

What is a synergized system we want to work towards? What is the added value of working together on WQ Regulatory and Guidance Material?

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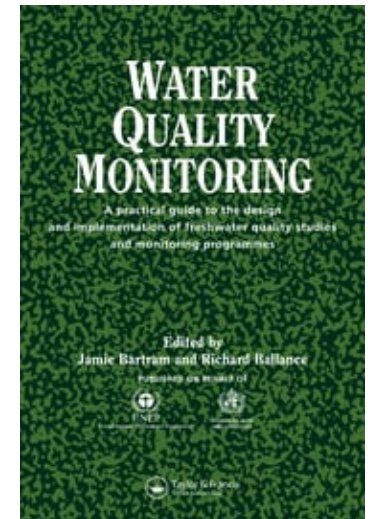
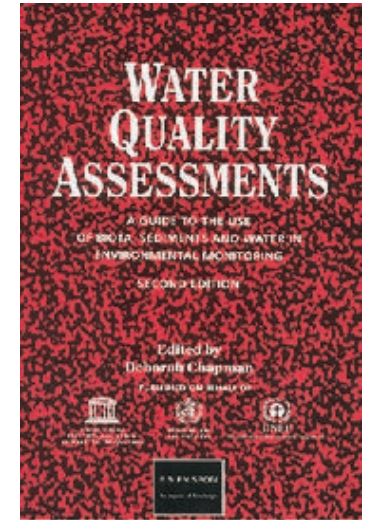
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Objectives

- Identify areas of our mandates and activities that we could bring together into a “ONE UN” coordinated and synergized approach to strengthen our activities related to Water Quality and harmonize the engagement with Member States – as much as it is practically possible and makes sense.
- Being cognizant of the fact that each partner has their own mandates and workplans that already outline their expected work and activities and this collaboration is by no means intended to interfere with those mandates but rather seek to create added value through harmonization and synergizing within our mandates.
- Key components to be considered for joint collaboration on Water Quality:
 - Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms (Hydrological Networks, National Focal Points etc.)
 - Regulatory and Guidance material of water quality monitoring and assessment
 - Capacity Development for Water Quality

Why?

- Close collaboration on WQ in the past. GEMS/Water used to be implemented through WHO in collaboration with UNESCO and WMO and financially supported by UNEP.
- Roles and mandates have changed since then, but each organization has a specific mandate, data and information – sometimes overlapping – and eventually we all serve the same Member States.
- Harmonizing our individual efforts can help strengthening our joint position and visibility within Member States to promote water quality matters



How?

- Understand what each Organization/Agency is doing (mandate, activities, products, data etc.)
- Identify overlaps (mandate, activities, products, data, etc.) as well as possible gaps
- Understand country demand and how a synergized approach that brings together the Organization's activities, products and data on water quality can support the needs of the MS better
- Develop a roadmap and joint workplan for initial engagement between the Organizations

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Thank you!

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