



Leveraging Water for Peace

World Water Day, 22 March 2024



Recognizing the global significance of freshwater, World Water Day has been observed on March 22 every year since 1993. This annual United Nations Observance is dedicated to raising awareness and taking action to address water and sanitation issues around the world. The day supports the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6, aiming for universal access to water and sanitation. The theme of 2024's Water Day is "Leveraging Water for Peace."

Latest data from the United Nations shows a staggering 2.2 billion individuals are deprived of clean and safe water. The global challenge of water pollution persists, coupled with the overexploitation of water resources. Remarkably, water's role extends beyond mere sustenance, possessing the power to either foster peace or ignite conflict.

The repercussions are profound, especially considering that over 3 billion people depend on water sources that traverse national boundaries. Astonishingly, out of 153 countries sharing rivers, lakes, and aquifers with neighbors, merely 24 have reported cooperation agreements for all shared water bodies.

With the escalating impacts of climate change, pollution and population growth, a pressing need arises for nations to come together, internally and internationally, to safeguard and conserve this invaluable resource. As global populations burgeon, the significance of water in the battle against poverty and environmental degradation becomes increasingly apparent. Collaborative efforts in water management can enhance resilience to extreme weather events, aiding populations in adapting to a changing climate.

The implications of a well-functioning and equitably managed water cycle extend across various sectors, encompassing public health, prosperity, food and energy systems, economic productivity, and environmental integrity. Ensuring non-discrimination and equality in water and sanitation access can create a positive ripple effect throughout society.

Beyond its immediate impact, cooperative measures around water have the potential to transcend into other sectors, fostering peaceful collaboration across the board. Through collective efforts to balance human rights and needs, water emerges as a stabilizing force and a catalyst for sustainable development.

<https://www.unwater.org/our-work/world-water-day>

As we are witnessing water related issues surmounting day, Council for Green Revolution call for the conservation of water and its sustainably management. We should take up soil and water conservation. Water literacy should be promoted. We have to reduce water wastage, promote sharing of water and co-operation at community, regional and international level. We have to conserve water for ecological flows and biological diversity. We need to protect earth's natural water infrastructure like forests, mountains, rivers, groundwater, lakes, etc.

Save Water and build a peaceful, sustainable and prospective future for all.