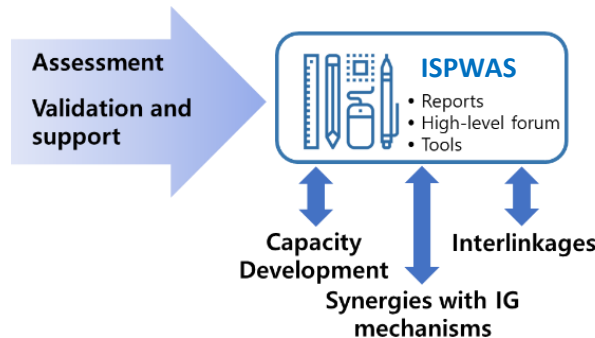


Science-Based Global Water Assessment

UN 2023 Water Conference Side event
24th March, 2023, 11:00 – 12:15 (EDT)
ECOSOC, United Nations Headquarters in New York

The game-changing idea of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Water Sustainability (ISPWAS) was developed and elaborated as a contribution UN 2023 Water Conference, to be held between the 22 and 24 of March 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York. The science-based global water assessment represents a pivotal opportunity to drive progress towards achieving the SDGs, with the potential to offer targeted water solutions that meet the unique needs of Member States. Through validation by an intergovernmental mechanism, this assessment has the potential to be transformative.

The idea originated from the 77th session of the UN General Assembly where a vision for solutions through solidarity, sustainability and science was presented. UNESCO' Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) in cooperation with the Future Earth's Water Future Programme (SWFP) along with Member states and UN agencies are presenting Science based game changer idea with the implementation modality supported by Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Water Sustainability (ISPWAS).



ISPWAS will be interlinked and coordinated with other potential game-changing solutions, for instance, those related to data and information and capacity development – two of the accelerators defined in the SDG Acceleration Framework – as recognized during the stakeholder consultation meeting in October 2022.

Four key products of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Water Sustainability are foreseen as follows:

1. The science-based global assessment, implemented by national entities and validated by an intergovernmental body
2. High-Level Water Science-Policy Dialogue Forum (HLWSPDF)
3. Water Policy recommendations and thematic report,
4. An interactive web-based repository

As we convene for this session, a key objective is to establish a science-policy platform that supports sustainable water practices. It is our hope that through collaboration and dialogue, Member States, UN agencies, and other intergovernmental partners can align on shared values and objectives to further advance water sustainability efforts.