

Initiative	Data
List of actions	<p>3. Encourage institutions and platforms to create a level playing field for the analysis and application of earth observation data</p> <p>6. Encourage the international community to collect consistent and continuous gender disaggregated data on water-related disasters that will assist the development of indicators, and enable governments to set priorities, engage citizens in an inclusive way, and measure progress.</p> <p>4. Initiate a grand challenge process to unlock Water Data Innovation to improve the aggregation, integration, communication and application</p> <p>5. Encourage interested stakeholders to develop better communication approaches in order to increase public and political understanding of water issues, such as through a global water atlas and a global water education campaign</p>
Champions Supporters	<p>Australia</p> <p>Netherlands, Hungary, Special Advisor Dr. Han</p>
Relevant events	<p>WEF (Jan. 2017), Stockholm Water Week (Aug. 2017), New York (post-UNGA) Sept 2017</p>
Scenario roadmap	<p>1. Information for decision-makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent methods and language for compiling and communicating “national water accounts”. Panel members are in a position to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draw attention to the value of national water accounts to make key economic decisions by sharing their experiences in using such data ○ Commit to strengthening their own national water reporting systems by implementing a Water Accounting approach ○ Support data gathering efforts for the measurement of SDG6, and particularly SDG 6.4 on the efficiency of water use, ○ Encourage global cooperation to accelerate the development of a Water Accounting standard, in particular in priority countries • Encourage the reversal of the current trend towards declining hydromet data. Panel members are in a position to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate through demonstration by drawing attention to domestic investments in water data (particularly those relevant to SDG monitoring); ○ Link water data to the ability of a country – including businesses, cities and communities – to manage disaster risks. ○ Cooperate with neighboring countries to develop, operate and maintain compatible hydromet systems and share the data. • Launch a communications campaign around the critical role of water in the economy, in the environment, and for all parts of society. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication of complex water issues in simple/powerful ways, bringing water issues into investment planning, economic policy debates, business planning etc. <p>2. Equal access to data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis ready data. Panel members are in a position to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use their convening power to bring together key actors to progress towards analysis ready data covering developing countries for better WRM. ○ Consider sponsoring a “Challenge” focused on creating cost-effective approaches to analysis ready data for developing countries. • Portal and platforms. Panel members are in a position to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request UN-Water to produce a summary of the current state of water databases, their sustainability, gaps in data and platform architecture. ○ Based on this summary, advocate for a clearer and less fragmented collection of water data. ○ Encourage the creation/strengthening of a platform for the organization, hosting of bottom-up water data, making data more readily available. ○ Consider sponsoring a “Challenge” to link bottom-up data to top-down / EO data . Making the results part of a broader open data platform. <p>Also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote collection, archiving, and analysis of consistent and continuous data on water-related disasters, engage countries in international/regional cooperation mechanisms, and lobby IFIs/RDBs and Bilateral Donors for possible funding.