Policy areas influencing urban water management

- Tourism
- Manufacturing industry
- Energy
- Land use and spatial planning
- Building codes and housing
- Transportation
- Solid waste management
- Public health
- Agriculture

Water risks

- Droughts
- Access to water and sanitation
- Water pollution
- Floods

Obstacles to water governance

- Lack of monitoring and evaluation of public policies
- Fragmentation of municipal authorities
- Lack of staff
- Low citizen awareness
- Weak enforcement
- Weak public procurement processes
- Political interference
- Lack of conflict resolution mechanism
- Weak basin governance
- Low level of investment
- Competing water uses
- Incomplete, fragmented data
- Lack of policy coherence
- Lack of funding
- Low level of investment
- Limited obstacles
- Major obstacles

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Megatrends affecting water management

- Urbanisation
- Global shocks
- Climate change
- Food insecurity
- Demographic changes
- Food insecurity
- Droughts
- Access to water and sanitation
- Water pollution
- Floods

Population (in million)

0 2 4 6

Obstacles to water governance

0: No answer
1: Not an obstacle
2: Limited obstacles
3: Major obstacles
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
- Minimum amount of water guaranteed to the population

Transparency and accountability mechanisms

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

Forward-looking strategies

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

Medium

Low