



Statistics on Water (Introduction)

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Environmental Issues

- 2.5% of world's water is fresh water
- 1.1 billion people lack access to improved water supply
- 2.4 billion to improved sanitation
- Competition for water resources in many countries



Policy Issues

- Covenant on Economic and Cultural Rights
- 2003 International year of fresh water
- International Decade on Water for life
2005-2015
- Access to basic sanitation and fresh water
<http://millenniumindicators.un.org/unsd/mi/>



Commission of Sustainable Development water indicators

Theme	Sub-theme	Indicator
Oceans, Seas and Coasts	Coastal Zone	Algae concentration in coastal waters
	Coastal Zone	Percent of total population living in coastal areas
	Fisheries	Annual catch by major species
Fresh Water	Water Quality	Annual Withdrawal of ground and surface water as a percent of total available water
	Water Quality	BOD in water bodies Concentration of faecal coliform in freshwater



NEPAD/AEO-2 Indicators

To be found in chapters on

- Socio-economic issues
- Land
- Atmosphere
- Fresh water
- Wetlands
- Biodiversity
- Human settlement
- Human health



International organizations involved

- UNSD
- UNEP
- GEMS-WATER
- FAO
- HABITAT
- WHO/UNICEF
- UNESCO
- ...



Coordination

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Components of water statistics

- Water resources
- Water abstraction / supply / use
- Water discharge and water treatment
- Water quality



Thank you
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