

# ACCELERATING GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WATER DOMAIN

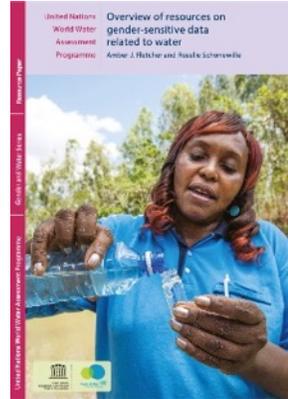
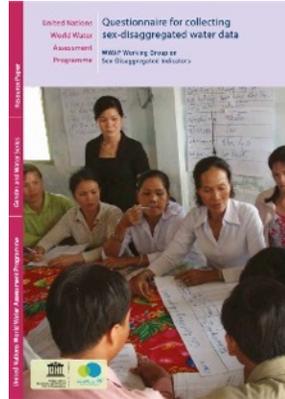
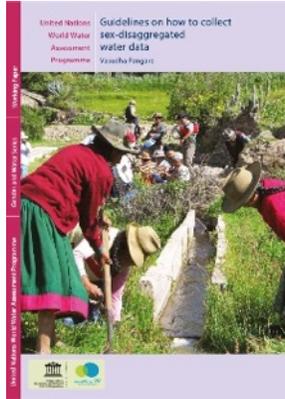
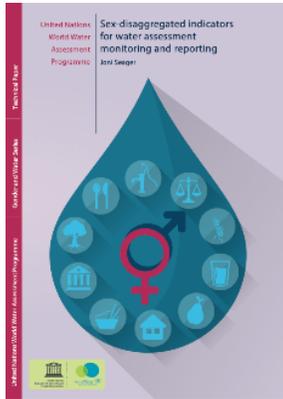


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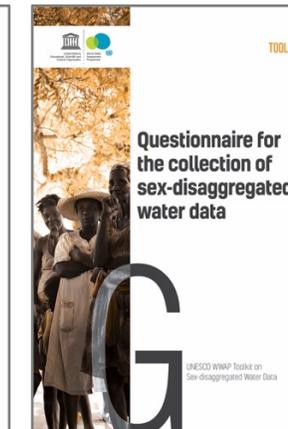
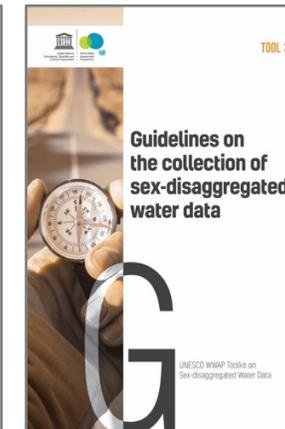
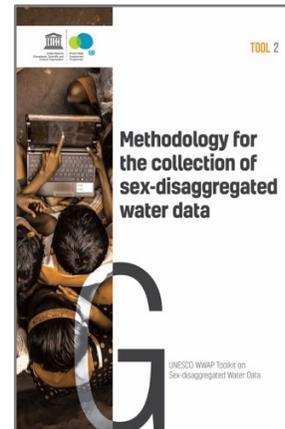
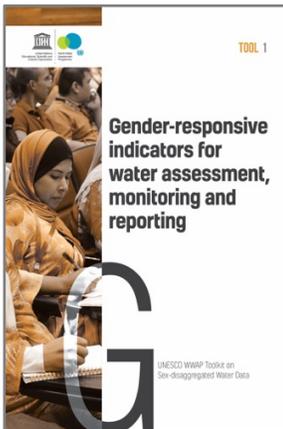
## First edition of the WWAP Toolkit

- 40 indicators in 5 priority areas
- Unique WWAP Methodology
- Data Collection Guidelines
- 124 questions to collect sex-disaggregated data

2019

## Second edition of the WWAP Toolkit

- 105 indicators in 10 priority areas
- Interlinked with SDGs
- Revised WWAP Methodology
- Guidelines tailored to scope & location
- 364 questions to collect sex-disaggregated data



<https://en.unesco.org/wwap/water-gender>

# WATER AND GENDER CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**SEX DISAGGREGATED  
WATER DATA**



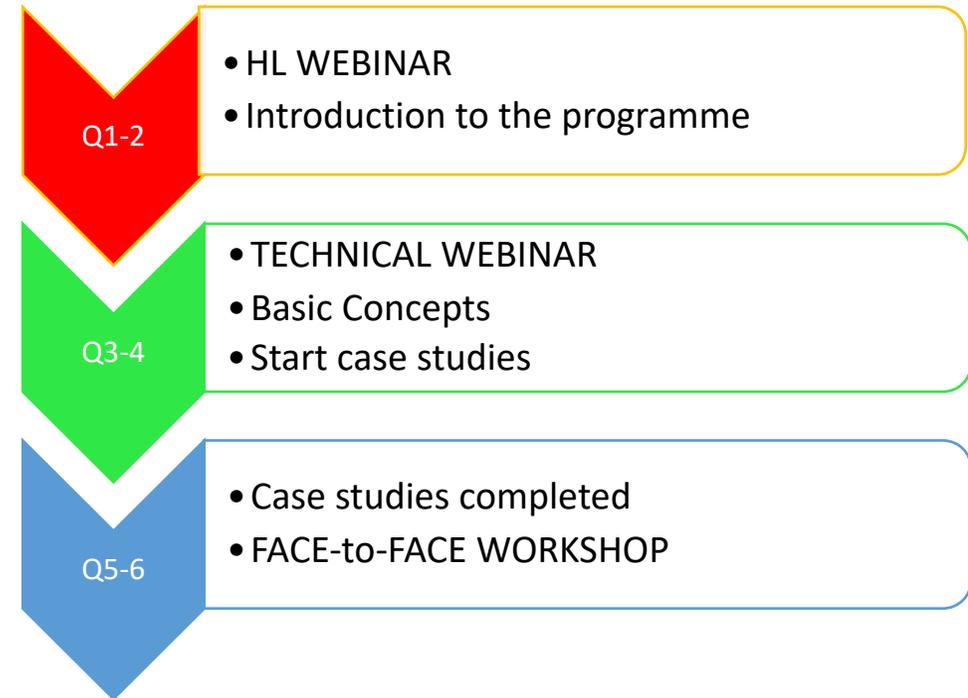
**INFORMATION**



**GENDER- TRANSFORMATIVE  
POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES**



**Biennial cycle per region**



**→ >775 people trained since 2019 (294 M / 480 F / 1 A)**

# WATER, GENDER AND CLIMATE: BETTER DATA FOR BETTER ADAPTATION

## CONTENT

- Gender concepts
- Interlinked themes (e.g. human rights, climate change, migration, education, work)
- WWAP Toolkit for the collection and analysis of Sex-disaggregated Water Data
- Gender analysis
- Gender-transformative water policy and programming

## FEATURES

- Face-to-face and virtual
- 2-5 days

## WHO?

Governmental staff and policy-makers, non-governmental entities, regional organizations, academia, etc.

## AIMS

- Strengthen capacity of water institutions' governmental officers
- Awareness on the importance of gender-related data
- Assess women's role in water challenges and coping strategies
- Promote gender equality (SDG 5) and access to clean water (SDG 6)
- Knowledge generation through case studies

2020-  
2021

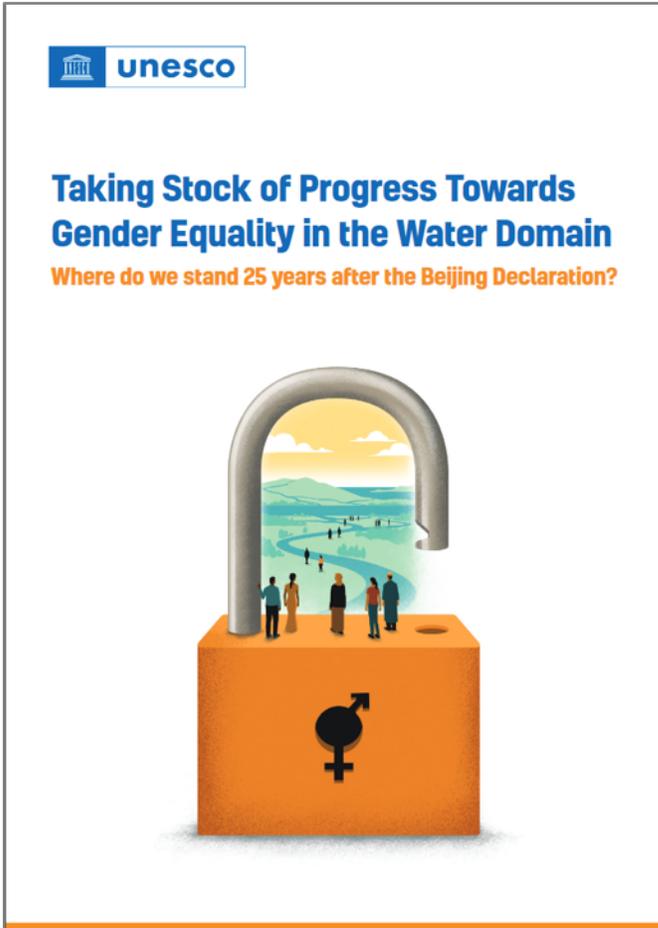
- West Africa (anglophone)
- Central- and South America

2022-  
2023

- Central and South Asia
- East Africa
- Small Island Developing States



# TAKING STOCK OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WATER DOMAIN



2020:

-25 Years after Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

-10 years to the 2030 Agenda:

**WWAP + Water and Gender Working Group**



**NOT ON TRACK WITH INTERNATIONAL PROMISES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

- ✓ Policy – Practice gap
- ✓ Low participation of women in leadership
- ✓ Social norms and stereotypes
- ✓ Lack of funding and of sex-disaggregated water data

**→ URGENT AND BOLD ACTIONS NEEDED!**

## Position Paper for leaders and decision makers



### Accelerating Gender Equality in the Water Domain: A Call for Action

UNESCO WWAP Water and Gender Working group Position Paper



- ACT upon principles of *gender-equal funding*, without relying on unpaid work by women and girls;
- NARROW the gap between policy and practice, by realizing the human rights to water and sanitation, strengthening regulatory frameworks, and conducting comprehensive gender assessments;
- FOSTER women's leadership beyond participation: incorporating a gender perspective and capacity building;
- COUNTER negative gender norms / stereotypes / taboos through public interest messages, education and legislation;
- PRIORITIZE the collection of sex-disaggregated data to assess the impact of actions and eliminate data gaps.

# JOINING FORCES WITH ONE GOAL

## A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COALITION LED BY UNESCO WWAP

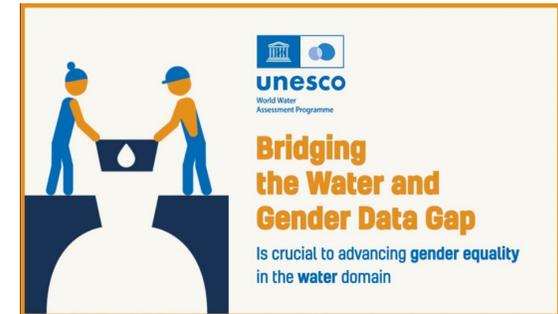
Member States institutions, UN Agencies, international and regional organizations, NGOs, ODAs, private sector and civil society, ...

→ The Coalition has > 140 individual members and support of 14 Member States and 2 regional bodies



## OBJECTIVE: ACCELERATE ACTION TOWARDS A GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE WATER DOMAIN

- CALLING UPON relevant stakeholders (government and policy makers, decision makers, donor agencies, institutional leaders a.o.)
- ENCOURAGING the development and implementation of gender inclusive strategies
- RAISING AWARENESS on the need to accelerate gender equality in water
- THROUGH:
  - \*Massive Communication Campaign
  - \*Informative Meetings
  - \*Regional and Global events (supported by the multi-Stakeholder Coalition)



Gender, Water and Security Network Meeting

THE GENDER, WATER, AND SECURITY AGENDA: STOCK-TAKING  
AND NEXT STEPS

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# THANK YOU!



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