

International Initiative on Water Quality (IIWQ)

Section 1: General Information	
Summary	It is a programme initiated in 2012 and aimed at protecting and sustainably managing the quality of freshwater resources in making progress towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals by promoting scientific collaboration to address freshwater quality issues in a holistic manner through joint research activities, knowledge generation and dissemination, and sharing of effective solutions, technologies, policy approaches and best practices among all stakeholders.
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Section 2: Commitment	
Linkages to SDG 6	Improve Water Quality, Wastewater Treatment and Safe Reuse, Protect and Restore Water-Related Ecosystems, Expand Water and Sanitation Support to Developing Countries
Target	To address freshwater water quality issues in a holistic manner through joint research activities, activating knowledge generation and dissemination, and sharing of effective solutions, technologies, policy approaches and best practices among researchers, practitioners and policy-makers and accelerating the achievement of SDG 6.3.2 The initiative has no specific end date.
Linkages to other SDG	Good Health And Well-Being, Partnerships For The Goals

Section 3: Actions and Outcomes to Achieve Targets	
Relevant Sub-Theme	Water Security and Prosperity, Water for Humans and Nature, Knowledge and Innovation
Actions and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey among member states and members of UNESCO water family will be made to identify the specific and most challenging freshwater water quality problems. • An online tool/hub will be developed to bring together the scientist and policy makers to transfer knowledge on science-based

	<p>solutions to freshwater water quality problems and exchange ideas on emerging freshwater water quality issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Science-policy brief on global status and challenges on freshwater water quality will be published. • An event will be organized to bring together the policy makers and scientists, practitioners and mobilize the enormous expertise of the whole water family for proposing innovative, practical, and science-based solutions to freshwater quality problems. 	
Implementation Period	Start Period	1/1/2012
	End Period	12/31/2064
Financial Commitment	<p>Seed fund from UNESCO Water Quality Regular Program Budget, plus in-kind contribution from the co-hosts of the initiative International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC) in Koblenz, Germany, UNESCO Chair on Water, Energy and Disaster Management for Sustainable Development (WENDI) at the Kyoto University, Japan, and UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Water Security at the Florida International University (FIU), USA.</p>	