

**Terms of Reference
for the
Steering Committee
of the
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1. Background

The Water and Climate Coalition (WCC) was founded by 10 UN entities² and the Global Water Partnership, to support the implementation of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework with a concrete action mechanism (*Members and Activities Pillar*) and high-level policy guidance (*Water & Climate Leader Pillar*)³ specifically to address the data and information gap.

Given the increasing number of new WCC members from different sectors, the WCC Founding Members decided to establish a steering committee that consists of members from different sectors to guide the work of the *Members and Activities Pillar*.

2. Objective

The objective of the Steering Committee is to provide direction, and strategic guidance for the *WCC Members and Activities Pillar*, its linkages with the *Water & Climate Leader Pillar*, as well as contribution and interlinkage with the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework.

3. Membership

3.1. The 11 WCC Founding Members and the Head of the WCC Secretariat will be permanent members of the Steering Committee. Additionally, 5 WCC members, if possible, from private and public organizations, academia, and civil society groups will be non-permanent Steering Committee members.

3.2. The WCC founding members are automatically a member of the Steering Committee.

² WMO, UNU, UNEP, WHO, UNICEF, UNECE, FAO, UNESCO, IFAD and UNDP.

³ The “Water and Climate Coalition Leaders” were invited by WMO Secretary-General and UN-Water Chair to set and pursue an integrated global water and climate agenda in support of sustainable development and national mitigation and adaptation actions. As part of the Water and Climate Coalition, the eminent representatives of governments, UN entities, civil society, and the private sector focus on catalysing action through leadership and example. <https://www.water-climate-coalition.org/leaders/>

- 3.3.** WCC members can express their interest to be non-permanent Steering Committee members. The expression of interest will be reviewed by the WCC Secretariat. The non-permanent members will be voted into the Steering Committee by the WCC members.
- 3.4.** The term of the Steering Committee membership shall be two years with possible extension.
- 3.5.** The Chair of the Steering Committee will be elected by the Steering Committee members. The Head of the WCC Secretariat will be the co-chair of the Steering Committee to ensure institutional memory.
- 3.6.** The Chair may consider allowing observers to participate, if/as appropriate.
- 3.7.** The Steering Committee members commit to dedicate the necessary time and engagement for effective implementation of roles and responsibilities.

4. Working Modalities

- 4.1.** Members of the Steering Committee shall meet at least twice a year, virtually and/or in person.
- 4.2.** Ad hoc meetings may be convened by the Chair when circumstances demand.
- 4.3.** The WCC Secretariat will support the work of the Steering Committee.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

- 5.1.** Provide direction, and strategic guidance for the *Members and Activities Pillar* of the WCC regarding joint implementation of activities to address the gaps of operational water and climate challenges with a special focus on data and information as well as capacity development needed to advance the water and climate agenda.
- 5.2.** Establish and ensure links between the WCC *Members and Activities Pillar* and the *Water & Climate Leader Pillar*.
- 5.3.** Ensure the contribution and interlinkages with the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework.
- 5.4.** Provide guidance and support in attracting new WCC members and establishing an active community of members.
- 5.5.** Provide guidance and support for outreach activities (conferences, workshops, events, etc.)
- 5.6.** Promote the work, achievements, and goals of the WCC.

6. These Terms of Reference will be regularly reviewed and updated as needs and experience evolve.