



International Organization for Migration Commitments to the Water Action Agenda

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People on the move find themselves at the heart of the water and sanitation crisis, exacerbated by climate change. At the same time, disasters, climate change and environmental degradation are reshaping both patterns of water availability and access and patterns of human mobility. Conflict over water resources or exacerbated by shrinking water resources also impacts these patterns. Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene, as per [the Sustainable Development Goal 6](#), is among the most basic human needs for health and well-being for migrants and displaced persons. The Water Action Agenda is an opportunity to mobilize all stakeholders to work towards reducing existential threats linked to water access and achieving universal access to water and sanitation for all, without any discrimination, while prioritizing those most in need, including migrants and displaced persons.

In this context, and building on IOM's leading role as the UN Migration Agency, on [IOM Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate Change 2021-2030](#), and on its broad and prominent experience in WASH interventions across contexts spanning the Humanitarian, Development, and Peace dimensions, IOM commits to:

1. Further advance the role that integrated human mobility solutions can play in addressing water-related issues, and the role that integrated water resources management can play for human mobility, as a central element to protect populations' human rights and promote resilient, cohesive and peaceful societies. This means:
 - a. Developing solutions for people to make informed decisions to remain *in situ* when possible and preferred by local communities, through innovative, sustainable, and cooperative water resources management; but also, through adaptation solutions including water-related disaster risk management with preventive measures, anticipatory actions, and early warning systems accessible to all.

