

## **UN-Water's Dos and Don'ts**

The UN-Water Terms of Reference and the UN-Water Strategy 2014-2020 are the key references. They state the scope of UN-Water's action as well as the strategic vision. The following table is a non-exhaustive illustration of the implications of UN-Water's Terms of Reference and UN-Water Strategy 2014-2020.

## Dos Don'ts

- Provide technical support to intergovernmental negotiations (e.g. Post-2015 Development Agenda, disaster risk reduction, climate change), as requested by Member States through the UN General Assembly and other intergovernmental mechanisms
- Help strengthen UN system's internal coordination in the framework of the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) and its High Level Committee on Programmes
- Communicate as one and represent the water community as appropriate (e.g. the work on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, policy briefs, UN-Water reports)
- Address emerging issues (e.g. through analytical briefs)
- Support water-related awareness campaigns (e.g. World Water Day, World Toilet Day)
- Share information among Members and Partners.
- Be a knowledge hub for the water community
- Support monitoring of global water related goals and targets agreed internationally, as requested by Member States
- Help coordinate UN system's waterrelated actions to maximise synergies

- Work on themes or initiatives which are relevant/specific to the mandate of one or only a small number of UN-Water Members
- Directly implement projects and activities as if UN-Water were an independent organization separate from the UN-Water Members
- Use the UN-Water visual identifier as a "quality brand" for activities it doesn't oversee
- Issue publications which have not been thoroughly reviewed by its Members (and Partners when applicable)
- Become a financing mechanism for projects of its Members and Partners

- and reduce possible duplication (e.g. towards a coherent global plan of implementation to reach global goals and targets)
- Catalyse action in the water sector atlarge (e.g. through the UN-Water Partners)
- Within its mandate, oversee and coordinate the implementation of UN-Water projects
- Engage with other sectors to advance the cause of water