



We want to know what you think!



Please use this section to provide feedback on the current and suggested future development of the UNW-AIS+. Since this system is constantly being improved and updated, we greatly welcome the suggestions and feedback from our user community, UN-Water members and partners,

Room for your feedback is provided on the back. Please feel free to hand this form to a staff member of **UNW-DPC** or send it back to :

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OPTIONAL: Please provide your name, organization and contact details, in particular if you would like us to follow up on or clarify your suggestions:

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Background of UN-Water

UN-Water, an inter-agency mechanism formally established in 2003 by the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes, has evolved out of a history of close collaboration among UN agencies. It was created to add value to UN initiatives by fostering greater co-operation and information-sharing among existing UN agencies and outside partners. UN-Water strengthens coordination and coherence among UN entities dealing with issues related to all aspects of freshwater and sanitation.

As UN-Water is not an implementing body, its specific activities and programmes are hosted by individual member agencies on behalf of UN-Water. It has four specific programmes, each with its own work plan, budget and an executing agency coordinating the implementation. The UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (**UNW-DPC**) is one of these programmes.

Much of UN-Water activities are carried out through task forces and Thematic Priority Areas established to focus on specific areas of interest or emerging issues such as water and climate change, sanitation, transboundary water management etc..By facilitating an exchange of information, experiences and lessons learned and by promoting joint efforts, the UN-Water Thematic Priority Area on Transboundary Waters provides a platform to promote coherence and coordination of activities by UN-Water members and partners in the area of transboundary waters.

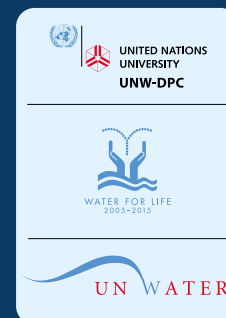


Please visit the UNWAIS+** for more information at**

www.ais.unwater.org

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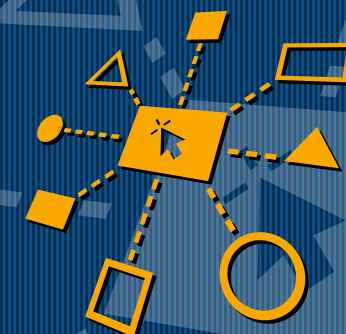
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UNWAIS+****

An online tool with information on UN-Water members' and partners' activities

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UN-Water Activity Information System



Contents of the UNW-AIS+

The UN-Water Activity Information System *Plus* (UNW-AIS+), developed by the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC), is an integrated online tool for storing, updating and sharing information (web-based content, documents and multimedia) on existing water-related projects, eTraining tools and other activities carried out by UN-Water members, partners and associated programmes.

Now in a new test version, the UNW-AIS+ is being expanded from a database of specific activities related to climate change and transboundary waters to also include activities in other fields related to water, with new sections on projects, publications, eTraining tools and forums.



These new additions make the UNW-AIS+ an easy and accessible platform for capacity development tools to be used for sharing knowledge among UN-Water members, partners and programmes, and to engage in “learning by sharing.”

It has a modular architecture and is therefore able to expand to include new features and components of use to UN-Water.

Features of the UNW-AIS+

The new UNW-AIS+ has added several new components to its system: in addition to the existing information about activities now included in the “Projects” section, there are new sections on “Publications,” “eTraining” and “Forums.” These components encompass social networking, groups, as well as training tools and ELearning modules which use the Moodle learning platform. The categories of eMaterials follow the guidelines of the priority areas laid out by UN-Water:

- Capacity Development & Education
- Sanitation & Water reuse
- Gender & Human Rights
- Climate Change
- IWRM
- Water in Agriculture
- Water & Health
- Transboundary Waters
- Water & Energy

In the “**Publications**” section, the intention is for new publications from all UN-Water members and partners to be listed, with links to the documents on the organization’s website.

The “**eTraining**” section is the most innovative section in the new UNW-AIS+, with online lectures delivered by experts in their areas on different topics within the thematic clusters listed above.

Finally, “**Forums**” encompasses forums, groups, chat rooms, and social networking tools which encourage the sharing of feedback and information among UNW-AIS+ users.



Intended Users of the UNW-AIS+

The UN-Water AIS+ provides a “common point of entry” to UN agencies, donors, academia, international and non-governmental organizations and any other interested member of the public. It allows members and partners of UN-Water to keep abreast of what their sister agencies are doing and keeps the constituents of UN-Water informed about on-going efforts related to various water topics around the world.

Background of the UNW-AIS+

In 2009, UNW-DPC was requested by several UN-Water Task Forces and Thematic Priority Areas to conduct mapping exercises, including on Transboundary Waters and also on Climate Change, in order to gain a clear and comprehensive picture of current and planned activities by UN-Water members and partners and as a first step towards promoting further coordination, especially in specific projects in the field.

UNW-DPC’s Work Plan 2010 – 2013 identifies as core functions the conducting of mapping exercises, needs assessment and gaps analyses, and asks for the further strengthening of the UNW-AIS, as a one-stop portal for the information collected for use by UN-Water members and partners as well as other interested stakeholders outside of UN-Water and the public.

In line with its Work Plans, and financially supported in its initial phases by the UN-Water TPAs and in cooperation with other UN-Water Task Forces, a UNW-AIS team of technical developers, designers and conceptual planners at UNW-DPC has been developing and continuously improving the system since 2009, in cooperation with the coordinators of various Thematic Priority Areas and the UN-Water Communications Manager.

Feedback Form



1 Which features do you find most useful about the UNW-AIS+?

- The integrated search functions of projects and activities
- The geographical display of activities
- The eLearning and eTraining tools
- Lists of publications of UN-Water members, partners and programmes
- Forums, groups, chats/ social networking tools
- Other (please specify)

2 Which features would you like to be included in the UNW-AIS+? Please specify:

3 How would you rate the overall relevance of the UNW-AIS+?

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Average
- Poor

4 Do you have any other advice or feedback for us? Please specify:
