## Integrated Urban Water Management – An Overview

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### **Rapid Urbanization and Competition for Water Resources**

## **Projected metropolitan population by 2025**



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2012). World Urbanization Prospects : The 2011 Revision

### **Increasing Vulnerability due to Disaster and Climate Change Risks**





Time

Flood increase due to urbanization



#### WATER INVESTMENTS FACE UNCERTAINTY

To adapt to climate change, developing countries would need **an additional \$13 to \$17 billion per year** in water infrastructure.





### **Climate Change – Projected Water Stressed Regions by 2040**



**NOTE:** Projections are based on a business-as-usual scenario using SSP2 and RCP8.5.



### **Global Flood Risk**





Significant flood hazard

### **Global Drought Risk**





Notes: Drought days are defined as days during which the river runoff is below 10 percent of the 1976–2005 average. Regions in white are those that experience very low runoff today and in the

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Source: Prudhomme et al. 2014

### **The Water Crisis - Unchartered Waters**





### **Environmental Degradation**

- Inefficient water management and urban development due to uncoordinated sector-specific approaches.
- Higher risk of water contamination through changes in land use patterns, poor solid waste management, inadequate sanitation including wastewater collection & treatment, inadequate stormwater management, and ageing infrastructure.
- Watershed approaches to urban water management, where they exist, are often fragmented and not well coordinated with urban planning and with the provision of other urban services.





### **A Paradigm Shift is Needed!**

- Urban form created with little input from water professionals we just plumb it up later!
- Water professionals tend to design systems with fixed, centralized designs without taking into account the urban landscape nor the interconnectivity of urban water
- Stormwater and wastewater treated as 'waste'
- Institutional landscape not conducive for holistic approach
- Regulations are inflexible can't deal well with resource efficiency....

#### Traditional education reinforces these principles





### **Integrated Urban Water Management – IUWM**



Holistic strategic planning that takes a landscape approach and manages competing water users at the level of the watershed, recognizing the needs of the city, as well as those of upstream and downstream users



### **Key Principles of Integrated Urban Water Management**

#### Integration across the water cycle

- Wastewater and stormwater: a resource
- Water cycle as one system
- Matching water quality with intended use

#### Integration of urban and water systems

- Pursuing economic efficiency, social equity and environmental sustainability
- Integrating water resources, land-use planning and key urban services (e.g., solid waste, housing, transport)

#### Integrated planning and implementation

- Stakeholder involvement instead of top-down
- Multidisciplinary planning teams



Source-http://www.ewater.org.au/uploads/images/source-composite-web.jpg



### **Benefits of Integrated Urban Water Management**

**Costs savings** through coordination & synergies, promoting alternative technologies & approaches

Leveraging complementary financing different sectors; different levels of government, bringing in alternative financing (private sector, payment for environmental services)

Improved living conditions, quality of life, economic stimulation, etc., through urban transformation, including green & cultural aspects

#### **Before**



#### After





### Fast Growing Cities can 'leap-frog' to Water Sensitive Cities ...



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**Service Delivery Functions** 

### **Key Elements**



### **Multiple Layers of Integration**



Selected impacts of water on urban sectors

(1) National/local government level (2) Watershed/basin level (3) City level



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**Process** 

Range of players and sectors involved for...

...an integrated solution tailored to local context and dynamics



Activity Planning

PARTICIPATORY PLANNING

Final Diagnostic & Strategic Action Plan



IUWM IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

PHASE 3

PHASE 1

### Example: Brazil – Espírito Santo Integrated Sustainable Water Management Project

Basin Planning and Management

Wastewater collection and treatment Small towns upstream of Metro Vitória and Caparaó - CESAN

Wastewater collection and treatment Metropolitan Vitória - CESAN



Watershed Management (Scaling up Payment for Environmental Services)

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Strengthening institutions for integrated planning and management, including monitoring of risks, contingency planning and response to disasters, and continued work on utility efficiency improvements

Urban Drainage in Metro Vitória

Coastline management



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### **Implementing Integrated Urban Water Management**

### **Sustainable Solutions**

- Water Resources Management
- Water Supply & Sanitation
- Stormwater

### ... and beyond water ...

- Urban Planning, Land use
- Solid waste
- Environment, recreational
- Housing
- Regulations, policies, non-structural measures (e.g., flood zoning, permits, etc.)

#### Before











