

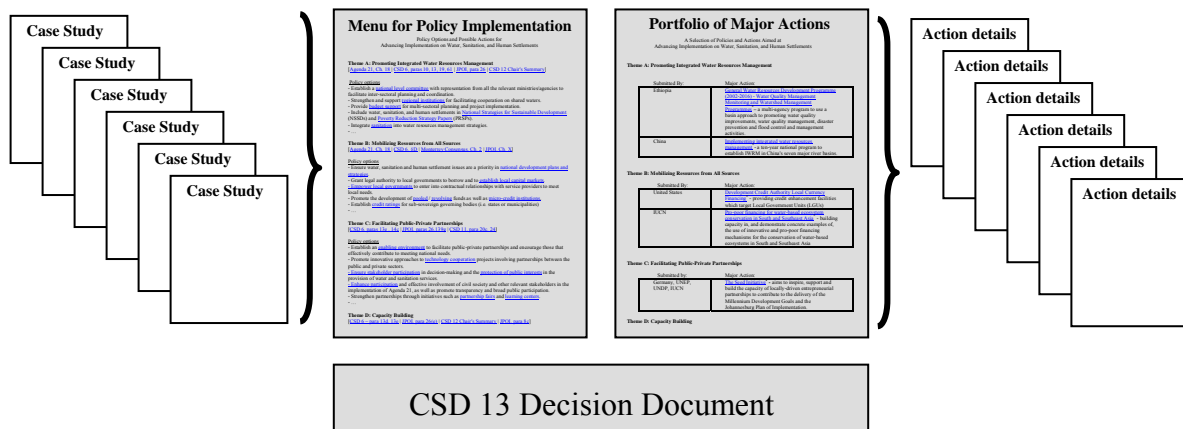
CSD 13: Expediting Implementation on Water, Sanitation, and Human Settlements

The Twelfth Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 12) boosted momentum for implementation of Agenda 21 and Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) provisions on water, sanitation, and human settlements by advancing international understanding of constraints and obstacles and possible approaches and best practices. At CSD 13 – the “policy” session of the CSD’s first two-year “implementation” cycle – we must build on this momentum and deliver outcomes that make a significant and lasting contribution towards our shared goals.

As CSD Chairman John Ashe has said, “the task of CSD 13 will be to map out a framework of policy options and actions to tackle these constraints and obstacles.” Such an outcome could expedite implementation by providing policymakers with the tools they need while at the same time providing the international community with a platform for committing to, and monitoring the progress of, concrete actions that will improve lives. More specifically, a “framework of policy options and actions” could be composed of two key packages:

- A "**Menu for Policy Implementation**" (MPI): A menu of policy options for implementing the objectives we agreed to in Johannesburg and in meetings prior to Johannesburg. The MPI would include links to the best practices, lessons learned and case studies that emerged from CSD-12 and would be designed as a “how-to” toolkit for those seeking to implement.
- A "**Portfolio of Major Actions**" (PMA): A compilation of major actions that national governments and other institutions are committed to undertaking. This would not be a comprehensive listing of every action undertaken in water, sanitation, and human settlements. Instead, it would be a list of “major” ongoing and planned actions that governments and other stakeholders volunteer to highlight as part of their contribution to achieving internationally agreed commitments.

Attached are illustrative examples of what each of these packages might include and how they could be structured. Both packages could be produced in hard copy as well as posted on the Internet to foster broad dissemination and enable ongoing review/updating. CSD 13's **decision document** could be a brief resolution that endorses the MPI and PMA packages and establishes a framework for effective follow-up, e.g., recommendations for better coordination within the UN system and improved coherence among the activities of key international water entities and fora.



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The notional themes and policy options listed here are drawn from sources such as Agenda 21, CSD6, JPOI and CSD 12. This particular list is not exhaustive and has been chosen for purely illustrative purposes

Links to previously agreed language on this theme

Each of the bullets represents a short, declarative phrase that describes a “how-to,” a policy option for implementing that theme.

The underlined text represents links to case studies and/or other useful resources on that specific subject.

Menu for Policy Implementation

Policy Options for Advancing Implementation on
Water, Sanitation, and Human Settlements

Theme A: Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management

[[Agenda 21, Ch. 18](#) | [CSD 6, paras 10, 13, 19, 61](#) | [JPOI, para 26](#) | [CSD 12 Chair's Summary](#)]

Policy options

- Establish a [national level committee](#) with representation from all the relevant ministries/agencies to facilitate inter-sectoral planning and coordination.
- Strengthen and support [regional institutions](#) for facilitating cooperation on shared waters.
- Provide [budget support](#) for multi-sectoral planning and project implementation.
- Include water, sanitation, and human settlements in [National Strategies for Sustainable Development](#) (NSSDs) and [Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers](#) (PRSPs).
- Integrate [sanitation](#) into water resources management strategies.
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Theme B: Mobilizing Resources from All Sources

[[Agenda 21, Ch. 18](#) | [CSD 6, §D](#) | [Monterrey Consensus, Ch. 2](#) | [JPOI, Ch. X](#)]

Policy options

- Ensure water, sanitation and human settlement issues are a priority in [national development plans and strategies](#).
- Grant legal authority to local governments to borrow and to [establish local capital markets](#).
- [Empower local governments](#) to enter into contractual relationships with service providers to meet local needs.
- Promote the development of [pooled / revolving](#) funds as well as [micro-credit institutions](#).
- Establish [credit ratings](#) for sub-sovereign governing bodies (i.e. states or municipalities)
- ...

Theme C: Facilitating Public-Private Partnerships

[[CSD 6, paras 13e, 14c](#) | [JPOI, paras 26, 139g](#) | [CSD 11, para 20c, 24](#)]

Policy options

- Establish an [enabling environment](#) to facilitate public-private partnerships and encourage those that effectively contribute to meeting national needs.
- Promote innovative approaches to [technology cooperation](#) projects involving partnerships between the public and private sectors.
- [Ensure stakeholder participation](#) in decision-making and the [protection of public interests](#) in the provision of water and sanitation services.
- [Enhance participation](#) and effective involvement of civil society and other relevant stakeholders in the implementation of Agenda 21, as well as promote transparency and broad public participation.
- Strengthen partnerships through initiatives such as [partnership fairs](#) and [learning centers](#).
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Theme D: Capacity Building

[[CSD 6 – para 13d, 13e](#) | [JPOI, para 26\(e\)](#) | [CSD 12 Chair's Summary](#) | [JPOI, para 8c](#)]

Policy options

- Strengthen [institutional and human capacities](#) at the national, subnational, and local levels.
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Theme ...

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Portfolio of Major Actions

A Selection of Policies and Actions Aimed at
Advancing Implementation on Water, Sanitation, and Human Settlements

Theme A: Promoting Integrated Water Resources Management

Submitted By: Major Action:

Ethiopia	<u>General Water Resources Development Programme (2002-2016) - Water Quality Management Monitoring and Watershed Management Programmes</u> * – a multi-agency program to use a basin approach to promoting water quality improvements, water quality management, disaster prevention and flood control and management activities.
China	<u>Implementing integrated water resources management</u> * - a ten-year national program to establish IWRM in China's seven major river basins.

Theme B: Mobilizing Resources from All Sources

Submitted By: Major Action:

United States	<u>Development Credit Authority Local Currency Financing</u> * - providing credit enhancement facilities which target Local Government Units (LGUs)
IUCN	<u>Pro-poor financing for water-based ecosystem conservation in South and Southeast Asia</u> * - building capacity in, and demonstrate concrete examples of, the use of innovative and pro-poor financing mechanisms for the conservation of water-based ecosystems in South and Southeast Asia

Theme C: Facilitating Public-Private Partnerships

Submitted By: Major Action:

Germany, UNEP, UNDP, IUCN	<u>The Seed Initiative</u> * - aims to inspire, support and build the capacity of locally-driven entrepreneurial partnerships to contribute to the delivery of the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.
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Theme D: Capacity Building

Submitted By: Major Action:

Asian Development Bank, WSSCC, HUDCO	<u>Water for Asian Cities</u> * – a capacity-building program for city managers and water utilities to promote integrated urban water resource management, including participatory governance, community-based approaches, demand management, and increased attention to environmental sanitation.
Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, UNOPS, UNDP	<u>Nile Basin Initiative</u> * – a series of regional and sub-regional development projects and a shared planning process.

Theme ...

Notes

This would be a **self-selected list of major activities** which countries and organizations wish to highlight in the CSD context. It would not be a complete list of all activities those countries/organizations are undertaking.

The Portfolio could list both **domestic and international** activities. It could also list both **ongoing and planned** actions.

While several of the entries would be new, some of the actions could be drawn directly from:

- * -- The **Portfolio of Water Actions** from the Third World Water Forum (www.pwa-web.org)
- ◆ -- The UN's **Partnerships for Sustainable Development database** (www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships)

The examples shown here are taken from those sources.

Due to the wide scope of these actions, many would likely be cross-listed under multiple themes.

If the data is made available on the Internet, it could be sorted in a number of ways: by Objective, by Region, by Country/Organization, etc.

The underlined text represents links to more details on the action (objectives, progress to date, etc.)