide leadership on water and sanitation.

Outcome 2. Enhanced demand-driven support to countries on water and sanitation through the mobilization of available capacities and resources of the UN system and its partners at all levels to leave no one behind, with emphasis on the needs of developing countries

Outcome 3. Improved policy coherence on water and sanitation through UN system support to integration across sectors and mainstreaming across Member State-led inter-governmental processes.

Outcome 4. More impactful UN system support to countries to accelerate progress and transformational change through the five SDG 6 accelerators- *finance, data and information, capacity development, innovation, and governance.*

Outcome 5. Strengthened accountability for progress through joint review and learning.

Goal

VISION

A world with access, availability and sustainably managed water and sanitation for all people and planet

IMPACT

A more holistic approach to the sustainable management of water and sanitation that accelerates progress on internationally agreed water-related goals and targets and leaves no one behind

GOAL

To enhance UN system-wide coordination and delivery of water and sanitation priorities across the United Nations system in support of countries to accelerate progress on national plans and priorities, internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, the realization of human rights, and transformative solutions to current and future water and sanitation challenges for the benefit of people and planet.

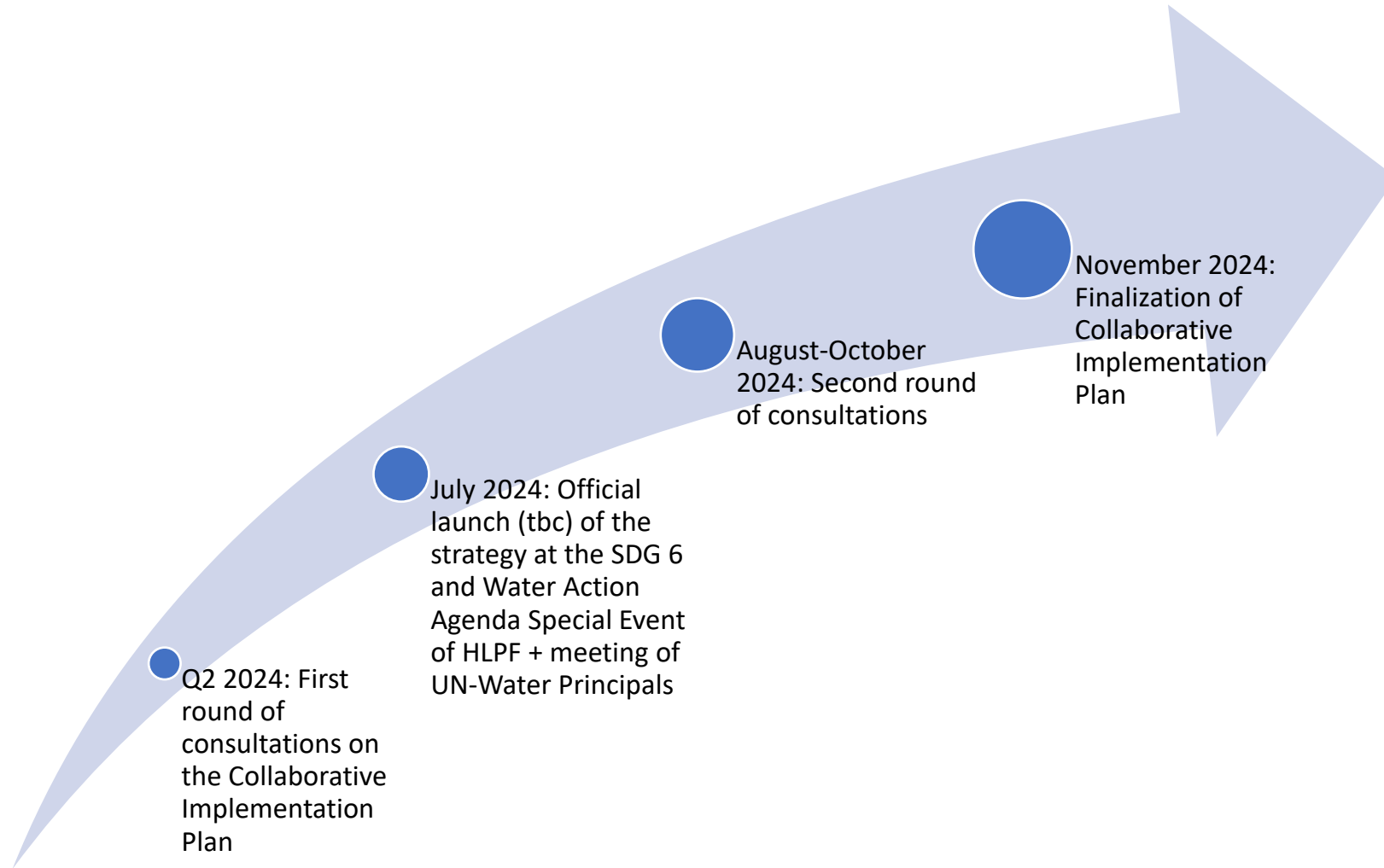
OBJECTIVE

To fully operationalize inter-agency coordination, capitalize on reforms of the UN development system, and to leverage upscaled water and sanitation action of UN entities to support Member States, with emphasis on the water and sanitation needs of developing countries.

Collaborative Implementation Plan's proposed timeframe

- First CIP cycle to cover 4-year period: ***January 2025 thru December 2028***
- Aligned with Quadrennial Comprehensive Programme Review (QCPR)
- Key global highlights during the proposed cycle:
 - United Nations Water Conferences in 2026 and 2028
 - SG's report presented at UNGA 81 (September 2026 - August 2027)
 - Water Action Decade (2018-2028)
 - Continued SDG 6 acceleration; next HLPF in-depth review of SDG 6 (date TBC)
 - COP processes (UNFCCC NDC 3.0, CBD, UNCCD) and other high-level UN meetings and processes
 - Preparations for the post-2030 global sustainable development agenda

Next steps



Next UN conferences on water

- UN 2026 Water Conference
 - Cofacilitators of the modalities resolution recently announced: Senegal and United Arab Emirates
- UN 2028 Water Conference on the end of the Water Action Decade 2018-2028, hosted by Tajikistan

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