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Water risks

- Droughts
- Waterborne diseases
- Competition over water allocation
- Water pollution
- Access to water and sanitation
- Ageing or missing infrastructure
- Floods

Obstacles to water governance

- Lack of monitoring and evaluation of public policies
- Fragmentation of municipal authorities
- Lack of staff
- Low citizen awareness
- Lack of funding
- Weak enforcement
- Low level of investment
- Weak public procurement processes
- Competing water uses
- Political interference
- Incomplete, fragmented data
- Lack of policy coherence
- Weak basin governance
National and local policy frameworks

National level
- Dedicated national water and sanitation policy indicating goals, duties, and resources
- Recognition of the UN right to Water and Sanitation

Local level
- Social measures on water and/or sanitation for vulnerable categories
- Absence of a dedicated water and sanitation policy
- Minimum amount of water guaranteed to the population

Transparency and accountability mechanisms

- Annual budget auditing of water and sanitation services, or municipal water-related spending
- Annual disclosure of financial information of water and sanitation services
- Clear budget transparency rules
- Random integrity testing or audits
- Anti-bribery management systems
- Whistle-blower protection policies
- Institutional anti-corruption plans, codes of conduct, or integrity charters
- Clear procurement processes
- Clear and mandatory processes to prevent potential conflict of interest

Forward-looking strategies

High
- Develop legal or regulatory frameworks
- Catalyse water financing
- Build, operate, or maintain water infrastructure
- Build capacity of officials and stakeholders
- Foster cooperation with cities and/or national governments
- Raise citizen awareness on water risks
- Enhance stakeholder engagement

Medium

Low